



Nanohana – MIS Newsletter

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From Mr. Trent Citrano, Head of School



We have had a very successful first weeks of school with welcoming many new families at our Opening Ceremonies, the beginning of swimming, clubs, and several special activities including Meet the Teachers Evenings, the raising of the MIS Koinobori, Sakura Medal Book Bowl, and Student Council Elections. We hope you will enjoy the photos of these events and more throughout this edition of Nanohana.

We are extremely excited for the upcoming MIS Bazaar! It will feature fun games, delicious food, fabulous performers, plentiful vendors, and much more! For games and the Bouncy Castle, students will use the 100yen Orange Games Tickets which can be purchased on the day at the entrance. For food and vendors, please pay with cash. If you haven't yet purchased your Raffle Tickets, please make sure you do for 100yen each. We have a load of great prizes including 2 iPads, remote control vehicles, loads of gift certificates for restaurants, ice cream, books, and many other prizes! If you need more raffle tickets, please get them from the school office!

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 dismissal. At the very least, do not arrive earlier than 3:15pm 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

Monday 28 April

Music Recitals

Tues-Tues 29 April - 06 May

Golden Week Holidays
No School

Wednesday 07 May

Change to Summer Uniform

07, 14, 21, 28 May

G5&6 Swimming - 1pm

Friday 09 May

G4 Japanese Assembly - 1pm

Tuesday 13 May

PTA Mtg 12:15pm

Saturday 17 May

MIS Bazaar - 10am-2pm

Monday 19 May

School Holiday

Tuesday 27 May

PTA Gen Memb Mtg 12:15pm

Thursday 29 May

Board Meeting



MIS BAZAAR
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STALL
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TICKETS
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MAKUHARI
INTERNATIONAL
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Bazaar

Saturday 17 May 2025
10:00am – 2:00pm



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From Mr. Anthony Hall, Deputy Head of School



Greetings from MIS. At MIS, we are always looking for ways to better support our students' learning. This year, we are introducing a new type of assessment called MAP Growth for students from K3 to Grade 6.

MAP Growth is a computer-based test that helps us understand what each child knows and what they are ready to learn next in maths and the English language. It was first developed over 40 years ago by an organization called NWEA (Northwest Evaluation Association) and is now used in schools around the world.

Students will take the MAP Growth test three times a year - in April, October, and January. After the October testing window, parents will receive a report showing their child's achievement and growth in learning. Teachers will use the test results to identify each student's learning needs and to set goals for their progress. This helps us provide more targeted support in the classroom.

During Term 2 we will hold a Parent Coffee Morning to share more about how MAP Growth works and how to understand the reports. The date and time for this session will be confirmed in the near future. If you have any questions in the meantime, please feel free to contact your child's teacher.

The MIS Bazaar is only a few weeks away. We cannot wait to welcome families and members of the local community to the exciting event. The day promises to be a celebration of life with fun stalls, awesome performances and delicious food on offer. We hope you can join us. Tickets for the class stalls will go on sale from the 12th of May. I will sell them at dismissal time from 3:20 until 3:35. The tickets are 100 Yen each and can be used to play the stall games, or purchase goods from the flea market. There are no refunds for unused tickets, so please use them all up on the day of the bazaar. Let's have a great time together.

Lastly, a huge THANK YOU and Congratulations to the entire MIS Community for raising ¥202,522 in support of the victims of the Myanmar and Thailand earthquake. Your generous donations will go a long way toward their survival and recovery.



Makuhari International School
Thank You

For donating 202,522 JPY to the Myanmar and Thailand Earthquake Relief Fund on GlobalGiving.

Your donation is complete.

Thank you for your generous support for 'Myanmar and Thailand Earthquake Relief Fund' on GlobalGiving.

Thank you,
parents, for
attending our
Meet the
Teachers
Evenings!



**HOUSE POINT
TOTALS
NILA AND
ROSSO START
THE YEAR ON
TOP!**



SALE

Awards
Ceremony
and
Graduation Cer-
emony
photos are
being sold until
April 30, 2025.
Opening Cere-
mony photos will
be on sale until
May 31, 2025.

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

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Kindergarten News



K1:
Exploring
Toys in their
Classroom
and Working
Together!



K2:
Making their
own Bears out
of Paper
Plates!



K3:
Enjoying the
Koinobori
and
Exploring the
MIS Campus
on an
Imaginary
Flight!



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First Day of School!



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Grade 1 Use Their Imagination in their Reading and Writing!

In English, Grade 1 have been reading various short fiction stories and completing work based on the story. Recently, the students were read a story called 'Carrot Club' in which the carrots made an exclusive Carrot Only Club. By the end of the story the carrots learned that this was unfair, and created a more inclusive Veggie Club. The students then got to work together to think of ideas to continue the story. After writing the beginning of the story together as a class, the students were able to use their imagination to finish writing the story on their own.



Grade 2 Connect Gymnastics and Geometry!

In Grade 2, students kicked off their PE lessons by diving into the world of shapes. Students have been exploring a variety of body and gymnastic shapes, learning how to link them into short, expressive sequences. Through balance work and experimenting with different ways of travelling across a mat, they are developing their coordination, control, and confidence. From still shapes to dynamic movements, it's been inspiring to see their creativity and progress come to life.



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Let it Grow, Grade 3!

As part of their science unit on life cycles, Grade 3 students have been busy planting and caring for mini sunflowers. With watering cans in hand and rulers at the ready, students have been enthusiastically tracking their plants' growth and learning first-hand about the stages of a plant's life.



Grade 4 Bring Everyday Objects to Life!

In Grade 4 Art, the students have been exploring how to make their still life paintings more realistic by using tone and temperature. Tone helps us show light and shadow—making objects look 3D—while temperature (warm and cool colours) helps us create depth and mood. By carefully observing the objects in front of them, and thinking like real artists, the students are learning to paint compositions that pop off the page!



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Grade 5 Create Water Filters

Grade 5 students designed and built their own water filters as part of a hands-on science project. They tested their creations with great enthusiasm and were thrilled to see their designs successfully purify water!



Grade 6 Scientists Explore Combustion

This week the G6Y students were learning about combustion and the types of gases needed and created when there is fire. Students conducted an experiment using special tubes to measure oxygen and carbon dioxide levels before and after a fire occurs. All the students worked well together and were very safety conscious. A great lesson!



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Grade 1 Students Introduce Themselves in Japanese

G1 students went to office building to introducing themselves to Mr. Citrano, Mr. Hamamoto, Mr. Suzuki and Ms. Ogino. G1 made their own name card to show and told them what they like. Welcome G1 to MIS, let's have a great time here!



Sakura Medal Book Bowl and Student Council Elections



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