



Nanohana – MIS Newsletter

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From Mr. Trent Citrano, Head of School



It has been wonderful to restart class and grade level assemblies after not being able to for the last couple of years. These are a means for our students to take ownership of teaching the Ethics curriculum while developing their drama, singing and presentation skills. The students have been so creative in designing and showcasing their assemblies. Please have a look through some photos of these below and on p. 8-11 of this edition of Nanohana!

You'll also find photos of our Students of the Week who are presented their awards at our Friday kindergarten and elementary assemblies.



With summer now here, our kindergarten and pre-school students have been enjoying water play out on the kindergarten playground, splashing themselves and their teachers while experimenting with the water, toys and bubbles. What a joy it is to hear their happy voices. You can see some pics of the kids playing on the kindergarten page of this month's Nanohana. We have also put up misting and shade tents on the elementary and kindergarten playgrounds to help give the students a place to cool off.



A big thank you to the teachers and parent chaperones for providing meaningful, educational trips for our students. These trips link to our curriculum and provide real-life opportunities for making learning connections. Just this month, students have gone to museums, parks, the zoo, the local area, aquariums, and coming up our Grade 6 students will take a special trip related to their studies of tides, to go clamming at the Sodegaura Seaside Park.

We look forward to welcoming you all in for Parents' Evenings during the week of July 10th. These conversations about how we can partner on behalf of student success are so important! Thank you in advance for taking part in these.

Major July & Aug Events

Monday 03 July

Speech & Handwriting Competition

Wednesday 05 July

Inter-House Challenge
Students wear House T-shirts

Friday 06 July

G6Y Assembly - 1pm
Reports Home

Tues-Thurs 11-13 July

Parents' Evenings

Friday 14 July

Last Day of Term 1
G3Y Assembly - 1pm

15 July - 27 August

Summer Vacation
Elem Summer Tic Tac Toe
Homework Due 28 Aug

Monday 28 August

First Day of Term 2

Wed-Thurs 30-31 August

K1-G5 Class Group Photos



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From Mr. Anthony Hall, Deputy Head of School



Greetings from MIS. Congratulations to all eight of our new house captains. As the year progresses, they will have opportunities to lead their house in a variety of ways and will no doubt aim for glory.

Their leadership will begin on the July 5th, when the elementary students participate in the *Inter-House Challenge*. This is the first chance for the captains to lead the way and support their team. Elementary children will need House t-shirts for this event. If a new one is required, please visit the Top of the Class uniform web-site at <https://www.schooluniform.jp/makuhari-international-school/>.

2023-2024 MIS HOUSE CAPTAINS



MIDORI HOUSE CAPTAINS

Tsubasa Kubota
Shize 'Zeze' Zhang

NILA HOUSE CAPTAINS

Mia Abbott
Kent Mori



SARI HOUSE CAPTAINS

Yuito Murota
Yulina Minami

ROSSO HOUSE CAPTAINS

Yonghoon Cho
Aina Kubo



HOUSE POINT TOTALS IT'S A CLOSE RACE!



SALE

**School
Photo Sale**
Music Recital &
Bazaar photos are
being sold until
July 5, 2023.

Order at:
<http://snapsnap.jp/>
Passcodes were
sent home
previously.



House Captain Elections & Winners!



Lost & Found

Please make sure you
check the school's Lost &
Found in the office before
July 14th as after that
items will be donated or
disposed of.

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Kindergarten News



K1:
Listening to
Farm Sounds
and
Identifying
the
Animals!



K2:
Enjoying
Water
Play
on a
Hot
Summer
Day!



K3:
Showing Off
their
Superhero
Powers
in Class
and
in the Water!





Grade 1 Learn Road Safety with Real-Life Experiences!

This term in PSNS, Grade 1 students have been learning about the importance of road safety. To help with this they took a trip to the Makuhari Road Safety Park. This was a great opportunity to put what they have been learning in class into real practice on the road. Please also see more photos of their road safety work with the Chiba Nishi Police later in the edition of Nanohana.



Grade 2 Develop their Passing, Catching & Dribbling Skills!

In G2 PE, the students have been learning overhand, underhand and chest passing, focusing on accuracy and distance. They have also practiced their catching skills and dribbling skills using different-sized balls in a variety of activities.



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Grade 3 Explore the Dynamics of Flying with the Wind!

In Science as part of their investigations on wind and its uses, the Grade 3 made and tested a kite. They experimented with different designs to learn more about the dynamics of wind.



Grade 4 Use Clay & Stop Motion to Bring 3D Models to Life!

Grade 4 have been creating 3D art using modeling clay. They've used stop motion to animate the models and voice acting to bring a story to life. The students are exhibiting amazing creativity while developing new transferable skills!



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Grade 5 Experiment with Plant Growth!

With summer in full swing, the G5 students worked together to plant vegetables and fruits. They have each created their own experiments to see which is the best way to grow tasty vegetables.



Grade 6 Angle Up their Learning!

The Grade 6 students have been practicing how to use a protractor to draw and measure different types of angles – acute, obtuse, and reflex angles. This is leading into the next unit on 2D and 3D shapes and their properties. Everyone is doing well – it's harder than it looks!



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Elementary Students Excel in Japanese!

The students in G3-6 celebrated Calligraphy Week from June 12-16 practicing careful strokes and creating beautiful shuji. While the students in Grade 2 took a 'Creature Quiz' based on the interesting information they read in their illustrated books. The students presented their findings to their class. Grade 2 also closely observed and journaled about the chrysanthemums growing in the garden - working hard to create accurate and beautiful sketches.



Thank You Chiba Nishi Police for the Road Safety Lessons!



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Super Kindergarten Assemblies and Students of the Week!



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