



Nanohana—MIS Newsletter

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Upcoming Events

Tuesday 28 April

Music Recitals

Wed-Wed 29 April - 06 May

Golden Week Holidays
No School

Thursday 07 May

Change to Summer Uniform

7, 13, 20, 27 May

G5&6 Swimming - 1pm

Friday 15 May

G4 Japanese Assembly - 1pm

Tuesday 19 May

PTA Mtg 12:15pm

Saturday 23 May

MIS Bazaar - 10am-2pm

Monday 25 May

School Holiday



From Mr. Trent Citrano, Head of School



We have had a very successful first few 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 on May 23rd from 10am-2pm! 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 Pink 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 a Nintendo Switch 2, an iPad, loads of gift certificates for restaurants, amusement parks, 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, use your flashing warning lights and 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.

486 MIS BAZAAR 486
AK5H 8N73 AND TENTS AK5H 8N73

487 STALL 487
AK5H 8N73

488 TICKETS 488
AK5H 8N73

488 100 YEN 488
AK5H 8N73 = 1 TICKET

489 TICKETS GO ON 489
AK5H 8N73 SALE AK5H 8N73

490 FROM 490
AK5H 8N73 MAY 18TH AK5H 8N73



MAKUHARI INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

Bazaar

Saturday 23 May 2026
10:00am – 2:00pm



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Innovative Bilingual Education for an Ever-Changing World



From Mr. Anthony Hall, Deputy Head of School



Greetings from MIS. The first term is well under way and the new school year has been a very positive one to date. The Term One clubs are going strong and with thirty-four different clubs and over five hundred club members in attendance each week, the extra-curricular programme at MIS has never been better. It is so pleasing to see enthusiasm for our clubs at an all-time high. At the end of every day, you can see the children happily going off from their class to enjoy the wide variety of extra-curricular activities on offer. Please note, the clubs will end on June 26th.

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 18th 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 to the entire MIS Community for raising ¥387,110 in support of the Red Feather Campaign last year. Your generous donations will go a long way toward supporting their beneficial initiatives.

Kindergarten & Elementary Opening Ceremonies



House Point Totals

Rosso Are On Top!



SALE

School Photo Sale

Awards Ceremony & Graduation photos are being sold until May 06, 2026

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

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First Day of School!



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Kindergarten News



K1:
Enjoying Learning About Movement and Balance in PE!



K2:
Taking a Voyage Around the World with their New International Passports!



K3:
Enjoying their First Library Session and Sorting in Maths!





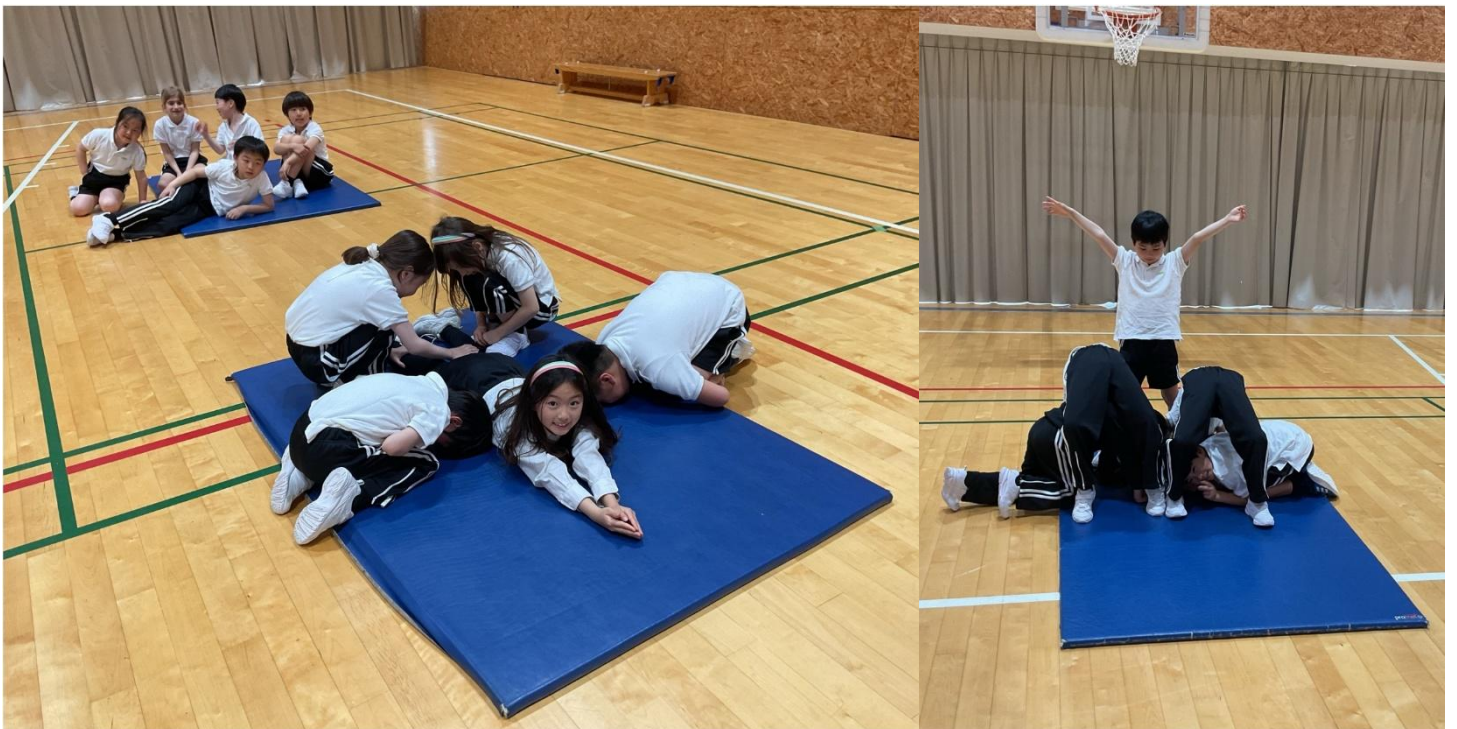
In Grade 1, English Grammar Matters

In English, the Grade 1 students have been working on their grammar. So far this term the students have been learning to create sentences that make sense and that have full stops at the end. They have also been learning that capital letters need to be used at the start of a sentence and for proper nouns (e.g., names).



Grade 2 Use their Bodies and Creativity to Form Shapes

Grade 2 students have been learning about body shapes, positioning, and creating movement sequences. In this activity, they were challenged to work in groups to use their bodies to represent familiar objects. Can you guess what shapes they are forming?





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G3 Experiment with Factors Influencing Plant Growth

Grade 3 students are planting mini sunflowers as part of their science learning about the parts of a plant and the plant life cycle. To deepen their understanding, they first carried out a plant study, exploring the local environment to observe and identify different plants around the school. Building on this, students are now investigating how different environments affect growth by placing some plants inside a greenhouse and others outside. Through this comparison, they will explore how factors such as temperature, light, and moisture influence the conditions plants need to grow and thrive.



Grade 4 Learn About Waste to Protect our World

In Science, the Grade 4 students began their first unit by learning about different kinds of waste and how to sort them according to Chiba City rules. They learned about the difference between combustible and incombustible waste. They also learned what wastes could be recycled and what waste would require contacting special disposal facilities.



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Grade 5 Are Really Picking Up STEAM!

Grade 5 have started their STEAM lessons for the term with great enthusiasm. So far the students have focused on AI, safe internet use, and coding. The boys and girls are learning a lot and look forward to our weekly lessons with Mr. Bersalona.



Grade 6 Experiment with Combustion

Grade 6 have been exploring combustion through a series of hands-on science experiments. Using controlled flames, students investigated the fire triangle and deepened their understanding of the conditions required for complete combustion. They also measured and compared oxygen and carbon dioxide levels in the air before and after combustion, helping them see the chemical changes taking place in real time.





G1 Introduce Themselves Politely in Japanese

During Japanese lessons this week, the Grade 1 students went around the administration office, introducing themselves using the name cards they made. Japanese is one of the key pillars of our bilingual education. Let's enjoy learning not only the language, but also its manners and culture together.



Meet the Teachers 2026



Remarkable Students of the Week





All-Japan Sakura Medal Book Bowl Hosted at MIS!



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