



# Nanohana – MIS Newsletter

Edition 412 – November 01, 2024

From Mr. Trent Citrano, Head of School



As a reminder, **Saturday 30 November is a school day. All students will attend from 8:50am-11:00am for the Chiba Private School Workshop.** Please see the information about the day and the revised bus schedule on the next two pages of this edition of Nanohana (which were sent out previously by email).

One of the things that I love about our school is how we not only develop our students as bilingual language users, but also as children aware of both Japanese and western cultural traditions. For instance, our Grade 5 students harvested our MIS Rice Paddy and made おにぎり rice balls. The photo below is a real blend of this, where two boys in our



Japanese Studies class came to Mr. Citrano's office and used their newly acquired Japanese language and origami skills to wish Mr. Citrano a Happy Halloween. What a joy it is to see all of our students becoming model Japanese and world citizens.



I also love how we celebrate student leadership, creativity, and success. As an example of this, students across the school were invited to design the Sports Day program cover. I'd like to take this opportunity to recognize this year's winner, Ota Ueki, whose artwork truly captured the spirit of what Sports Day is really all about!

## Upcoming Events

### Monday 04 November

National Holiday - No School

### Friday 08 November

G3G Assembly  
G4 Science Sleepover

### Monday 11 November

G4Y Assembly - 1pm

### Friday 15 November

G6 Japanese Assembly - 1pm

### Monday 18 November

G1Y Assembly

### Tuesday 19 November

PTA Board Meeting - 12:15pm

### 20 & 26 Nov / 27 Nov

G3&4 Swim / G1&2 Swim

### Friday 22 November

G5Y Assembly

### Monday 25 November

G6G Assembly

### Friday 29 November

G6Y Assembly

### Saturday 30 November

School Day - All Students  
Attend Classes from  
8:50-11:00am

**While the MIS Terry Fox Run has been cancelled this year due to weather, we hope that you will still turn in donations for cancer research by having your child bring in donation money to your child's teacher in an envelope with the amount enclosed and your child's name and class on it, by Friday 15 November.**

**Mr. Citrano will make sure that all donations are sent to the Terry Fox Foundation in support of international cancer research.**

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Dear MIS Parents, (日本語が下記に記載されています。)

We will have school for all students in the morning on Saturday, November 30<sup>th</sup> from 8:50am-11:00am as we will be hosting the Chiba Private School Workshop which we are obliged to host every ten years. Approximately 150 teachers from around Chiba Prefecture will be coming to MIS that day to see the good things we do on a daily basis.

**Details:**

**Chiba Private School Workshop**

**Date: Saturday, November 30<sup>th</sup> – All MIS students attend regular morning classes from 8:50-11:00am.**

**Times:** Gates will open as usual between 8:20am-8:50am and all students will dismiss at 11:00am.

**Buses:** Bus services will run to and from school (pick-up times in the morning will be the same; more details to come on the return times after 11:00am).

**Pick-up and Drop-Off by Car:** Pick-up and Drop-off by car is the same as usual (drivers must display their purple or orange parking permit to enter the parking lot). K1 parents who wish to pick up by car at 11:00am should contact the school office in advance to receive a parking permit to display on that day only.

**Lunch:** There will be NO lunch services that day.

**After School Care:** There will be NO after school care that day.

Should you have additional questions, please contact the school office.

Thank you in advance for your flexibility and support,  
Mr. Citrano

保護者各位

平素より本校の教育運営にご理解とご協力を賜り、厚く御礼申し上げます。

MISイベント・カレンダーに記載されている通り、2024年11月30日(土)午前8時50分～11時まで、千葉県私立学校研修会を本校で開催いたします。幼稚園、小学校ともに授業を行います。

10年ごとに持ち回りで研修会を主催し、千葉県内の教員約150人が本校の授業を視察する予定です。

**千葉県私立学校研修会**

**日程: 2024年11月30日(土)午前8時50分～11時 – 全園児・児童は通常の授業に参加。**

**開催時間:** 校門は通常通り午前8時20分～8時50分開放。全園児・児童は午前11時に下校。

**スクールバス:** 登下校時運行(登校時の運行時間は変更なし。11時の下校時の運行時間については、後日詳細を送付いたします。)

**お車での送迎について:** 通常通り(紫色またはオレンジ色の駐車場進入許可書をご提示下さい。)

11時に車でのお迎えをご希望する幼稚園年少(K1)の保護者の方は、当日限りの駐車場進入許可書をお渡しいたしますので、事前に事務局までご連絡ください。

**ランチ:** 弁当はありません(ランチ・サービスもありません)

**預かり保育:** 預かり保育はありません。

以上

## MIS School Bus Timetables for November 30, 2024

### Chiba Route

Bus Stop	Morning Time
MIS Departure	7:00
Chiba Chuo	7:45
JR Chiba	8:00
Nishi-Chiba	8:10
MIS Arrival	8:35

Going Home Tag: Green

Bus Stop	Afternoon Time
MIS Departure	11:10
Nishi-Chiba	11:35
JR Chiba	11:45
Chiba Chuo	12:00
MIS Arrival	12:20

### Inage Route / Baytown Route

Bus Stop	Morning Time
MIS Departure 1	7:20
Inage	8:00
MIS Arrival 1	8:25
Bus Stop	Morning Time
MIS Departure 2	8:30
Mihama Utase Elementary School	8:36
Utase Elementary	8:39
MIS Arrival 2	8:45

Going Home Tag: Purple (Inage)

Going Home Tag: Orange (Baytown)

Bus Stop	Afternoon Time
MIS Departure 1	11:10
Mihama Utase Elementary School	11:16
Utase Elementary	11:20
MIS Arrival 1	11:25
Bus Stop	Afternoon Time
MIS Departure 2	11:30
Inage	11:48
MIS Arrival 2	12:10

### Tsudanuma Route

Bus Stop	Morning Time
MIS Departure	7:10
JR Tsudanuma	7:50
Keisei Tsudanuma	7:57
Makuharihongo	8:15
MIS Arrival	8:30

Going Home Tag: Yellow

Bus Stop	Afternoon Time
MIS Departure	11:10
Makuharihongo	11:25
Keisei Tsudanuma	11:34
JR Tsudanuma	11:43
MIS Arrival	12:10

### Funabashi Route

Bus Stop	Morning Time
MIS Departure	6:50
Motoyawata	7:35
Nishi-Funabashi	7:55
Funabashi North	8:10
MIS Arrival	8:40

Going Home Tag: Blue

Bus Stop	Afternoon Time
MIS Departure	11:10
Motoyawata	11:38
Nishi-Funabashi	11:55
Funabashi North	12:13
MIS Arrival	12:45

### Urayasu Route

Bus Stop	Morning Time
MIS Departure	7:00
Myoden	7:45
Minami-Gyotoku	8:05
Urayasu	8:15
MIS Arrival	8:40

Going Home Tag: Peach

Bus Stop	Afternoon Time
MIS Departure	11:10
Myoden	11:38
Minami-Gyotoku	11:53
Urayasu	12:03
MIS Arrival	12:35

### Shin-Urayasu Route

Bus Stop	Morning Time
MIS Departure	6:50
Mihama Higashi Danchi	7:51
Umikaze no Machi	7:57
MIS Arrival	8:25

Going Home Tag: Red

Bus Stop	Afternoon Time
MIS Departure	11:10
Mihama Higashi Danchi	11:35
Umikaze no Machi	11:41
MIS Arrival	12:10

Below please find the phone numbers for the bus assistants on the school buses.  
Should you need to contact them whilst the buses are running, please phone these numbers.

Route	Phone No.
Chiba	090-8891-0734
Inage / Baytown	090-8891-1493
Tsudanuma	090-8891-1640
Funabashi	090-8891-0934
Urayasu	090-8891-1080
Shin-Urayasu	090-8891-1389

- 1) All except the Urayasu Route will operate using buses. The Urayasu Route will use a van.
- 2) Please note that the arrival time at any bus stop may be delayed due to traffic conditions.

Thank you for your continued support.  
Sincerely,  
MIS Office





## 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.

The Grade 5 Residential Trip presented 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 the boundless energy they put into all activities. 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 Mr. Suzuki for his wonderful organisation for the trip, as well as Mrs. Roberts, Mr. Griffith and Mrs. Takano for all of their hard work and positive attitudes – making this another great trip for our students. Please see some photos of the trip later on in this edition of Nanohana

We would also like to thank all of the students who performed in our Music Recitals as well as the MIS Cheer Dance Dolphins who performed at this Monday's assembly. Our Cheer Dance Dolphins exemplify the spirit and talents that so many of our students demonstrate on a daily basis - and Monday's performance truly highlighted their passion and excitement! Please enjoy the photos below of their passionate performance. Please see some photos below and later on in this edition of Nanohana.

Finally, I would like to share thanks to all parents that help out our teachers on our school trips. As you know, the help that parent volunteers give us on trips is invaluable and enables us to have enough adults to supervise and guide the children while out of school. If you are keen to join your child on a trip, your support is always welcome. Please keep an eye out for letters or Seesaw messages that invite parents to volunteer.

## HOUSE POINT TOTALS!



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## Kindergarten News



K1:  
Experimenting  
with  
Materials  
that are  
Heavy  
and  
Light!



K2:  
Learning  
Phonics by  
Crafting  
Snails to  
Reinforce the  
'ai' Phoneme!



K3:  
Visiting the  
Library with  
their Parents  
on Open Day,  
Making &  
Eating  
Sandwiches,  
and  
Reading the  
Books they  
Wrote to K2!



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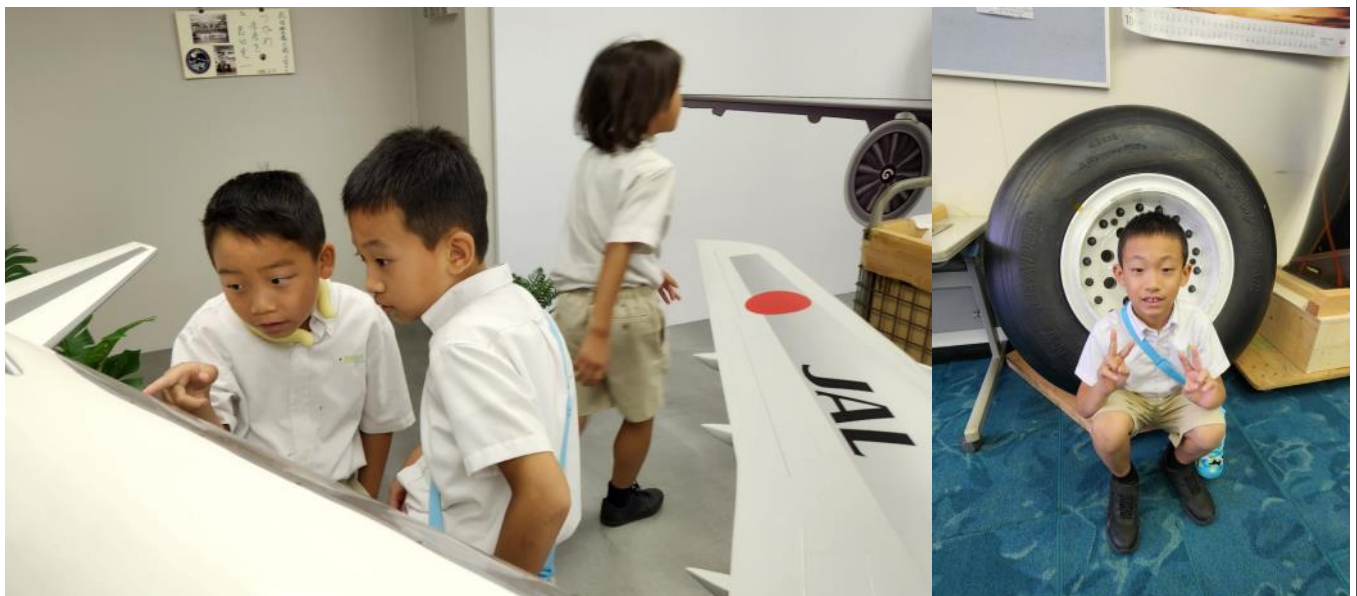
## Grade 1 Explore Professions in their Communities

As part of their unit of work in PSNS, "People Who Help Us", Grade 1 were able to go on a field trip to Kandul! As part of the experiences, students were able to choose different roles in the community that they could fulfill. Students were able to experience being members of the police force, pilots, farmers, e-sports professionals, café workers, models and many more! The students had a great time experiencing jobs that contribute to the community!



## Grade 2 Visit JAL Narita Airport Facilities

G2 recently went on a wonderful trip to Narita Airport and toured a hangar. The folks at Japan Air Lines were kind enough to show them around. They learned lots about how airports operate and really enjoyed watching the planes take off and land! The students, teachers, and parents (thank you to all who volunteered) had a great time on their trip!



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## Grade 3 Make their own String Telephones to Explore How Sound Travels

Grade 3 have been investigating sound and how it travels. The students looked at vibrations and then made and tested our own string telephones.



## For Grade 4 Bring Ancient Pots to Life

After studying containers and patterns from different cultures, the Grade 4 students applied these skills by creating their own pinch pots. They formed a simple pot from a ball of clay before carving out patterns with toothpicks. They then added a finishing touch by painting their patterns. There was quite a colourful variety of tiny bowls and cups in the end!



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## Grade 5 Make Onigiri from their Harvested Rice

Fifth Grade students used the rice they harvested in the MIS Rice Paddy, along with some more that was donated from our local rice-growing consultant farmers, to create rice balls. They had a great time experimenting with different flavors.



## Grade 6 Go Bananas to Team in the Kitchen

G6Y's most recent Home Economics cooking lesson was making banana fritters! It was a simple recipe, but students had to carefully use hot oil for the first time to fry the fritters. As usual, the groups shopped and worked well together, each member taking on a different role – prep cook, fryer, dishwasher, etc. Another big (and tasty) success. Well done!



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## Kindergarten Students of the Week & Assemblies!



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## More Wonderful Assemblies!



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## Recognizing Student Success!



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## Students Share their Talents in our Music Recitals!



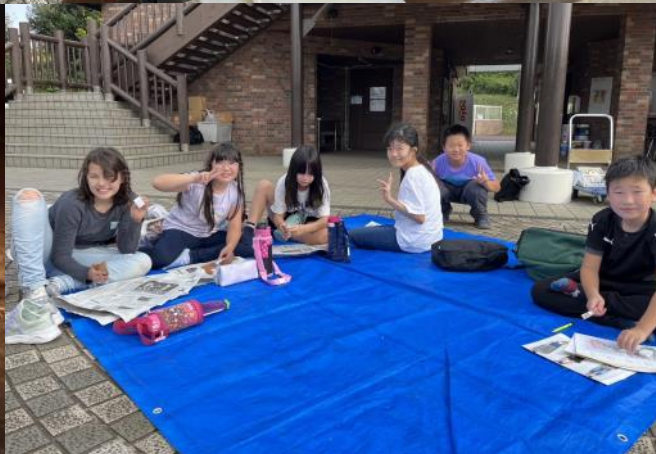
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## Fun-Filled Grade 5 Residential Trip!



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