



# Nanohana – MIS Newsletter

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From Mr. Trent Citrano, Head of School



I want to thank the entire MIS community for the wonderful turnout, spirit, hard work, and positivity at what was our first-ever rainy Bazaar. I think you will all agree that it had a special energy this year, different than ever before. All together we raised over 1,300,000yen during the Bazaar! This money will be used, along with funds from the MIS PTA, to support future projects to enhance the lives of our students. To see examples of these please see the 'Donations' page of the MIS PTA website

here: <https://www.mispta.com/pta-initiatives/donations>

I'd also like to promote three other upcoming events. As part of our annual Book Week, you are invited to attend this year's Book Parades on Friday, June 13th. For the Kindergarten Book Parade gates open at 9:30 am, parade starts at 9:40. For Elementary, gates open at 10:55, parade starts at 11:05.

Also coming up is our annual Terry Fox Run to raise funds to support cancer research. See the details below. All students will bring home a packet of information and you will receive an email from the school this coming Monday. We hope you all will come out for what is a fun-filled community event and a heartfelt global citizenship opportunity to make our world a better place.

Lastly, we hope that you will all complete the Parents' Evenings online sign up survey that was sent to you earlier in the week. We hope to have rich conversations about your child(ren)'s learning and growth on July 8-10.

## Upcoming Events

**Mon-Fri 02-06 June**

Calligraphy Week

**Wednesday 4, 11, 18 June**

G5&6 Swimming - 1 pm

**Mon-Fri 9-13 June**

Book Week

**Tuesday 10 June**

Elem Inter-House English Quest

**Friday 13 June**

Kinder Book Parade - 9:30am

Elem Book Parade - 10:55am

**Tuesday 17 June**

G3 Bike Safety Lesson

K3, G1 Eye Check

PTA Meeting - 12:15

**Wednesday 18 June**

SEL Coffee Morning - 9:15am

**Thursday 19 June**

G1 Road Safety Lesson

**Friday 20 June**

G6G Class Assembly - 1 pm

**Tuesday 24 June**

G5&6 School Transfer Mtg - 5pm

**Friday 27 June**

G3 Japanese Assembly - 1 pm

**Saturday 28 June**

Terry Fox Run - 10am-Noon

Please Join Us  
for the  
**MIS Terry Fox Run**  
Saturday, June 28<sup>th</sup> 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 will go home this week.  
Ask friends/family for pledges to raise money

**See you on June 28<sup>th</sup>!**



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From Mr. Anthony Hall, Deputy Head of School



Greetings from MIS. This week, I have the pleasure of celebrating a shining example of the academic success of our students. In February 2025, students from Grades 3 to 5 participated in the International Schools' Assessment (ISA), a programme developed by the Australian Council for Educational Research (ACER) and designed specifically for international schools. The test provides MIS with a means to compare the academic performance of our students with other international school students. What follows are facts about the test:

Over 35,000 students took the tests at 142 international schools in 46 countries.

4,789 students took the Grade 3 test; 4,808 took the G4 test; 5,887 took the G5 test.

For purposes of making comparisons, schools are grouped according to their majority home language. MIS was listed as a Group 1 school. Group 1 schools have between 0% and 15% of their pupils whose native language at home is English.

When looking at the overall results, the MIS school community can be greatly reassured that our students' achievements compare very well to all other groups. In all subjects, MIS averages are above the averages for other Group 1 schools, Asian Pacific schools' averages and the All Schools' averages. You can see these results in the chart below. Well done to the students, their teachers, and their parents—you deserve great credit! Should you need any further information about our ISA test results, please contact your child's teacher via Seesaw.



Average Scores Comparison

Grade 3	MIS Grade 3 Average	Group 1 Schools Average	Asian Pacific Schools Average	All Schools G3 Average
Mathematical Literacy	440	345	360	353
Reading	373	269	296	294
Narrative/Reflective Writing	429	351	359	353
Exposition/Argument Writing	485	427	431	428
Grade 4	MIS Grade 4 Average	Group 1 Schools Average	Asian Pacific Schools Average	All Schools G4 Average
Mathematical Literacy	483	402	429	409
Reading	411	331	372	365
Narrative/Reflective Writing	428	385	407	400
Exposition/Argument Writing	494	454	470	466
Grade 5	MIS Grade 5 Average	Group 1 Schools Average	Asian Pacific Schools Average	All Schools G5 Average
Mathematical Literacy	517	447	470	453
Reading	474	380	425	409
Narrative/Reflective Writing	473	430	453	446
Exposition/Argument Writing	528	454	507	501

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**HOUSE POINT  
TOTALS  
THREE-WAY  
TIE AT THE  
TOP!**



**SALE**

Opening Ceremony 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:**  
Counting to 3,  
Discussing  
Likes &  
Dislikes, and  
Going on a  
Shape  
Scavenger  
Hunt!



**K2:**  
Learning  
Bicycle Part  
Names, Tak-  
ing the Bikes  
Apart as  
'Bicycle  
Mechanics',  
and Putting  
Them Back  
Together  
Again!



**K3:**  
Learning  
About Sri  
Lankan Vesak  
Festival,  
Showing Off  
Their Vesak  
Lanterns!







## Grade 1 Enjoy New Sections of the Library

This Term, Grade 1 have been enjoying their trips to the library. Mr. Hall has been slowly introducing the children to new areas of the library and allowing them to borrow books. Recently, the children have been shown the science section and allowed to borrow books from there!



## Grade 2 Explore the Chiba Flower Museum

Grade 2 students recently enjoyed an exciting trip to the Chiba Flower Museum. They explored a variety of flowers and their parts, discussed the unique shapes of leaves and their purposes, and observed pollinators in action. To top off the day, some lucky students even discovered a playground to enjoy at the end of their visit!



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## G3 Create Beautiful Artwork of Nature Around Them

For Art, the students in Grade 3 did close-up sketches of plants in our garden area. Then they created an imaginative watercolor painting combining the different images they had sketched using water colour techniques they have been learning about in Art class. As another connection, they have been learning about the life cycle of plants in Science recently.



## Grade 4 Collaborate to Explore Changes Throughout the Seasons

In Grade 4 Science, students have been exploring the changes that living things experience during the different seasons throughout the year. For example, some animals change colours to better camouflage with their environment while some plants go into dormancy during winter to use less energy. Students worked in groups to research and put this information into posters, summarizing what they learned.







## Grade 5 Go Back in History and Enjoy Nature

Grade 5 went on their first excursion of the year to Sawara. The students were lucky enough to go on a beautiful boat ride down the Ono River and explore the historic district around the river. We then drove to Ayame Botanic Garden for a peaceful lunch and flower sketching. It was a wonderful day and everyone had a great time!



## Grade 6 Explore the Tidal Creatures While Clamming

Grade 6 recently enjoyed a fun and educational field trip clam digging. Students worked together to collect an impressive number of clams while enjoying time with their friends along the shore. As part of the experience, they also learned about clam anatomy, gaining a better understanding of these fascinating sea creatures. It was a memorable day full of discovery, teamwork, and muddy hands!







## Grade 1 Grow Turnips to Study Plant Growth

As part of a cross-curricular project combining PSNS and Kokugo, the Grade 1 students planted turnip seeds. Each child filled their own pot with soil and planted the seeds. Now, tiny sprouts have started to appear, and the students are watering them every morning. We can't wait to see them grow big and strong!



## Grade 5 Plant the MIS Rice Paddy



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## Amazing Assemblies and Students of the Week!



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## Even More Assemblies and Students of the Week!



## Awe-Inspiring Music Recitals!



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## Fun-Filled MIS Bazaar!



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FOR CANCER RESEARCH

SATURDAY JUNE 28, 2025



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10:00-NOON

TIME:

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