



Nanohana—MIS Newsletter

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Upcoming Events

From Mr. Trent Citrano, Head of School



I want to begin by thanking the entire MIS school community for making our Bazaar such a fun-filled (and belly filling) day where everybody, including a large number of MIS alumni, came out in record numbers. The spirit of the day was palpable, the entertainment was marvelous (see Mr. Hall's article on the next page), and the games and vendors were plentiful.

It was my pleasure once again to hand out the fabulous raffle prizes. A huge thank you to everybody who donated these as we raised over 520,000yen just on the raffle tickets. Congratulations to all of you lucky winners!

All-in-all, we raised an all-time record total of 1,618,000yen that will go towards a joint project with the MIS PTA for a future improvement around our school, just as we have many times in the past that included play equipment, the kindergarten sand pit, the shade structure on the elementary field, and more. A special thank you to the MIS PTA for their continued support in making our students' lives brighter!

As we look ahead at the rest of this term, we have Calligraphy Week, Book Week, our Inter-House English Word Quest, the Book Parades, a Parent Coffee Morning on supporting your child's kanji learning, several class and grade level assemblies, the G5/6 School Transfer Meeting, the Terry Fox Run, the MIS Inter-House STEAM Challenge, the MIS Inter-House Challenge, and, of course, Parents Evenings. Lots of fun ahead! Last, but not least, I want to thank the MIS faculty and staff for all of their collective efforts to make these special events come to life. You are a remarkable group of people who bring joy to our students' lives each and every day! THANK YOU!

Wed 03, 10, 17 June

G5&6 Swimming - 1pm

Wed & Thurs 03 & 04 June

Individual Student Photos

Thursday 04 & 25 June

Board Meeting

Friday 05 June

G5G Class Assembly – 1pm

08-12 June

Book Week

Inter-House English Quest

Friday 12 June

Kinder Book Parade – 9:30am

Elem Book Parade – 11:10am

Tuesday 16 June

PTA Meeting – 12:15pm

Wednesday 17 June

Coffee Morning – 9:15am

Friday 19 June

G6G Class Assembly – 1pm

Tuesday 23 June

School Transfer Mtg – 5pm

Friday 26 June

G3 Japanese Assembly – 1pm



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From Mr. Anthony Hall, Deputy Head of School



Greetings from MIS. The MIS Bazaar was a joyful celebration of student talent, with 90 student performers taking part in a wide range of acts. The show began with the MIS Glee Club, who gave a bright and cheerful opening that set a positive tone for the day. From the very start, the audience could feel the excitement and pride in our students as they shared their talents.

The performances continued with great variety and energy. The violin ensemble played with passion and focus, creating a beautiful musical moment for everyone to enjoy. The MIS Cheer Dance Dolphins brought vibrant energy to the stage, lifting the crowd with their enthusiasm and teamwork. Across the event, 18 different student groups performed, each one showing unique skills and creativity. Every act added something special, and together they created a memorable experience for all.

At MIS, we are proud to encourage the gifts and talents of our students throughout the year, and the Bazaar is a wonderful example of this in action. We would like to thank all the parents for their support in helping their children prepare for the event, and for their warm encouragement of every performer on the day. It was truly a celebration of community, effort, and student success.



House Point Totals

Nila Are On Top!



SALE
School Photo Sale

Opening Ceremonies photos are being sold until June 30, 2026

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



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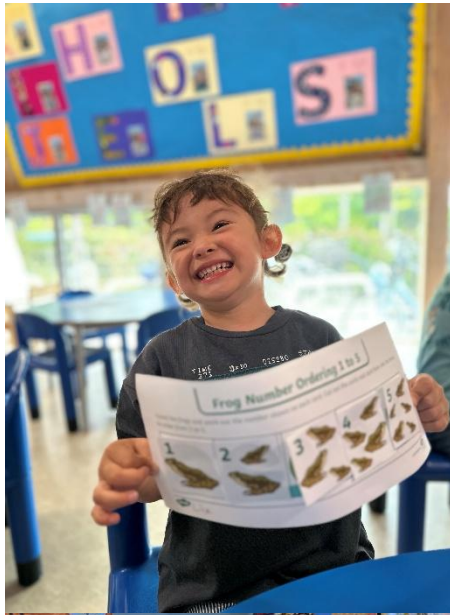




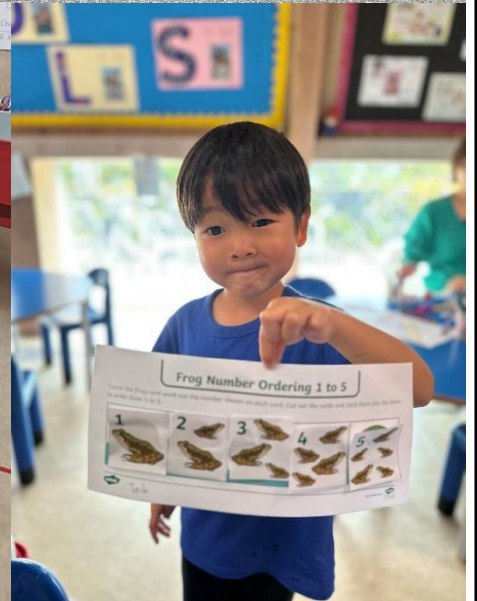
Kindergarten News



K1:
Ordering
Items in
Quantities
from 1-5!



K2:
Learning
About the
Sri Lankan
Vesak Lantern
Festival
and
Experimenting
with
Different
Weights!



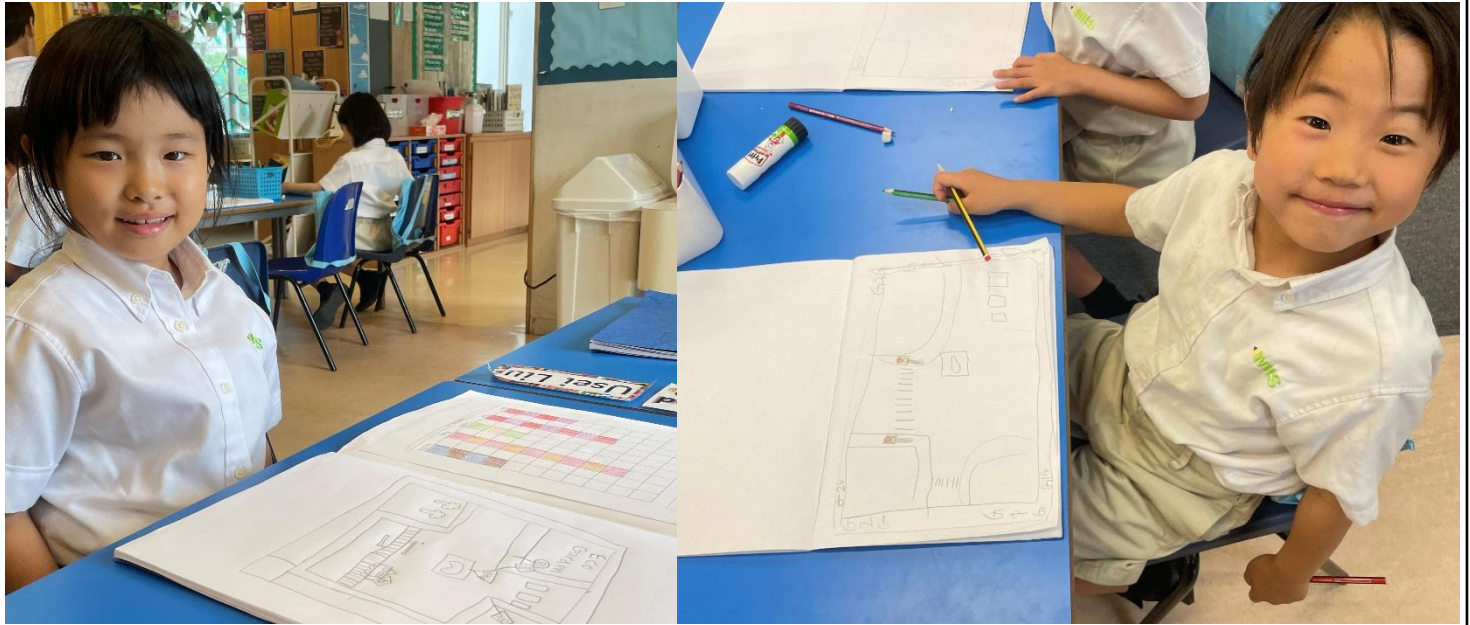
K3:
Playing Word
Games and
Learning to
Code!





Grade 1 Learn About and Practice Road Safety

Grade 1 have started looking at Road Safety during their PSNS lessons. Students have discussed the different modes of transport that they use to come to school. They then inputted this data into a graph. In the next lesson, the students discussed how they can be safe on the roads, and what signs and technology are used to keep us safe. The students then started to design their own roads and signs, ready to turn the school's courtyard into a road!



Grade 2 Explore and Experiment with Seed Dispersal

Grade 2 students explored seed dispersal and learned why seeds need to move away from the parent plant to survive and grow. After discussing the many ways seeds travel, students participated in a hands-on experiment modeling exploding seed pods. Using balloons and birdseed, they made predictions, observed how seeds scatter when a pod bursts open, and recorded their findings. It was an exciting way to discover how plants spread and thrive in nature!





G3 Explore Different Plants on their Botanical Garden Trip

The Grade Three students went on a trip to Yumenoshima Koen in Shin Kiba. They had lots of fun exploring the different habitats of various plants. They learned and saw many edible plants such as coconuts and mangoes, and also managed to see carnivorous plants such as venus fly traps.



Grade 4 Create Depth and Form in their Still Lifes

Grade 4 worked carefully on their still life drawings of apples, focusing on light and shadow to create depth and form. They explored how mixing black and white paint with a primary colour can make darker shades and lighter tints, helping their apples look more realistic. The children worked hard, concentrated well, and showed great patience as they observed details and built up their artwork.





Grade 5 Discover the Hidden Dangers of Mining

Grade 5 students explored the environmental impact of mining through a hands-on activity using brownies as 'mountains' filled with hidden gems. Their challenge was to extract the gems without polluting nearby water sources or harming the surrounding plants and wildlife. As they worked, students quickly discovered how difficult it is to mine resources without causing damage to the environment. The activity helped them better understand the real-world challenges of balancing human needs with protecting nature.



Grade 6 Create Custom Aprons in Home Economics

This month, Grade 6 students have been developing their sewing skills through a range of practical activities. Students have practiced both hand sewing techniques and using sewing machines, building their confidence and understanding of safe and effective sewing methods. They are now working towards creating their own aprons in preparation for the Term 2 cooking program.





G1 Reenact a Readers' Theatre in Japanese

During Japanese lessons, the Grade 1 students read their first short story. They were able to read aloud using voices that matched the characters, such as loud voices and quiet voices. Some students even added acting and performed it like a real play. Well done!



Grade 5 Plant the MIS Rice Paddy



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Brilliant Assemblies and Students of the Week!





Wonderful Music Recital Performances!



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Thank You for a Fun-Filled Bazaar!



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