



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 make it out to both the PTA Family Fun Day & Picnic and Sports Day. Both events were extremely well-attended, and it was a joy to see the students so involved. On Sports Day, students truly demonstrated their teamwork and athleticism. Congratulations to **Kindergarten's Teams Midori and Rosso**, **Lower Elementary's Team Rosso**, and **Upper Elementary's Midori** on their victories!

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, we hosted our Council of International School Team Visit for re-accreditation, 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 25th as well as the September 20th Student Council-sponsored Wet Play Day from Mr. Hall.

Please remember that we will be changing over to the Winter Uniform on October 28th, 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 arrival or dismissal. At the very least, do not arrive earlier than needed 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.

Upcoming Events

02, 07, 09, 30 October
G3&4 Swimming

Thursday 03 October
Open Day

Friday 04 October
Music Recitals

Friday 11 October
G2Y Assembly - 1pm

Monday 14 October
National Holiday - No School

Tuesday 15 October
PTA Meeting - 12:15pm

Wed-Fri 16-18 October
Grade 5 Residential Trip

Friday 18 October
G3Y Assembly - 1pm

19-27 October
Half-Term Holiday

Monday 28 October
Change to Winter Uniform

Tuesday 29 October
Tsunami Evacuation Drill

Please join us for the
MIS Terry Fox Run

Saturday 02 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 1st.

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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 sixty students and nine principals from Waikato, New Zealand to MIS last week. 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, INCLUDING SPORTS DAY!



SALE

School Photo Sale

Class Group Photos are being sold until Oct 12, 2024.

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

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Kindergarten News



K1:
Learning and
Reading
about the
Three Little
Pigs
and
Goldilocks!

K2:
Making a
Beautiful
Garden
Space
Outside of
Kindergarten!

K3:
Learning
About
Spiders
And
Creating
their own
Spider Webs!





Grade 1 Study the World with Traditional Tales

In Grade 1, students have been looking at traditional tales from various countries around the world. They have looked at traditional tales from Australia, China, India and the Maasai Tribe in Kenya/Tanzania. In the future they will look at tales from Korea and Germany. The students have been practicing their story-sequencing by re-telling the stories using pictures. Then they have used these pictures to write the stories with words!



Grade 2 Work Together to Prepare for Sports Day

In PE, G2 have been hard at work practicing their skills for Sports Day. Recently, they had their Sports Day rehearsal. Although it was a hot day, everyone tried their best in the Big Ball Race, Sprint, Relay, Bean Bag Throw, and Tug of War. It was hard work but lots of fun! Now, G2 feel ready to tackle the real thing!



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Grade 3 Make their own Sundials to Observe the Movement of the Sun

Grade 3 students made the most of a beautiful sunny day by constructing sundials to track the movement of shadows over time. This hands-on activity gave them the opportunity to observe the sun's changing position throughout the day and its impact on the length and angle of shadows. In addition, they learned how to use a compass to ensure they collected good data. The students were enthusiastic and engaged, eager to discuss what we could infer from the changes we recorded throughout the day.



For Grade 4 Science is Electric!

In Grade 4, students recently explored the fascinating world of circuits, learning how electricity powers everyday devices. They discovered the key differences between series and parallel circuits. In a series circuit, all components are connected along one path, so if one part stopped working, the entire circuit would fail. In contrast, parallel circuits allowed electricity to flow through multiple paths, meaning the rest of the circuit could still function even if one part was disrupted. This lesson highlighted how parallel circuits are often more practical for reliable systems, like home wiring.





Grade 5 Collaborate with Grade 1 to Create Sewn Toys

Grade 5 and Grade 1 are currently working together to design and make sewn toys. Grade 1 designed some amazing toy creations that will be made by Grade 5. Grade 5 visited the Grade 1 classes earlier in the month to look at their designs and start planning how to make them. Everyone is very excited about this awesome collaboration!



Grade 6 Cook Up a Storm

The G6G class has begun their Home Economics cooking journey with delicious dishes like fruit salad, carbonara, and French toast. Working as a team, they have collaborated to prepare, cook, serve, and clean up - showcasing teamwork and culinary skills in the kitchen!



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Kindergarten Students of the Week & Assemblies!



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Thank You PTA for the New Shade Gazebo and Family Fun Day & Picnic!



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A Fun-Filled Wet Play Day!



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