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From Mr Anthony Hall, Acting Head of School



At MIS, nothing beats the feeling of watching our students step out of their comfort zones and achieve their goals.

In this edition of Nanohana, we are thrilled to spotlight some incredible moments from across the MIS community from the past month. From our fantastic VEX Robotics team bringing home an award, to Team Sari's clean sweep of all three sports day trophies, there have been many high points so far this term. We're also bursting with pride for Yoshiyuki, and his outstanding success in the prestigious John Locke Institute Global Essay Prize. Every one of these achievements is a testament to our students' dedication and their courage to strive for more.

Here is what really sets MIS students apart: it is not just what they achieve, but how they do it. Even in their moments of success, our students stay grounded. They show genuine happiness for each other, cheering on their peers with sincerity. These are some the qualities that make us smile the most. They are the moments which reveal MIS students to be not just great learners, but genuinely kind, thoughtful people. We hope reading about these achievements fires up our other students to dream big, try something new, and see how far *dedication* can take them. At the end of the day, success isn't just about trophies and awards. It can also be found in the courage to try something new, displaying resilience when things get tough, and the joy of celebrating a friend's win.

Not only do the teachers at MIS celebrate big achievements, they also celebrate the smaller ones too. Every small step forward, tricky concept finally clicking and every little goal checked off along the way by each of our students matter just as much to us as the awards and trophies. They are proof of our students growing on their own unique paths.

So, as you flip through this newsletter, let's celebrate the effort and heart behind every single one of these stories. As one MIS community, let's keep cheering each other on for whatever comes next, big or small.

Upcoming Events

Tuesday 03 November
National Culture Day
No School
Wednesday 04 November
Guest Speaker: Steve Soresi
Coffee Morning – 9:15am
Thursday 05 November
Lockdown Drill
Friday 06 November
G1G Class Assembly – 1pm
Tuesday 10 November
Black Stripe Theater Perf.
A Christmas Carol - 9:15
Friday 13 November
G6 Japanese Assembly - 1pm
Mon-Fri 16-20 November
Calligraphy Week
Tuesday 17 November
PTA Mtg. – 12:15pm
Wed-Sat 18-21 November
Admissions Screenings
Friday 20 November
G2G Class Assembly
Reports Home
Monday 23 November
Labor Thanksgiving Day
No School
Wednesday 25 November
G1 & 2 Swimming – Day 1
Friday 27 November
G2Y Class Assembly – 1pm







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Yoshiyuki's London Adventure











Earlier this year, Yoshiyuki decided to challenge himself academically by entering the John Locke Institute Global Essay Prize competition. He selected a thought-provoking question from the range of topics available and spent several weeks developing his entry. He submitted his essay in the hope that his ideas would capture the judges' attention, and they certainly did! Yoshiyuki was selected as a finalist and invited to attend the awards ceremony in London, which took place in early October.

Yoshiyuki travelled to London, where he enjoyed some sightseeing before attending the awards ceremony. Although he did not win the overall prize in his chosen category, he received a **Judge's Commendation** in recognition of the quality of his writing. Considering that the competition attracts entries from teenage writers around the world, this is a remarkable achievement, and we are very proud of him.

Congratulations, Yoshiyuki! Your dedication and achievement are an inspiration to us all, reminding us of the importance of challenging ourselves and putting our skills and knowledge to the test.

Kindergarten News

K1

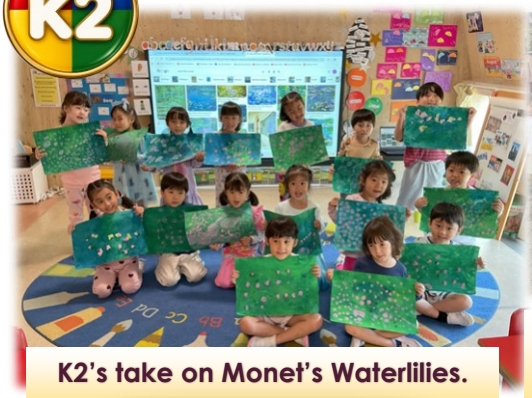






K1 made the most of their opportunity to dress up for the human relationships Halloween celebration.

K2



K2's take on Monet's Waterlilies.



Language - Acting out The Three Billy Goats Gruff.



Maths - The football net is taller than us.

K3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Elementary News

G1



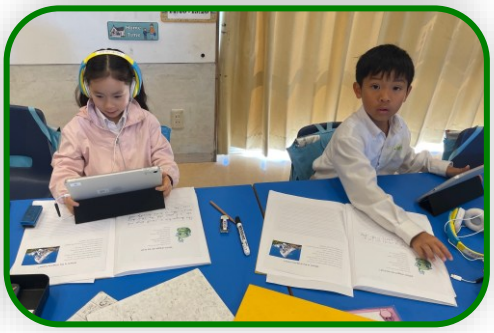
In English, Grade 1 have been working on fantasy stories. As a class, they have chosen various characters and settings. They have recently been planning their stories, and creating sentences that they can use in their story writing. By the end of the unit, students will have a story that they can take home!











G2







As part of our PSNS unit on Community Helpers, we were delighted to welcome one of our parents to our classroom to share his fascinating work in AI and humanoid robotics! The students learned how robots can help people and contribute to the Japanese society, specifically in dangerous environments and areas where additional workers are needed. It was wonderful to see students' curiosity and enthusiasm as they asked thoughtful questions and explored how technology can make a difference in our communities.

G3





We created 3 dimensional drawings in art, using patterns and shading. We traced around our own hands to do this and carefully tried to make a 3D effect. They end result looks amazing.



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Elementary News

The Japanese Animal Hospital Association (JAHA) has come to visit the Grade 4s as part of their Global Citizenship project. During the presentation, students learned about how to approach and take care of pet dogs. Activities included becoming familiar with dogs and getting them used to the students' scents, grooming, practicing tricks, and leading them around with a leash. It was a very cute and informative experience.















This month the Grade 5 students experienced their Residential Trip to the Chiba Nature Home. Days were filled with new and engaging activities and at night students enjoyed a night walk and a campfire. Students showed curiosity and courage and grew in their friendships and independence. A great trip for all!



As part of their Global Citizenship anchor project, Grade 6 students continue to collect litter around the school grounds, taking responsibility for keeping our shared environment clean and welcoming. Through this practical commitment, they develop teamwork, environmental awareness, and pride in their school community. Their efforts demonstrate that being a good school citizen means noticing what needs to be done and taking action. By making small, consistent contributions, students are learning how their everyday choices can make a positive difference to others and the environment. Another excellent effort this week!



G6 Jōmon Experience





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Kindergarten Assemblies







We celebrated many happy birthdays and stars of the week together in our kindergarten assemblies.











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Elementary Assemblies



Paralympians Yukako and David visited us to talk about their life experiences as athletes.



MIS alumna Ms Emi Brinkman talked to the students about her global citizenship experiences since her graduation.



Mr Kuga visited with his guide dog to talk about how to overcome life's challenges.









Kindergarten Sports Day














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Lower Elementary Sports Day













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Upper Elementary Sports Day




























House Team Challenge Totals

It's close at the top!

62 Midori

61 Nila

54 Rosso

50 Sari

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Sports Day Art Challenge Congratulations!

Congratulations goes out to all of the chosen finalists for the Sports Day Programme Art Challenge.

From the many entrants that we received, **Kotetsu**, **Doha**, **Mana**, **Anju**, **Liven**, **Haru**, **Iroha** and **Frankie** were selected as candidates for use on the MIS Sports Day programme.



The teachers voted and selected **Anju's cheerful entry as the winner!**

She richly deserved her certificate and the twenty house points prize.





MIDORI

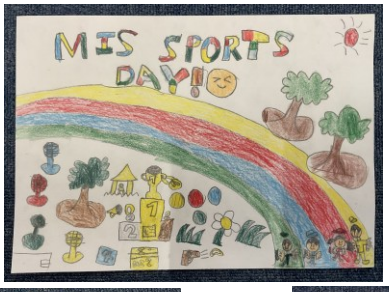




NILA

ROSSO





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VEX Robotics Award Winners

Congratulations to Abel, Hiroki and Zhengcheng for their success at the recent KEIO STEM Robotics Grand Prix.

They did ever so well collaborating with students from different schools during the competition. Throughout the build up to the big day, they demonstrated independent thinking, designed, and coded their robot. They also got the JUDGES AWARD for showing resiliency, team work and knowing everything about the robot. Thank you to all the teachers and parents who supported the team on the day. We look forward to the next one in January.



