



Nanohana—MIS Newsletter

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Upcoming Events

From Mr. Trent Citrano, Head of School



What a wonderful finish to this busy and fun-filled term! Just this month alone, our students, staff, and parents have participated in Calligraphy Week, swimming, Book Week, the Inter-House English Word Quest (Congratulations Midori!), loads of trips and assemblies, G1 & G3 Road & Bike Safety Lessons, a Kanji Parent Coffee Morning, amazing clubs, the Inter-House STEAM Challenge (Congratulations Midori!), the MIS Inter-House Challenge (Congratulations Rosso!), and Parents' Evenings. I think that everyone has earned a well-deserved Summer Holiday!

Alas, without delay, on Monday we will start our MIS Summer School for the first three weeks of summer, which will be filled with loads of learning, teamwork, collaborative learning, and quite a bit of water play, I suspect. To all of the students who will participate in our Summer School, I hope that you realize just how fortunate you are to have this opportunity. And to the teachers and support staff who have and will make this special summertime experience come to reality... thank you!

As you can see from the 'Upcoming Events' to the right, Term 2 will also kick off with loads of special events and learning opportunities as well.

Today was a very special day for me as it was my last with the students all here serving the MIS Community. I felt very loved and touched by all of you who shared your appreciation of my impact. I love this school and wish everyone in it the greatest of success and joy. Please continue to support one another's success and well-being as it is our collective caring power that has enabled us to transcend challenges and thrive together. Thank you for all of the support you have given me throughout these 10 years at MIS.

You have no idea how much I value and appreciate it!

See you around as an MIS dad,
Mr. Citrano



- 13-31 July**
MIS Summer School
- 24 August**
First Day of Term 2
- 26, 31 Aug + 02, 09, 16, 30 Sept**
G3 & 4 Swimming – 1pm
- Wed 26 & Thurs 27 August**
Class Group Photos
- Friday 04 September**
G5 Japanese Assembly – 1pm
- Monday 07 September**
Term 2 Clubs Begin
- Friday 11 September**
Open Day – 9:10-Noon
- Tuesday 15 September**
PTA Meeting – 12:15pm
- Friday 18 September**
G6Y Class Assembly – 1pm
- Mon-Wed 21-23 September**
National Holidays
No School
- Thursday 24 September**
Board Meetings
- Mon 28 Sept – Thurs 01 Oct**
MAP Testing

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From Mr. Anthony Hall, Deputy Head of School



Greetings from MIS. As we reach the end of Term 1 and the start of the summer holiday, it is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on all that has been achieved over the past few months. Throughout the term, our students have embraced every learning opportunity with curiosity, determination, and a genuine desire to improve. Even in these final days, their energy and enthusiasm have remained as strong as ever. Our teachers have done an outstanding job supporting and challenging them, and they are now looking forward to a well-earned break, as well as time to reflect on the term's achievements and prepare exciting learning experiences for Term 2.

You should have received the holiday homework for your children, whether it is the Postcard Challenge for K1-K3 (via a Seesaw message) or the Tic-Tac-Toe Challenge for elementary students. I hope your children enjoy completing some or all of the challenges, and we look forward to seeing what they create after the holiday. Doing a little bit regularly can make a big difference, and I also encourage you to make time for your children to read throughout the break to help maintain their reading skills and language development.

As always, thank you for the wonderful support you have shown throughout the term. The strong partnership between home and school plays an important role in helping our students thrive, and we are grateful to be part of such a caring and supportive community. We wish you and your family a safe, relaxing, and enjoyable summer holiday, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back to MIS in August for another term filled with learning, friendship, and new adventures together.

House Point Totals

Nila and Midori Tied!



Our New House Captains



MAKUHARI INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL PTA

MIS PTA News

Please see the latest news from our MIS PTA on the last pages of this edition of Nanohana.

We welcome you to join and support our activities!



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Kindergarten News



K1:
Naming the
Colours of the
Rainbow!



K2:
Designing a
Bizarre
Vehicle,
Driving a Train
at the
Museum, and
Enjoying the
Kinder
Natsumatsuri!



K3:
Exploring the
Sea Creatures
at the
Aquarium
And
Discovering
the Creatures
Frozen in Ice!





Grade 1 Learn About and Practice Road Safety

On Tuesday the 23rd of June, Grade 1 went to the Hanamigawa Road Safety Park. This is always an enjoyable trip where students get to learn how to read, and practice how to follow, various road safety signs. Students also love the freedom of choosing the bike and/or go karts they will use to explore the park area. We could tell by all the smiles on their faces that it was an enjoyable afternoon putting into practice what we have been learning in class.



Grade 2 Deepen their Understanding of Multiplication

Our Grade 2 students have begun their Mathematics unit on multiplication. They started by exploring arrays and equal groups to build a strong understanding of multiplication concepts, rather than relying solely on memorising facts. Using blocks and counters, students created a variety of arrays to represent equal groups and discover different multiplication combinations. This hands-on learning provides an important foundation for developing confidence, fluency, and a deeper understanding of multiplication.





G3 Learn to Be Safe on their Bikes

Grade 3 had a fun and interesting Bicycle Safety lesson with the Chiba Nishi Police. They taught them how to ride safely and follow the rules of the road. The students learned lots of new things, like getting off and walking their bikes across a crosswalk and how to wear a helmet the right way. Next term, keep an eye out for our Grade 3 students! They will be giving out Helmet House Points to students they see wearing their helmets safely.



Grade 4 Explore Art in Depth on their Museum Trip

Grade 4 had a wonderful trip to the Western Art Museum in Ueno, where they explored some fantastic examples of artwork and developed their observational drawing skills. The children looked carefully at a range of still life pieces, noticing details such as shape, texture, light and shadow. They then used these ideas to inspire their own still life sketches. It was a brilliant opportunity for the children to experience art beyond the classroom and to see how artists use everyday objects to create beautiful and meaningful work.





Grade 5 Harvest a Bounty on The Farm

On June 22nd, The Grade 5 students went on their second excursion of the year to The Farm in Chiba. The students learned a lot about vegetable growing and harvesting. They then spent some time harvesting zucchini and beans from the garden. It was great to see the children getting their hands dirty and trying to harvest the biggest vegetables they could. They had a wonderful time and hopefully brought some quality vegetables home for dinner!



Grade 6 Create World Cup Stadiums in Teams

This week in art the G6 students were working on their 3D sculpture skills, building a World Cup football stadium using cardboard. Excellent teamwork was displayed – each group assigned different tasks to different members – designing walls, stands, the pitch, fans! Not finished yet but all have made an excellent start!





G4 Publish Leaflets About Recycling

During Japanese lessons, the Grade 4 students created leaflets summarizing what they learned during their field trip to the Niihama Recycling Center. Keeping their audience in mind, they carefully designed their leaflets by using appropriate font sizes and adding illustrations to make them clear and engaging.



Our New Student Council Representatives

GRADE 1 GREEN	GRADE 2 GREEN	GRADE 3 GREEN	GRADE 4 GREEN	GRADE 5 GREEN	GRADE 6 GREEN
Yume	Lisa	Jasper	Azuki	Toko	Louis
GRADE 1 YELLOW	GRADE 2 YELLOW	GRADE 3 YELLOW	GRADE 4 YELLOW	GRADE 5 YELLOW	GRADE 6 YELLOW
Anju	Aayansh	Riku	Hono	Zoe	Kano





Brilliant Assemblies and Students of the Week!





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Our Talented MIS Hip Hop Club!



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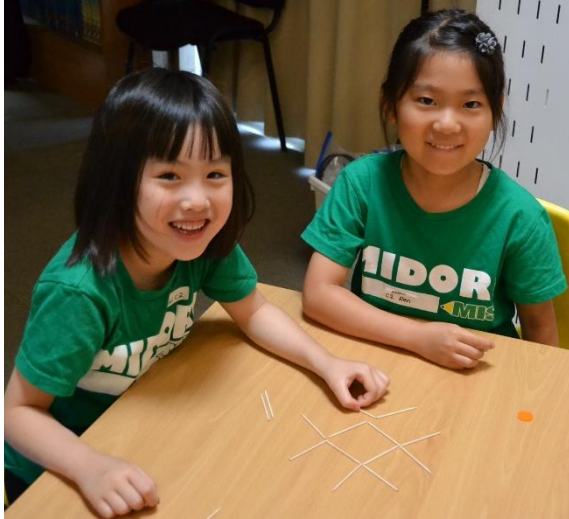
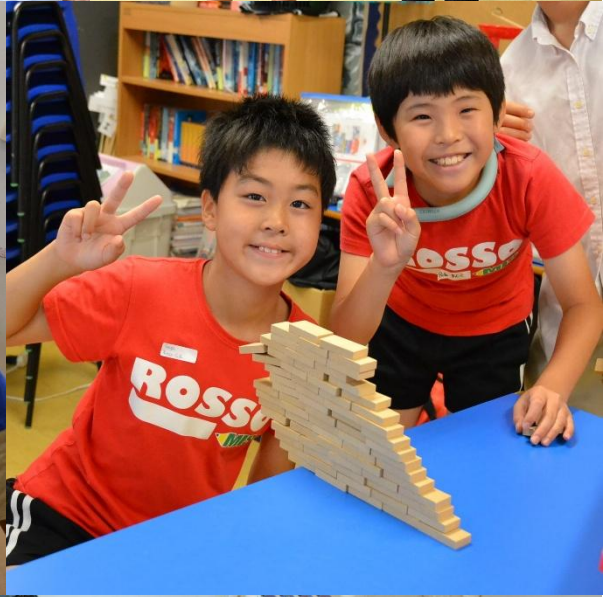


Fun-Filled Kindergarten Natsumatsuri!





Lots of Inter-House Challenges!





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MIS PTA Newsletter

We can help create the best possible environment for learning and growing.

Term 1 Activity Report

Makuhari International School Bazaar 2026

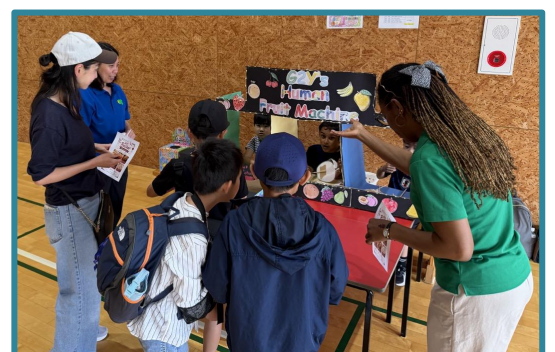
The MIS Annual Bazaar, held on May 23rd, was a wonderful success that brought together students, families, staff, and community members for a memorable day of fun and connection. With an estimated attendance of approximately 1,200 people, it was the most successful bazaar in the school's history. The beautiful weather added to the festive atmosphere, encouraging visitors to spend the day enjoying the many activities, performances, and attractions on offer.



Guests explored a variety of booths featuring food, crafts, games, and a flea market, while stage performances by MIS students and local community groups kept the atmosphere lively and entertaining. The PTA also played an important role in supporting popular activities enjoyed by children and families. The day concluded with an exciting raffle draw, creating a memorable finish to a fantastic community event.



We sincerely thank all volunteers, sponsors, performers, and attendees for their support and contributions in making this year's bazaar such a success.



Sakura Medal All Japan Book Bowl 2026

On April 17th the Sakura Medal All Japan Book Bowl Competition returned to MIS since we first hosted in 2019. It was a great honor and pleasure to invite all 11 participating schools who travelled in from Tokyo and as far as Osaka & Kobe.

This year's MIS Book Bowl team did a remarkable job battling the other schools in the competition, testing their knowledge of the 18 selected Sakura Medal chapter books in 5 difficult stages. Our brave team put in a lot of time reading the books and represented the school honorably. Their shared enthusiasm to read and compete made this year's Book Bowl experience the best yet. We are all so very proud of their performance and love for reading!

A special thanks to the PTA & parents for showing true MIS hospitality and community spirit, cheering on and supporting our team and the event.

Congratulations Team MIS!



MIS PTA General Meeting 2026

The PTA General Meeting took place on May 26th. Key agenda items included:

- **The committee leadership team was elected by vote**
- **Accounting Budget for FY 2026 Approval**
- **Committee's Plan FY 2026-27 Presentation**

We would like to thank all members who attended and contributed to the meeting. We look forward to working together to support our school community throughout the 2026–27 school year.



☆Schedule for Term2☆

- Monthly PTA Board Meeting – Third Tuesday, 12:15–13:15
- Autumn •Family Picnic Day (September 5th,2026)
- Autumn •Terry Fox Run (TBA)



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