



MAKUHARI INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL



Nanohana—MIS Newsletter

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From Mr. Trent Citrano, Head of School



From the fun-filled Grade 5 Residential Trips such as the G2 Trip to the JAL Maintenance Facility at Narita Airport, the G1 Trip to Kandu or the Kindergarten Sweet Potato Picking Trip, I want to thank our teachers for providing these enriching experiences outside of the school walls that help enrich our students lives. I also want to thank the parents and staff who donate their time to chaperone these trips. Without your support, we couldn't make these opportunities happen.

The same goes for all of the enriching learning going on in the classrooms (many are featured here in this edition of Nanohana) – truly remarkable! Then, to have our students perform at the Music Recitals and Assemblies and realize just how much dedication and time that they have put into developing their talents. Next, I see the digital art that our Grade 6 students have produced, and truly feel that our students should again be very proud of their artistic accomplishments!

Ahead of us, we look forward to a performance from the Black Stripe Theater for our G2-6 students as well as what promise to be amazing Winter Performances!

Upcoming Events

Monday 03 November
National Culture Day
No School

Thursday 06 November
Lockdown Drill

Friday 07 November
G3Y Class Assembly – 1pm

Tuesday 11 November
Black Strip Theater Perf.
Hound of the Baskervilles

Wednesday 12 November
MAP Assessment Parent
Coffee Morning – 9:15am

Friday 14 November
G6 Japanese Assembly - 1pm

Mon-Fri 17-21 November
Calligraphy Week

Tuesday 18 November
PTA Mtg. – 12:15pm

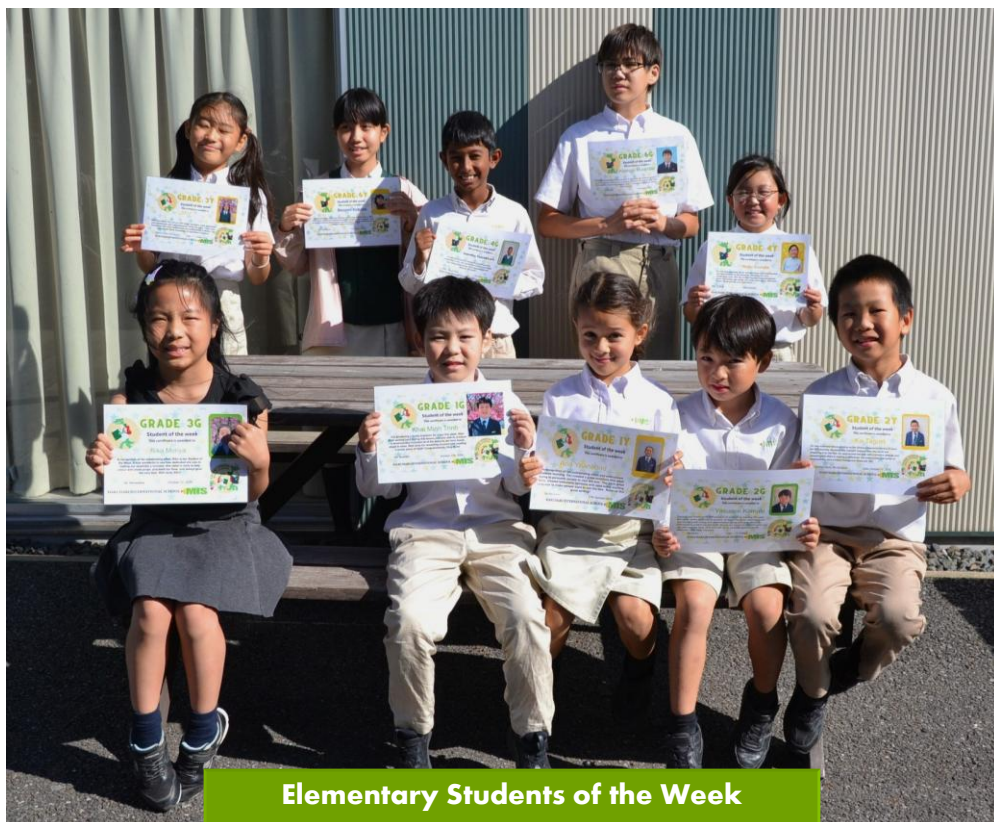
Wed-Sat 19-22 November
Admissions Screenings

Friday 21 November
G2G Class Assembly
Reports Home

Monday 24 November
Labor Thanksgiving Day
No School

Wednesday 26 November
G1 & 2 Swimming – Day 1

Friday 28 November
G2Y Class Assembly – 1pm



Elementary Students of the Week



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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, even in the rain. Highlights included: the time spent playing sports in the gym; exploring their cabins; 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 cooperated with their classmates and the organisation and focus they displayed for 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 Ms. Ogino for all of their hard work and positive attitudes, making this another memorable residential trip for our students.

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

Rosso ON TOP!



SALE

Class Group Photos
and Open Day
photos will be on
sale until
Nov 10, 2025.

Order at:
<http://snapsnap.jp/>
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Kindergarten News



K1:
Exploring the
Story
'Each Peach
Pear Plum'!



K2:
Picking Sweet
Potatoes on
Kindergarten's
Special Trip!



K3:
Celebrating
100s Day
(the 100th day
of school) with
Various Fun
Learning
Activities!





Grade 1 Explore Occupations at Kandu

Grade 1 went on an exciting trip to Kandu in October. The children got to dress up and experience a wide variety of jobs. From police officers, hair stylists, Pokémon center workers and radio hosts the children had an exciting time trying out many different jobs. Maybe they got an idea about what they might want to be in the future!



Grade 2 Experience Get Up and Close with Airplanes

G2 went on a trip and had special access to the JAL Narita Airport Hangar, where they learnt about the preparations involved in getting an airplane ready for flight. They also had the exciting opportunity to observe flights taking off on the runway up close.





G3 Create Sundials to Explore the Sun and Shadows

In Grade 3 for their Science learning, the students have been looking at how the movement of the earth in relation to the sun, produces shadows. They investigated these shadows at different times of the day and discussed how they can use them to tell the time. The children had a lot of fun with this Science activity.



Grade 4 Harness Solar Power

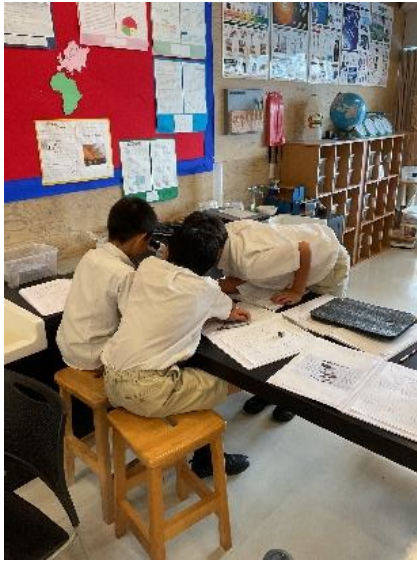
In Science, the Grade 4s went outside to explore how solar panels worked. They investigated how much power the panels could generate at different angles. Students recorded their observations carefully and noticed that the panels produced the most energy when facing directly toward the sun. During our class discussion, we discovered that keeping a solar panel at a 45° angle is the best way to get the most energy throughout the day.





Grade 5 Investigate Plant Cells & Reproductive Structures

The G5 students learned how to use microscopes to observe plant cells and reproductive structures. Through this hands-on activity, they discovered how intricate and fascinating different parts of plants can be, even though these details are invisible to the naked eye.



Grade 6 Create Stunning Digital Art

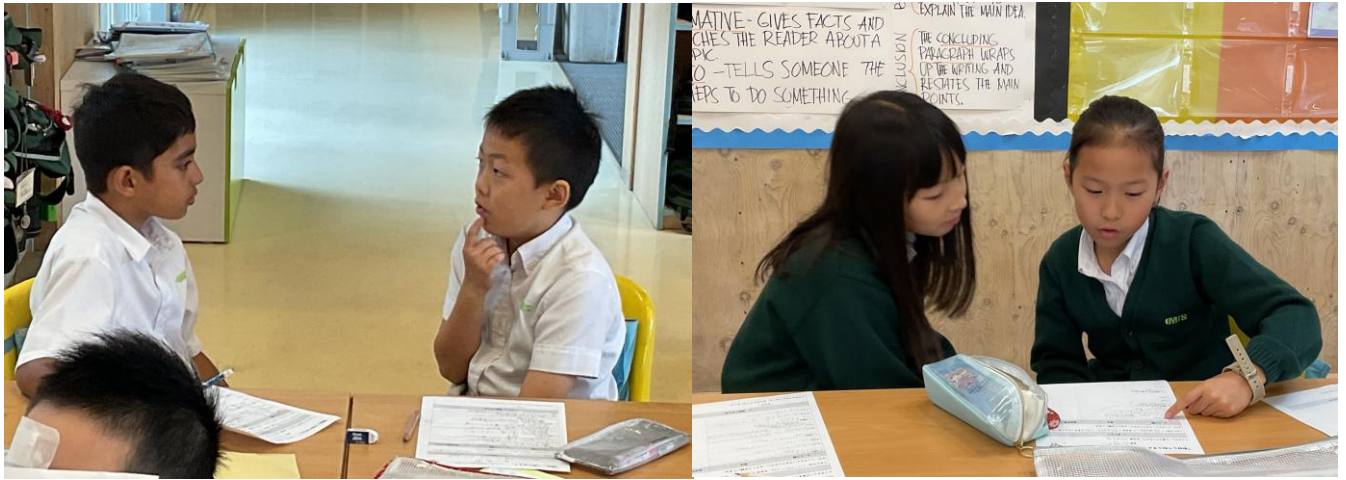
In Visual Arts, the Grade 6 students have been exploring digital creativity using *Procreate*. They learned how to design and refine digital landscapes, experimenting with a range of artistic techniques such as layering, blending, and texturing. Throughout the unit, students demonstrated impressive skill and imagination, producing multiple pieces of high-quality artwork that capture depth, mood, and atmosphere. The final results showcase not only their growing digital artistry but also their ability to thoughtfully compose and bring landscapes to life on screen.





Grades 3 Students Practice Listening Carefully in Kokugo

G3 students practiced being good listeners in Kokugo class. During interviews, they tried to make their friends feel at ease by using their names, responding with nods or smiles, and asking more questions based on what their friends said. Let's try to use these skills in our everyday conversations too!



Wonderful K2Y & G3G Class Assemblies!



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Talented Students Perform at MIS Music Recitals!



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A Fun-Filled Time at the G5 Residential Camp!



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