



Nanohana – MIS Newsletter

Edition 413 – November 29, 2024

From Mr. Trent Citrano, Head of School



Another remarkable month has flown by with so much interactive learning, enriching trips, fun-filled clubs, as well as entertaining special events!

While the typhoon ruined our chances of holding the Terry Fox Run this year, I am happy to share that through our communities generous donations, we were still able to raise and donate a whopping ¥144,200 to the Terry Fox Foundation in support of cancer research. Together we are making a positive impact on our world. Global citizenship in action! Thank you to everyone who donated!



Our Grade 4 students spent the night at MIS in early November on their Grade 4 Science Sleepover. The children participated in a variety of science-related activities, had a delicious dinner, watched a science-related fun movie, had hot chocolate and cookies, before sleeping in the MIS Multipurpose Hall with twinkly Christmas lights to bat away the dark. The children had a wonderful time! A huge thank you to the teachers who contributed their time, energy, and a sleepless night for the students! Please enjoy some photos of the sleepover on p. 11 of this edition of Nanohana.

Additionally, last Thursday all of our students and staff were fortunate enough to gather together in the Gym to be entertained and develop our understanding of Japanese musical culture thanks to the drummers and flautists from Wadaiko Tsubaki. The performers taught us all about the various drums of different sizes and shapes and performed a number of powerful songs to fill our hearts. It was a truly unforgettable experience for us all. Afterwards, these talented musicians offered workshops for our Grade 4, 5, & 6 students and teachers. The students learned so much throughout the day while being able to play authentic taiko, including the nine taiko we have here at MIS. We think that this will definitely spur on some extra interest in the MIS Taiko Club. Please enjoy some photos of the event on p. 12 of this edition of Nanohana.

As a reminder, don't forget that tomorrow is a school day from 8:50-11:00am for all student as part of the Chiba Private Schools Workshop Day.

Upcoming Events

Saturday 30 November
School Day 8:50-11:00am

04, 11, 18 December
G1&2 Swimming

Thursday 12 December
Kindergarten Winter Performance
9:45 Start (Gates at 9:25)

Friday 13 December
Elementary Green Classes Winter Performance
10:20 Start (Gates at 10:00)
Elementary Yellow Classes Winter Performance
13:30 Start (Gates at 13:10)
Reports Go Home

Monday 16 December
G3 to Utase Elementary School Exchange

Tuesday 17 December
PTA Board Meeting - 12:15pm

Thursday 19 December
Board Meeting - 3pm

Friday 20 December
Last Day of Term 2

Monday 06 January
First Day of Term 3



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From Mr. Anthony Hall, Deputy Head of School



Greetings from MIS. In this month's edition of Nanohana, I want to share some reminders. Firstly, next week is the last week of clubs this term and the last club day will be December 6. It has been a successful term for clubs and the staff and children seem to have really enjoyed the wide variety of activities that they partook in. Next term, there will be many clubs again and I will send you all a Google form to complete in due time. Please remind your children to share their gratitude with their club leaders if they have not already and over the vacation, take the time to select their club choices for the final term.

Secondly, I would like to look forward to this year's MIS Winter Performances. The children have been practising so very hard to put on the best show they can for you, and we hope you really enjoy their performances. I am sure that your child has been practising at home already and I would encourage them to continue to practise their singing and dancing so they be full of confidence during the rehearsals and the show. We look forward to seeing you on December 12th and 13th for the performances. Between now and then, if you have any questions, please contact your child's teacher via Seesaw.

Additionally, the STEAM Team have been working to prepare this year's science fair homework for the first to fifth graders. The challenge will go home today and the students will have until January the 14th to complete and return their project. We are keenly looking forward to seeing what the students can create this time around. Once again, should you have any questions about the homework, please contact your child's teacher as soon as possible for some guidance or assistance.

Lastly, we once again want to congratulate the entire MIS community on an extremely successful Team Evaluation Visit by the Council of International Schools (CIS) which resulted in our school's full re-accreditation with CIS. This is a major accomplishment as we are evaluated against a wide range of standards and criteria, encompassing every aspect of the school. The team even upgraded our school's ratings from 'meets standard' to 'exceeds standard' in 10 key areas! Our school received an impressive 64 total commendations which is something we should be rightly proud of. Mr. Citrano will be sending out detailed results in a community email and posting them on our website once we have translated the results for all members of our community. Way to go, MIS!!!

HOUSE POINT TOTALS!



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Has achieved **International Accreditation**, a mark of recognition held exclusively by schools around the world that exemplify high quality standards in international education.

Conferred by the CIS Board of Trustees

Re-Accredited October 2024

Jane Larsson
Executive Director



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Lost & Found

Please make sure you check the school's Lost & Found in the office before December 20th as after that items will be donated or disposed of.

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Kindergarten News



K1:
Experimenting
with
Mixing
Colours,
Practicing
Their
Cutting Skills,
and Sorting
Day & Night!



K2:
Decorating
their
Winter
Performance
Costumes!



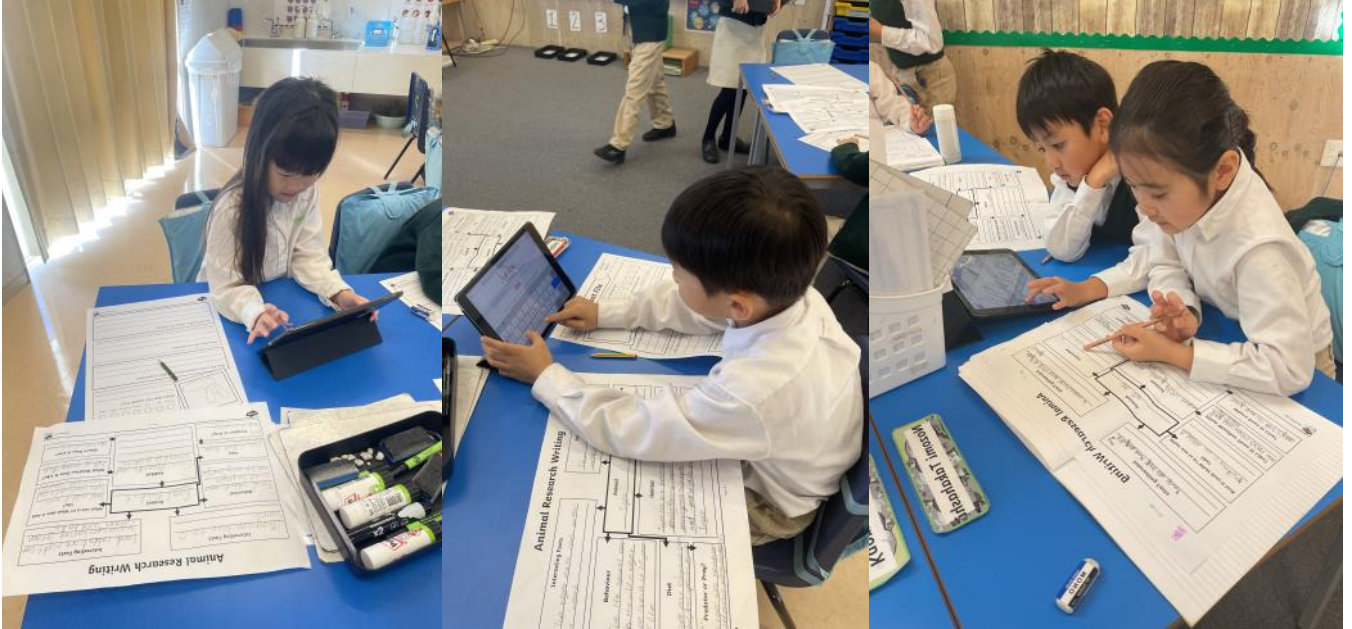
K3:
Enjoying their
Sweet
Potato
Picking Trip,
Learning
about Mag-
nets, and
Working with
Clay to
Create their
own Aliens!





Grade 1 Research and Write Reports on Animals

Recently, Grade 1 have been looking at the features of a non-chronological report. In class, they have been working with partners to complete research about a chosen animal. They have then used this research to write a fact-file about the animal they have chosen. Grade 1's have written reports on komodo dragons, jellyfish, parrots, Tasmanian devils, tigers and many more!



Grade 2 Go to the Police Station

G2 went on a trip to the Chiba Nishi Police Station on November 7th. The students got to try on a police helmet, sit on a police motorbike and inside a police van, and also learned a lot about police work and how to protect ourselves in our communities. A big thank you to the police officers who welcomed us so warmly!



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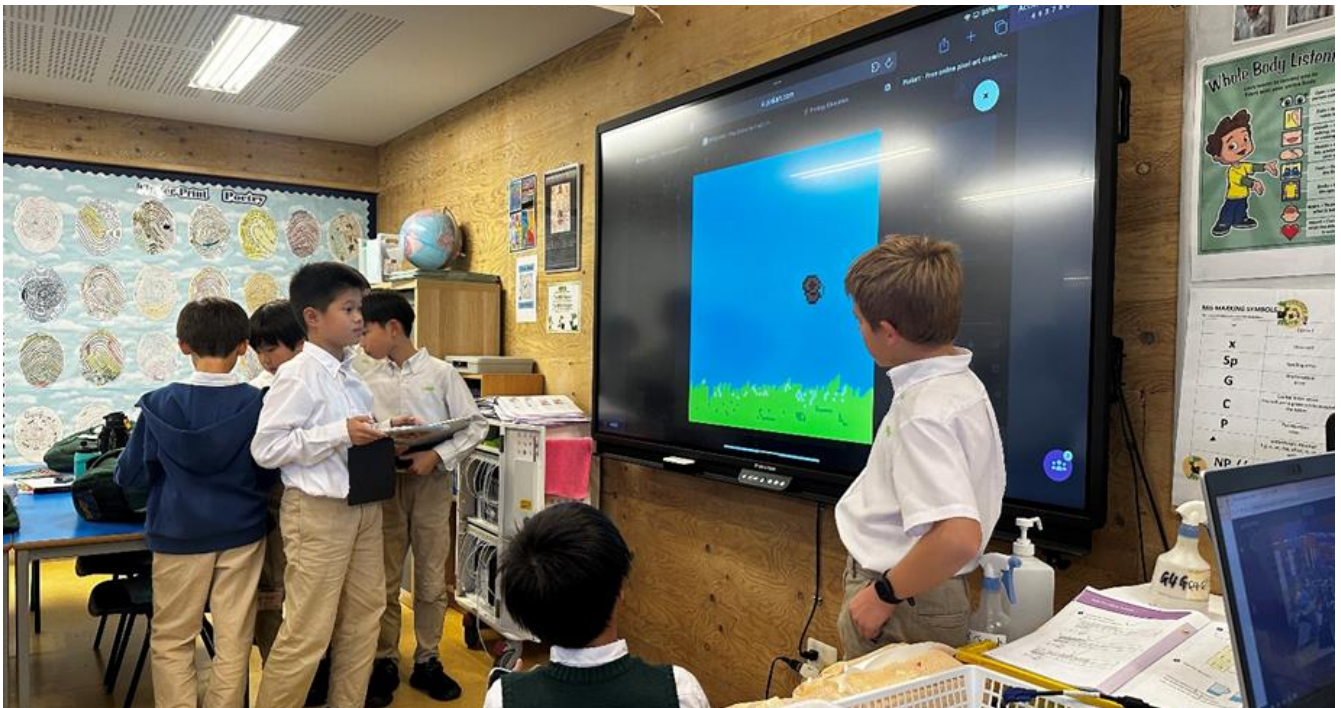
Grade 3 Takes Inspiration from Nature in their Art

This month, the Grade 3 class visited the local park to combine art with the great outdoors! Students practiced drawing perspective by sketching real-life scenery, from towering trees to winding pathways. The experience brought their lessons to life, inspiring creativity and a deeper connection to nature.



For Grade 4 Use Digital Art to Animate

In Grade 4, the students have been getting creative with their unit on containers. After making clay pots, we took things digital with Pixl art, where students made fun animations of their pots falling and breaking. They had to use skills like designing detailed images, layering to show movement, and carefully planning each step of the animation. It has been a great way to mix art and technology while building problem-solving and design skills!



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Grade 5 Visit Glicopia and the Ibaraki Nature Museum

On Tuesday 19 November, Grade 5 went on a field trip to Glicopia and the Ibaraki Nature Museum. At Glicopia, they were able to go behind the scenes and see how Glico ice cream is made. They learned a lot about this process and how complicated it is. They even gave the students some ice cream to take home! They then travelled to the nature museum where they had lunch and went on a self-guided tour. They explored the different exhibits, learning many things about the natural environment. It was a fun day all round!



Grade 6 Scientists Hit the Lab

In Science lessons this week, the G6 students have studying chemistry – acids and bases, and how metals react with different chemical solutions. The students learned how hydrogen gas is created from combining sodium hydroxide and aluminum foil. They collected the hydrogen gas in balloons!



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Kindergarten Students of the Week & Assemblies!



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More Wonderful Assemblies!



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More Wonderful Assemblies!



Grade 1 Develop their Japanese Writing of Working Vehicles

The first-grade students learned about paragraph structure in a unit on working vehicles. They researched the roles and designs of many different kinds of working vehicles. Conveniently, there was an excavator doing construction work behind the school, so they were able to observe it from inside the school building.



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Thank You Wadaiko Tsubaki!



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