



# Nanohana – MIS Newsletter

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From Mr. Trent Citrano, Head of School



The month of October was not only filled with loads of interactive learning but also many exciting events for students and school community. On Sports Day, students truly demonstrated their teamwork and athleticism. Congratulations to **Kindergarten's Team Rosso**, **Lower Elementary's Team Rosso**, and **Upper Elementary's Team Nila** on their victories!

During the Music Recitals we were treated to a host of magical musical talents. I am also amazed by our students' ability to perform such complicated pieces. It is a testament to the many hours of practice that they put in. Thank you, MIS musicians!

Grade levels continued to go on a number of trips, including the Grade 5 Residential Trip (which Mr. Hall has written about on the next page) and Kindergarten's Sweet Potato Picking Trip, where students not only dug up huge potatoes but also other little creatures for them to experience. Find photos of these trips on pages 9 & 11.

This week, we enjoyed Book Week as a means of celebrating the joy of reading. Classes participated in a wide variety of literacy activities, including the Book Fair, Stop Drop and Read, Buddy Reading, diving deep into their grade level's chosen magical book, the Teacher Swap, and of course today's Book Parade! We hope that everyone will continue to foster a love of reading with our children throughout their lives.

I also wanted to highlight that the school has purchased 16 sets of [Class VR virtual reality headsets](#) that are specially-designed for young students of all ages to utilize to bring learning to life. The headsets come with a comprehensive curriculum across a number of subject areas. Our teachers have been trained and fully control the content the students can access. These Class VR headsets are safe to use and students only use them while seated. You can see children deepening their learning with the headsets on page 5.

Please join us for the  
**MIS Terry Fox Run**

**Saturday, 04 November 10am-Noon**

**Where:** MIS Field and Playground

**What/Why:** Family fun walking/running to raise money to support cancer research

**How:** Sign up using the information that went home previously.  
Ask friends/family for pledges to raise money.

Turn in your Reply Slip by November 2nd.

## Major Nov. Events

**01, 22, 29 November**  
G3 & 4 Swimming

**Friday 03 November**  
Culture Day - No School

**Saturday 04 November**  
Terry Fox Run 10:00am-Noon

**Friday 10 November**  
G2G Assembly  
G4 Science Sleepover

**Monday 13 November**  
G5Y Assembly

**15-18 November**  
New Applicant Screening Days

**Friday 17 November**  
G6 Japanese Assembly

**Thursday 21 November**  
PTA Board Meeting - 12:15pm

**Thursday 23 November**  
Labour Thanksgiving Day  
No School

**Friday 24 November**  
G6Y Assembly



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



Greetings from MIS. This week I would like to celebrate the fantastic spirit displayed by our Grade 5 students during the recent residential trip to the Chiba City Children's Nature Home and the successes of the MIS Dragons in their first friendly matches.

The Grade 5 Residential Trip was one of many new challenges for students, and I was impressed by the positive and energetic way they approached each and every one of them. Highlights included: hiking around Kasamori Kanon Temple; settling into their cabins at the Children's Nature Home; building fires in preparation for making their own chicken curry rice from scratch; and carving their own personalised soap stone necklaces. Throughout the time at the home, we were impressed with how well the students worked in teams and their wonderful organisational skills. This helped them to bond together and make the most of the experiences that were provided for them. I'd like to personally thank not only the students, but also our School Liaison Officer, Mr. Suzuki, for his wonderful organisation of the trip, as well as Mrs. Hayden, Mr. Smith and Ms. Takano for all of their hard work and positive attitudes – making this another great trip for our students.

Lastly this month, I would like to congratulate the MIS Dragons Football Team for their performances during their first ever games against a fellow international school. On Friday, October 20th, we welcomed two teams from Tokyo YMCA to MIS to take part in two friendly football games. The MIS players were full of confidence and good spirits as they tried their best in both matches to score goals and play well as a team. The results were as follows: MIS G5&G6 **22** Tokyo YMCA G5&G6 **1**. MIS G4&G5 **6** Tokyo YMCA G4&G5 **3**. Both MIS teams played with great skill and determination, and fulfilled our goal for the game which was to enjoy playing football together. We look forward to hosting Tokyo International School for the next round of friendly matches on November 6th. I would like to thank Mr. Endo and Mr. Smith for their support to make this event a success and for helping with the training sessions we have held to date. We have many talented players at MIS and it is a pleasure to support their desire to play organised football.



## **HOUSE POINT TOTALS NEW TOTALS INCLUDING SPORTS DAY!**



### **SALE**

### **School Photo Sale**

Class Group  
Photos are being  
sold until  
Nov 12, 2023.

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



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## Kindergarten News



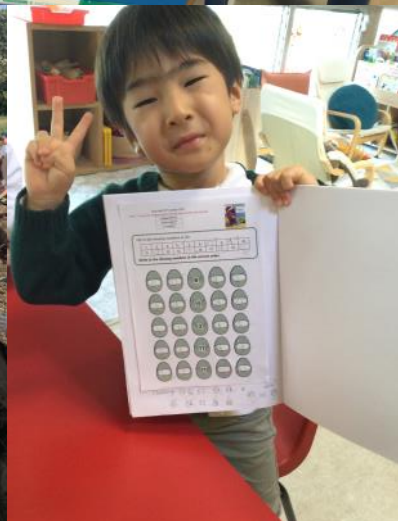
**K1:**  
Using the  
Language of  
'More or Less'  
with  
Manipulatives  
in Maths!



**K2:**  
Learning  
About  
Dragons from  
the book  
'Zog', Making  
Dragon  
Masks, and  
Studying  
More/Bigger  
and  
Less/Smaller!



**K3:**  
Decorating  
the  
Kindergarten  
Pumpkin,  
Celebrating  
100's Day, &  
Sweet Potato  
Picking!







## Grade 1 Get Outdoors with their Parents and Favourite Books

During Book Week, the Grade 1 went to Kaihin Makuhari Park to spend the morning reading together with their parents. The children were able to enjoy reading in another environment and got to share their reading skills with their parents.



## Grade 2 Create Spooky Potions to Combine their Learning of Reading & Maths

The students in Grade 2 combined their love of reading and magic along with their maths topic, measurement, in a fun potions-making activity. They practiced measuring different liquids using milliliters and mixing them into magical potions! What spooky, educational activity!



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## Grade 3 Use Virtual Reality to Bring Space to Life

Grade 3 used the school's new CLassVR virtual reality headsets to experience to bring their study of Space in Science. They explored the virtual environment of the Moon as well as viewing our planet from outer space and observing the Earth's rotation. This gave the students a totally different perspective than they had ever experienced before!



## Grade 4 Collaborate to Create Circuit Wire Games

To conclude their unit on circuits in Science, the Grade 4 students were challenged to create a wire game where the goal was to pass a metal wand through a copper wire course without the two touching. If the wand and copper wire did touch, a bulb would light up and the player would lose the game. Students did a great job, drawing circuit diagram plans and configuring various parts until they constructed a functional game.







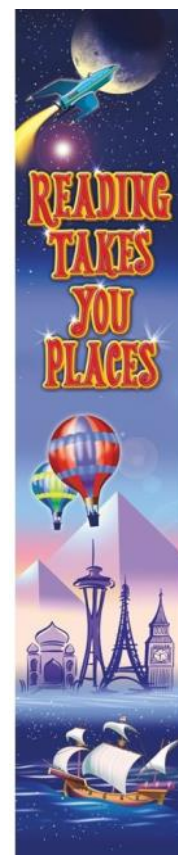
## Grade 5 Collaborate with G1 to Create Great Things

As part of their studies in Social Studies and Home Economics, G5G and G6G had a fun Culture Day. Both classes cooked and ate foods from Mexico and South America. G5 created Día de los Muertos (Day of the Dead) masks and played games with G6 as part of this Latin American festival.



## Grade 6 Buddy Reads with K2 Kids

As part of their Book Week activities, the G6Y students went down to the K2Y classroom to do some buddy reading with the little ones. It was a great time for everyone! The G6 students got to feel like big brothers and big sisters as they modeled their top-notch reading skills. Well done to everyone, and a special thanks to Mr. Crowe for inviting the Grade 6's down!







## Book Week is Bilingual!

During Book Week, Grade 5 Students brought in three of their favorite books and talked about those books with their classmates. After the book talk, students shared the books and enjoy reading them and making comments about the books.



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



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## *Sports Day Highlights Teamwork and Athleticism!*



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## *Grade 5 Experience the Outdoors on their Camping Trip!*



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## *What Amazing Music Recitals!*



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## *Kindergarten Had a Blast Sweet Potato Picking!*



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## *Book Parades Finish Off a Wonderful Book Week!*



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