



# Nanohana – MIS Newsletter

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**From Mr. Trent Citrano, Head of School**



So many wonderful events and learning opportunities have occurred in just the four weeks since we started Term 3. As you look through the pages of this edition of Nanohana, you'll see the rich variety of learning that our students are experiencing. I want to thank all of the teaching faculty for their support in creating such an enriching school environment, both in and outside of the classroom.

Classes have gone on, and will continue to go on, a number of educational trips, we had successful Spelling Bees, celebrated Calligraphy Week, saw several entertaining and informative class assemblies, held Mochitsuki Pounding in kindergarten, and had two buddy opportunities with students at our neighboring Utase Elementary School, and celebrated student success with our well-deserving Students of the Week. All of these are experiences that enrich the lives of our students!

As you know, we greatly value the safety of our school community, and one event you may not have been aware of was that this week we held a school-wide earthquake-tsunami evacuation drill to Makuhari Sogoh High School. The students and staff were quick, silent, and cooperative in evacuating to the upper floors of the high school in good time. While we hope we never have to do this for real, our students showed us that we are prepared for a real emergency. We are thankful for the cooperation of Makuhari Sogoh High School in allowing us to share their facilities. The photo to the right shows our students donning their safety hats and returning to school after the drill.



**Congratulations to all of our Spelling Bee Participants!**



**Monday 29 January**

MIS Maths Challenge

**29, 31 Jan + 07, 26, 28 Feb**

G1&2 Swimming

**Friday 02 February**

G5Y Assembly

**Tues-Wed 06-07 February**

ISA Tests (G3-5)

**Thursday 08 February**

New Parents Orientation  
& Uniform Fitting

**Friday 09 February**

G1G Assembly

**Monday 12 February**

National Foundation Day (Observ.)  
No School

**Tues-Fri 13-16 February**

G6 Snow Trip  
Science Week

**Wed-Thurs 14-15 February**

Science Fairs

**Friday 16 February**

G4Y Assembly

**Monday 19 February**

G4 Chiba Pref. Japanese Test

**Tuesday 20 February**

PTA Board Meeting - 12:15pm

**Thursday 22 February**

PTA Staff Appreciation Luncheon

**Friday 23 February**

No School - Emperor's Birthday

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From Mr. Anthony Hall, Deputy Head of School



Greetings from MIS. In this month's edition of Nanohana, I would like to update you about the Chiba Prefecture Private Schools Association Annual Art Exhibition 2024. The exhibition ran from January 14-23 and included works of art from fifty-two MIS students. The selected pieces were chosen from the entries submitted for the Sports Day programme design competition, the MIS house point entries and various other excellent pieces of student art. Needless to say, these wonderful pieces of art displayed the talents of the MIS students from Kindergarten to Grade 6 very well. Please enjoy looking at some examples below.

The exhibition was hosted at the Colton Plaza in Ichikawa. During the course of the exhibition, over 1,800 visitors enjoyed the art on display. I hope you were able to take your children along to see the exhibition and perhaps now want to visit other art galleries with your children. There are many fantastic galleries in Chiba and Tokyo that you could spend hours in together gazing at wonderful artwork. My favourites are the Hoki Museum in Chiba and The National Museum of Western Art in Ueno Park. Both museums contain hundreds of fascinating paintings that should inspire your children to pick up a brush and see what they can create for themselves.

Congratulations to the artists that had their work displayed. One day, their artwork may also be on display in a national gallery but, until then, we will continue to encourage excellent artistic expression at MIS and celebrate their creativity together.

Lastly, clubs are up and running again and we have almost 400 club members this term. It promises to be another round of positive extra-curricular activities for the MIS children. The final day of clubs will be March 1<sup>st</sup>. Between now and then, I hope your children enjoy their clubs.



**HOUSE POINT  
TOTALS  
ROSSO MOVES  
INTO FIRST  
PLACE!**



**SALE**

**School  
Photo Sale**

Winter  
Performance  
Photos are being  
sold until  
Feb 22, 2024.

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

No DVD or Blu-Ray Sold this Year

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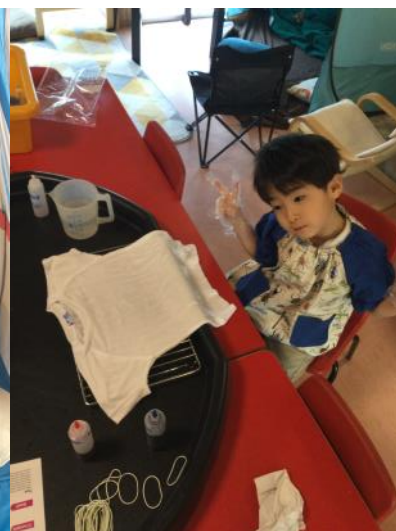




## Kindergarten News



**K1:**  
Planting Their  
Very Own  
Pea Seeds  
to Learn  
About  
Plant Growth!



**K2:**  
Creatively  
and Carefully  
Tie Dying  
Personalized  
T-Shirts  
for their  
Class  
Assembly!



**K3:**  
Out and  
About  
Completing a  
Transport  
Survey,  
Playing in the  
Classroom  
Train Tent,  
and Doing  
Splatter  
Painting  
in Art!







## Grade 1 Measure Up To The Task!

This month, Grade 1 have been learning about different units of measurement. Previously, students had been learning about measurements of time. This week Grade 1 students began learning about measuring length in cm's. They made estimations about the length of various classroom objects and then measured them.



## Grade 2 Make New Connections with Buddy Reading!

As part of their global citizenship initiative, G2 has joined forces with Kindergarten to foster good relationships across the school. On Friday, G2 read with K3 and then enjoyed golden time together in the Kindergarten play area! G2 enjoyed reading and playing with K3 and K3 also enjoyed having the older children read with them.



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## Grade 3 Hone Their Gymnastics Skills

The third graders are thrilled to return to the gym for Physical Education this term! From honing balancing and jumping abilities to perfecting landing techniques, students are exploring various skill levels. The gym sessions also include practicing rolls and using mats, showcasing the students' dedication to refine these essential skills.



## Grade 4 Design and Build Their Own 'Skeletons'

G4G have been learning about the important functions of the human skeleton. Did you know that the human skeleton has 206 bones? The students have been finding how those bones support our most important body part – our brain! To do this, they were challenged to create a structure that would support a heavier object on top. They made some interesting skeletal structures.



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## Grade 5 Create Art with Pendulums

In G5 the students have been studying pendulums. Here they are investigating using pendulums as a way of creating art-work. The young scientists experimented changing the length of strings, weight of the pendulums, and height they were hung from. It was great fun and very messy!



## Grade 6 Create Brilliant Water Colour Paintings

This month G6G have been working with water colours in art. Students have gained or developed skills such as observational drawing, mixing colours, brush stroke technique, and copying. G6G students completed three different paintings, the first being a class example, the second being student choice, and the third being a combination of water colour painting and a one point perspective drawing.



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## Celebrating Students Artistic Writing During Calligraphy Week

The New Year started with Calligraphy Week. Children demonstrated their Japanese artistic writing skills for the first time so far this year. The students painted the following characters G3 正月 New Year, G4美しい空 Beautiful sky, G5新しい風 New wind, G6夢の実現 Dreams come true. The fourth to sixth graders used long pieces of paper and painted their letters carefully. Students in Grades 1 & 2 wrote theirs very carefully in pencil. The winners in each grade level were recognized in a recent assembly!



## Recognizing Student Success!



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## Super Assemblies and Students of the Week!



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## Fun and Delicious Mochitsuki!



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## MIS & Utase Elementary Students Connect!



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