MAKUHARI INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL MIS

Nanohana - MIS Newsletter

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Greetings from MIS. Term 2 is rapidly drawing to a close and as the autumn fades to winter, we begin to prepare for one of the most important events of our school year, the MIS Winter Performance.

The preparations for this year's shows are well under way now. The teachers have decided on the songs and dances and I am sure that your children are already practising their singing and dancing at home. I hope you are singing and dancing along with them and making the most of this opportunity to be expressive together.

The Arts Curriculum Team are supporting the teachers with the logistics for the show and we are particularly excited to see the stage decorations this years. The theme for our shows this year link to our yearbook theme, which is 'Pieces of Me'. The decorations have been made by the students and I anticipate that the stage will look spectacular come show time.

Between now and the performances in the final week of Term 2, please encourage your children to give their all for the show. It provides all participants with the chance to shine on stage and develop their self-confidence. I personally cannot wait to see the students performing and doing their best to entertain the audience. We hope you will be able to join us for the shows.

This issue of Nanohana contains much to celebrate from November. I hope you enjoy reading through its pages and seeing what we have been up to this month.

From Mr Hall, Acting Head of School

Upcoming Events

Thursday 03 December
Final Homework for Term 2
Friday 04 December
G5Y Class Assembly
Term 2 Clubs End
Tuesday 08 December
G3 Utase Elementary Visit
Tuesday 15 December
PTA Meeting – 12:15pm
Thursday 17 December
Kindergarten Winter Performance
Gates Open at 9:25am
Friday 18 December
Elementary Winter Performances
Green Classes
Gates Open at 10:00am
Yellow Classes
Gates Open at 1:10pm
Movie and Popcorn Spirit Day
Last Day of Term 2
Monday 04 January 2027
Term 3 Begins







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November - A Month to Remember





Grades 2 to 6 were entertained by the visit if the Black Stripe Theatre group, who performed their adaption of the classic A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens. The interactive show even provided some of our own budding actors the chance to join in with the drama.



Thank you to all parents who attended the Steve Soresi coffee morning.

We are hoping to welcome Steve back for a second talk in February. We will let you know the date and time once they are confirmed.







The MIS Glee Club visited OUKAS Makuhari Baypark to bring much song, dance and good cheer to the residents there. This kind of community outreach generates a lot of happiness for the local residents and helps our students to be good local citizens. Thank you to Ms Hayashi and Mr Crowe and their parents for supporting the Glee Club members.



Kindergarten News

K1





K1 have been learning how to share fairly. Those lucky bears will have an equal amount of acorns each.



K2



Sweet potato picking was so much fun.



Measuring length with cubes.



Language: Making Zog horns from the book Zog was fun.

K3









Language and Environment: We wrapped up our unit on insects and began exploring Space! We even had a special visit from two aliens who crash-landed at MIS!

Maths: We have been working on addition and subtraction within 20, building our number skills through a variety of activities.

Special Activities: We had a wonderful time going sweet potato picking! The children enjoyed getting outside, digging in the soil, and harvesting their own sweet potatoes!

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Elementary News

G1









In Grade 1, preparations for the upcoming MIS Winter Performance have begun in earnest! The children have been working hard to learn their dance steps and have been practicing their singing. This week, this students went on to the stage for the first time to practice!

G2





G2 enjoyed an exciting trip to the Narita JAL Hangar as part of our Community Helpers unit! The students had a behind-the-scenes look at the fascinating work that takes place before an airplane is ready to fly, including learning about its different parts and the important maintenance checks carried out by the ground crew. What a lucky exclusive glimpse into the world of aviation!

G3

In Science, students explored how sound travels through vibrations by making their own cup-and-string telephones. This hands-on activity gave students a fun, practical way to investigate how vibrations travel along the string and help us hear sound.







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Elementary News

Grade 4 have been exploring pottery from different cultures, taking inspiration from the shapes, designs and repeated patterns they discovered. Using clay, the children created their own pinch pots and experimented with different decorating techniques to add texture, detail and pattern. This creative project helped them develop their clay-handling skills and appreciate how art can reflect cultural traditions. Each finished pot celebrates the children's individual ideas and creativity!



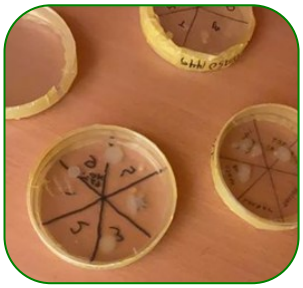




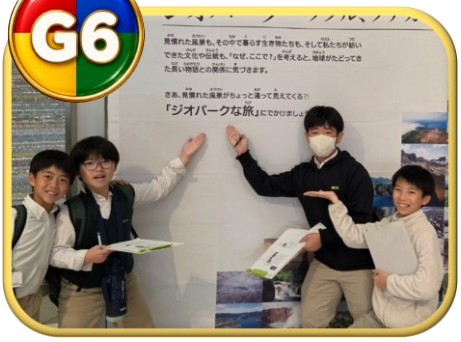


G5 cooked the rice from our school paddy! Cheers went up as the rice cooker opened, and students made onigiri with fillings from home - finishing every single grain amid cries of "Delicious!"

G5 has been learning about how cells live, grow and multiply. As part of their investigation, students carried out an experiment growing single-celled organisms (bacteria) to observe how they develop over time.







Grade 6 students visited the Chiba Natural History Museum, exploring exhibits about nature, wildlife, geology and local history. The visit provided an engaging opportunity to develop their knowledge, curiosity and learning beyond the classroom. They also visited the National Diet Building in Tokyo as part of their social studies unit on government. They toured the building, explored the parliamentary chamber and took part in a mock debate, learning how Japan's government works and how decisions are made.











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Kindergarten Assemblies











There was much to celebrate in November.





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Elementary Assemblies



















Grade 1 and 2 entertained us with moral stories and fantastic acting.
Grade 6 taught us about the importance of valuing food.

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MUSIC RECITAL














Our music recital was a wonderful opportunity for students to share their musical talents. Well done to all of the performers for their hard work, preparation and confidence. A special thank you to Mr Satterwhite for organising the event and supporting our young musicians.

TERRY FOX RUN






















Our Terry Fox Run, hosted by the PTA, was a fantastic example of our school community coming together to support a worthy cause. With over 70 participants, we raised an impressive ¥172,610 for the Terry Fox Foundation. A huge thank you to everyone who took part, donated and supported the event. It was another wonderful example of our students demonstrating what it means to be responsible global citizens and making a positive difference in the wider community.

Calligraphy

The students experienced Japanese calligraphy (shosha). They calmed their minds and wrote wonderful characters!







House Team Challenge Totals

Midori take a clear lead!

- MIDORI 71
- NILA 66
- ROSSO 56
- SARI 53

Term 2 Lost & Found



Please make sure you check the school's Lost & Found in the office before **December 18th.** After that, items will be donated or disposed of.

School Photo Sale

Our School Photographer, GAKKO SHASHIN, is selling 'Sports Day' and 'Music Recital' photographs online. Please check the following home page to order.

- **Publication Period:**
  Sports Day 2026/11/16 ~ 2026/12/15
  Music Recital 2026/11/23 ~ 2026/12/25
- **Home Page Address:** http://snapsnap.jp/



Passcodes sent home previously.

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