



# Nanohana – MIS Newsletter

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From Mr. Trent Citrano, Head of School



I want to thank all of the parents who were able to meet with their child(ren)'s teachers during this week's Parents' Evenings. Partnering with you is one of the keys to student success and well-being; so we appreciate the opportunity to connect on their behalf.

As we near the end of term and look back on all of the events even since the last Nanohana newsletter, it makes one aware just how fortunate our students are to come to MIS. Since the last edition of Nanohana, we held Calligraphy Week with students practicing their very best strokes, a reading-filled Book Week which culminated in wonderful Book Parades, a number of well-presented class and Japanese assemblies, loads of interactive trips bringing learning to life outside of the classroom, held swimming classes for G5 & 6 and wet play for Kindergarten, bike and road safety lessons from the Chiba Nishi Police, enriching after-school clubs and activities, an Elementary Teacher Tag Spirit Day, a Kindergarten Natsu Matsuri, and had a visiting artist allow our students in G1-3 to get creative. All of this beyond the engaging and collaborative everyday learning in the classrooms.

Looking forward, we wish you a restful summer holiday filled with fun and relaxation. We look forward to the upcoming events to the right, including our team visit from representatives of the Council of International Schools (CIS) as part of our school improvement and reaccreditation processes. This visit will take place for a whole week and allow us to showcase our school and to receive commendations and recommendations based on a number of standards across a wide range of areas.

Additionally, the MIS PTA would like to invite you all to the PTA Family Picnic Day on Saturday, September 14th from 9:30am-1:00pm, which will have lots of games and activities as well as time for us all to sit down on our blue sheets and have a picnic together and reconnect. See the flyer on p. 15 for more information.

## An Artist Inspires!

The students in Grades 1-3 were lucky enough to have visiting artist Barusami Koyasu help them get their creative juices flowing! The children had so much fun exploring colors and textures.



## Upcoming Events

**13 July - 25 August**

Summer Vacation

**16 July - 02 August**

MIS Summer School

**Monday 26 August**

First Day of Term 2

**Wednesday 28 August**

G1-5 Class Group Photos

**Thursday 29 August**

K1-K3 Class Group Photos

**31 August - 06 September**

CIS Team Visit

**04, 11, 18, 25, 30 September**

G3&4 Swimming

**Friday 06 September**

G5 Japanese Assembly - 1pm

**Monday 09 September**

Term 2 Clubs Begin

**Friday 13 September**

G6Y Class Assembly - 1pm

**Saturday 14 September**

PTA Family Picnic - 9:30-1:00



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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 give you updates about the way we encourage student voice at MIS. We firmly believe that MIS students should be empowered to share their thoughts about how the school can be improved to meet their personal development and learning needs. The Student Council is one way in which we seek feedback from students. The councilors are asked to survey their class regularly, be it about the Spirit Day events or how we can improve reading provision or homework at school. Students can share their requests with councilors at any time and these are discussed at our regular meetings. Our House Captains also have the responsibility to listen to their teammates and pass on any thoughts about how to make our house team events better for all. The Global Citizenship projects are another way in which our students can share their thoughts for school improvement or other exciting ideas to help their community. On many occasions, projects have been started because students suggested them. For instance, the G5 rice paddy project came about because of a G3 student's desire to grow rice at MIS and the helmet house points were created by concerned G3 students. Additionally, we like to get the students' input about other special aspects of their school experience. For example, did you know that our school mascot Nano was designed by a MIS student?

Another opportunity for students to have their say came with last summer's holiday homework. In addition to the ever popular, design a house point challenge, the students were given the chance to become sportswear designers by creating a football kit design for the MIS Dragons Football Team. The various entries were displayed last week and the MIS Dragon team members voted on the design they would most like to wear. The winning design can be seen on this page. We will now attempt to find a sportswear supplier that can bring the design to life. If you know anyone that works in this industry, please get into contact with me.

I would ask that if your child shares an idea with you about how to make MIS a better school, please encourage them to share it with their teacher, student councilor or turn it into project for their global citizenship efforts. That way, we can continue to improve MIS with the students' visions and dreams in mind.

## HOUSE POINT TOTALS, INCLUDING INTER-HOUSE CHALLENGE!



The winning design by Hiro.

### SALE

#### School Photo Sale

Music Recital & Bazaar photos are being sold until July 31, 2024.  
Book Week Parade Photos on sale until Aug 30, 2024.

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

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## Kindergarten News



**K1:**  
Enjoying  
Loads of  
Ice Cream  
Related  
Activities  
and  
Celebrating  
Tanabata!



**K2:**  
In Language  
Lessons,  
Going Under  
the Tables to  
Imagine and  
Draw Things  
in the Sky  
and  
Drawing Their  
World  
Around Them!



**K3:**  
Having Fun at  
the Aquarium  
and in  
Their  
Book Parade  
Costumes!







## Grade 1 Artists Create Stained Glass

In Art, Grade 1 have been making 'stained glass' windows. The students first traced their initial letter using white pencils. They then created and cut out their windows. The final step was to choose colored cellophane and stick it over the window. This then created the stained-glass effect.



## Grade 2 Create Healthy Lunches

On Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July, G2 held their annual Obento Day. As part of our healthy eating PSNS unit, we made a healthy lunch together. Our parent helpers worked with the children to prepare the food, which included tomatoes, aubergines and green peppers grown in our G2 garden! All parents were invited to join us for a picnic lunch and the children had a great time eating with their families.



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## Grade 3 Explore the Power of Wind

Grade 3 have been looking at wind and how we measure wind speed. The students made their own anemometers and used these to measure different wind speeds.



## Grade 4 Practice Mixing Different Tones and Temperatures

Accompanying their research on the life cycles of different insects, Grade 4 created clay models of each stage. To achieve this, during art class, students first practiced making simple 3D shapes out of clay. They then looked at each insect and made rough sketches of the simple shapes each were made of. With this knowledge, the Grade 4s constructed and connected different shapes to make models for the full insect cycles, from eggs to larva to adults!



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## Grade 5 Connect with New Scottish Pen Pals

This week, the G5 students received letters from a school in Scotland. Our students discovered interesting insights about their daily school routines and the unique personalities of their Scottish peers. In response, G5 crafted delightful letters sharing insights about themselves and our school, MIS!



## Grade 6 Go on a Group Weekend Bike Ride

On Sunday, June 30th the G6s went on a bike ride along the Hanamigawa River. The students rode about 10 kms up the river to a big park where they had a picnic and played some games. 21 students and 4 parents participated which was terrific! The weather was perfect – cloudy with a lovely breeze the whole way. Thanks to everyone for joining. Let's do it again in Term 2!



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## Grade 6 Make Their Own Pillow Book

In Grade 6 Kokugo, a guest teacher was invited to teach the students all about ancient earthenware. By actually holding them, the students were able to feel the differences in weight and patterns.



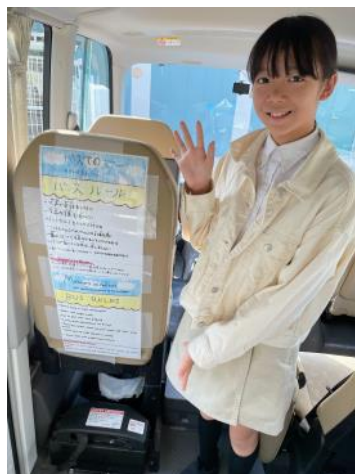
## For Grade 1, It's Harvest Time on the Turnip Farm

As part of their studies in Japanese, the first graders harvested the turnips they had grown since May! They were so responsible in watering and taking care of their plants each and every day.



## Thank you to Ririna Kinoshita for Making our Buses a Safer Ride!

As part of her work in Kokugo about sign-making as well as part of her Global Citizenship work to make her world a better place, Ririna created bus rules posters in both Japanese and English that have been laminated and posted in each of our school buses. Such a positive example of Global Citizenship in action!



## Lost & Found

Please make sure you check the school's Lost & Found in the office before July 12th as after that items will be donated or disposed of.



## Kindergarten Students of the Week & Assemblies!



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## More Wonderful Assemblies!



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## Recognizing Student Success!



**CONGRATULATIONS STUDENTS OF THE WEEK!**



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## Wonderful Book Parades!



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## Great Teamwork in the Inter-House Challenge!



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## What a Fun Kindergarten Natsu Matsuri!



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Join the PTA for a fun day filled with sports games, dance classes, treasure hunt, and more!

Time:  
9:30 AM  
To 1 PM

Saturday  
**14**  
September 2024

Venue:  
Makuhari  
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please bring a picnic mat, lunch and a plastic bag to take your rubbish home



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We can help create the best possible environment for learning and growing.

## Report of activity Term 1

### MIS School Bazaar (May 18th, 2024)

Every spring, MIS hosts an annual bazaar, and this year's event was a tremendous success. Blessed with perfect weather, the bazaar was alive with colorful booths and vibrant activity. The PTA played a significant role by managing the drink stands and the bouncy castle, providing endless joy for the children.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who contributed to the success of this bazaar. Your cooperation and support were instrumental in making this event possible. We look forward to organizing an even more exciting bazaar next year.



The PTA is looking for officers. Even if you have time constraints or find it difficult to participate, you can contribute in a way that suits you without any burden. Why not participate for a more fulfilling school life for children and guardians?

**To sign up, please click the link below!**

<https://forms.gle/RJ2bp5gf36WvF5df6>





# PTA General Meeting (May 28th, 2024)

On May 28th, the PTA General Meeting was held. In addition to the adoption of the agenda, activity reports were made by each PTA committee.

## 1. Event Committee

The MIS Bazaar and upcoming events we are planning were reported.

## 2. Finance Committee

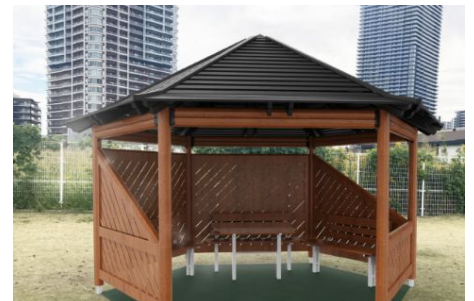
A resolution was made regarding the FY2024 BUDGET for the 2024 fiscal year, with the agreement of more than half of the attendees.

## 3. IT Committee

The main activities planned for this fiscal year and a future consideration were reported.

## 4. Donation Committee

Last year, after a series of selection processes with the school and parents, we decided to donate a gazebo to be installed in the field. According to Article 41 of the PTA Bylaws, donations are to be made biennially in principle, so no major donations will be made this year.



Gazebo will be installed soon!

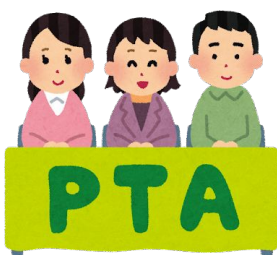
## 5. PR Committee

The main activities for this year were reported.

## 6. Bylaws Committee

The Bylaws Committee is responsible for revising the PTA Bylaws. Last year, we made four revisions.

For further information, please access [PTA website](#).



### ☆Schedule for Term2☆

○PTA Monthly Meeting (the third Tuesday of each month)  
12:15-13:15

○September 14th • MIS PTA Family & Friends Games Day  
(TBA)

○Autumn • Terry Fox Run (TBA)



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