



# Nanohana – MIS Newsletter

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From Mr. Trent Citrano, Head of School



I'd like to once again thank all of the parents who were able to make it out to both Open Day and the PTA Family Fun Day & Picnic. Both events were extremely well-attended, and it was a joy to see the students so involved. We look forward to seeing you all out at this Saturday's Sports Day.

This term is always full of memorable, enriching events and activities to participate in. Grades 3 & 4 began swimming, clubs are in full swing, there have been many wonderful class assemblies, Grade 5 harvested the MIS Rice Paddy, and this week is Calligraphy Week as well as having mock interviews for all of our Grade 6 students. On the next page, you can hear all about the New Zealand Schools Visit that took place on September 20th as well as the September 15th Student Council-sponsored Wet Play Day from Mr. Hall.

This Monday afternoon we celebrated some of the excellent work the students are doing as part of our Global Citizenship Program. It is clear that our students are taking to heart their desires to make our world a better place - at home, school, locally and globally - in developing as global citizens and life-long learners (a key part of what we value as a school community).

Looking forward, October will see our Grade 5 Residential Trip, Music Recitals, Book Week. Please remember that we will be changing over to the Winter Uniform on October 23rd, so if you need to order new shirts or pants because your child has grown, please do so well in advance of this date. For more information on ordering the school uniform, go to <https://www.mis.ed.jp/parents/uniform/>.

The Chiba Nishi Police Department have asked us to pass on that parking in front of the school and not staying in your vehicle is illegal so please do not do this at dismissal. At the very least, do not arrive earlier than 3:15pm so as to minimize the time that the cars are blocking the traffic lane. As the police have received numerous complaints from the public, your assistance is much appreciated.

## Major Oct. Events

**Tues-Thurs 03-05 October**

Grade 5 Residential Trip

**04, 18, 25, October**

G3 & 4 Swimming

**Friday 06 October**

Music Recitals

**07-15 October**

Half-Term Holiday

**Tuesday 17 October**

PTA Board Mtg - 12:15pm

**Friday 20 October**

G6G Assembly

**Monday 23 October**

Change to Winter Uniform

**Mon-Fri 23-27 October**

Book Week

**Friday 27 September**

Book Parades

**Monday 30 October**

G5G Assembly



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**From Mr. Anthony Hall, Deputy Head of School**



Greetings from MIS. It was with great pleasure and anticipation that we welcomed fifty-nine students and nine principals from Waikato, New Zealand to MIS last week. It had been four years since the last group of students from New Zealand visited Makuhari to engage in an intercultural exchange and to enjoy the highlights of life in Japan. The visit was as eagerly anticipated as ever by our students and staff members, who over the years, have come to appreciate the huge benefits that meeting with people from different parts of the world bring to our MIS experience.

On the day, we assembled to welcome the group with a song and speeches and the Kiwi kids treated us to traditional New Zealand songs and their world-famous Haka. The Grade Four students gave a guided tour of the campus and after that the fun continued with a brisk walk to the Japanese garden at Mihama-en where the New Zealand kids enjoyed a tea ceremony and the chance to chat with our G6 students. The afternoon brought more fun for G5 this time, as they took part in a variety of activities to introduce the New Zealand visitors to Japanese arts, crafts and games. We finished the day with a sharing of gifts and just like that, an action-packed day was over, but not without many happy memories being made along the way.

The benefits gained from welcoming the guests are too many to list entirely, but a few of the main ones are worth noting. Firstly, it gives our students the chance to use their spoken English in meaningful conversations with new people and new situations. Secondly, it broadens their global awareness by hearing first-hand about life in another country. Lastly, it serves as inspiration for them to want to try something new and make the most of any travel opportunities that come their way. All in all, the annual visit really supports the achievement of our vision, mission & aims. We are so happy that it has started again.

Finally, I would like to express a big thank you from the Student Council for supporting the Wet Play Spirit Day. It was a pleasure to see the delight on the children's faces as they charged down the slip-n-slide, danced by the sprinklers or got their teachers with their water pistols. Something tells me that the children will vote for another one next year. All of the donations to participate will go to the Red Feather Campaign to support those most in need all over Japan.

**HOUSE POINT  
TOTALS  
SARI TIES  
WITH ROSSO  
AT THE TOP!**



**SALE**

**School  
Photo Sale**

Inter-House  
Challenge photos  
are being sold  
until  
Sept 30, 2023.

Order at:  
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Passcodes were  
sent home  
previously.



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## Kindergarten News



**K1:**  
Enjoying a Picnic  
Together  
after Sports  
Day Practice!



**K2:**  
Growing  
Their Own  
Bean Sprouts!



**K3:**  
Exploring 3D  
Bugs with the  
VR Headsets,  
Enjoying Time  
Together  
During Water  
Play, and  
Building a  
Castle During  
Human  
Relationships!

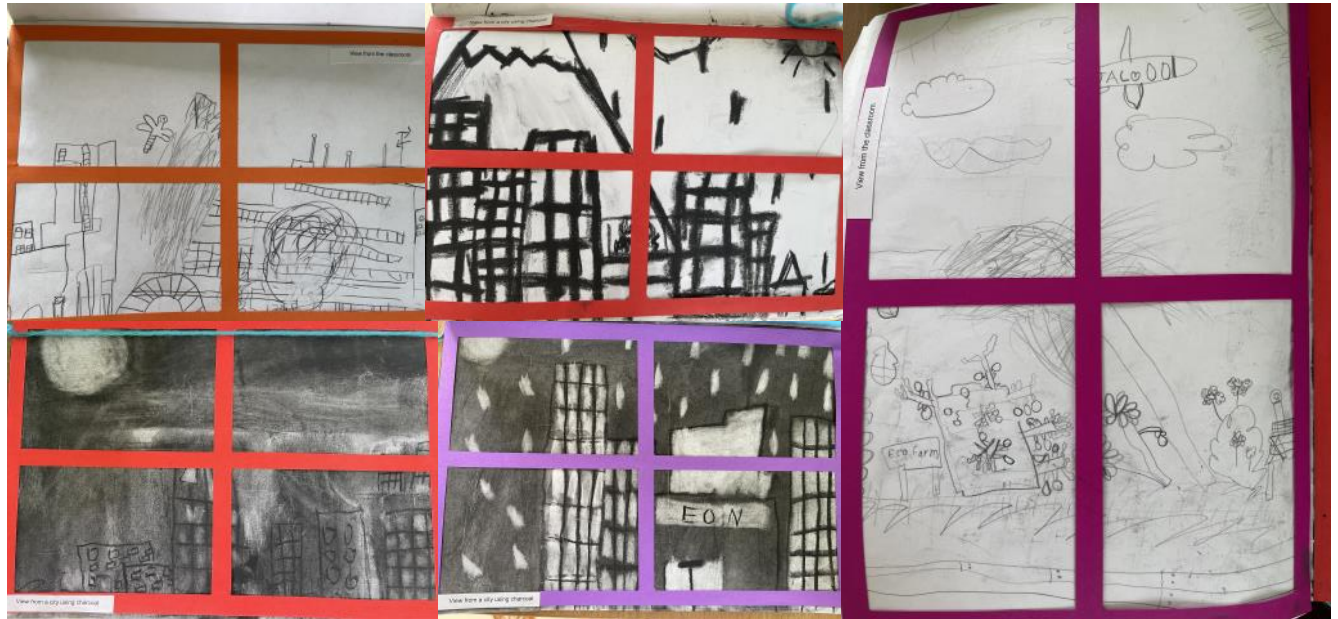






## Grade 1 Look Out of the Window with Creative Art

In Art, Grade 1 read the book Window by Jeannie Baker. In response to reading this work, Grade 1 have been creating various pieces of art that look out onto different views from a window. The students have been using various media while exploring their ideas. So far, they have created a view from a classroom window in pencil, a view of a city in charcoal, and a view of a tropical island using watercolor.



## Grade 2 Bring Patterns to Life

In Art, the students in Grade 2 have been continuing their work on patterns. G2G have been designing squares to make a quilt. Each square will have a pattern they have designed and sewn themselves. G2G have really enjoyed learning this new skill!!



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### Grade 3 Tell Time with the Sun

In Grade Three, the students have been learning about how the sun appears to move across the sky and how their shadows change size. They constructed their own sundials and had fun testing them.



### Grade 4 Light Up their World with Circuits

Over the last three weeks G4 have been working on electric circuits. They made predictions about what effect a parallel circuit will have on the brightness of two lightbulbs versus in a series circuit. They have been making series and parallel circuits and investigating their various applications.







## Grade 5 Collaborate with G1 to Create Great Things

In Grade 5, the students are collaborating with G1 to create stuffed toys for the G1 students. This month G5 met with G1 students to discuss the G1 toy designs. G5 will create stuffed toys based on their designs later in the term.



## Grade 6 Explore Our Solar System

In Science the Grade 6 students are learning about some of the different moons in our solar system – how they were formed, how they affect and are affected by the planets they orbit. Students have been working on information posters about one of Jupiter's 4 biggest moons.



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**A Huge Thank You to G3G's  
Karen Inoue for Designing this Year's  
Sports Day Program!**



**Congratulations to G6G's Rino Hirose and her Team for  
Winning 2nd Place in the Hula Onie Competition  
in Hawaii this Summer!**



## *Super Assemblies and Students of the Week!*



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## *Open Day Brings Learning to Life!*



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## *The NZ Schools Visit Creates Rich Intercultural Experiences!*



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## *Wet Play Day - a Fun Way to Raise Funds for a Good Cause!*



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