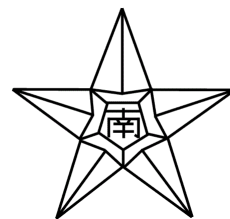


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A Meaningful Experience: The Sports Day

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Tomorrow is finally the day of our long-awaited Sports Day. Although preparation time was limited this year, our students have worked together with great dedication and enthusiasm. Under the leadership of the event committee, all student teams have put in tremendous effort, even coming in early and staying after school to get ready. We look forward to welcoming parents and members of the local community to witness the wonderful efforts and spirit of the students of Nanzan Elementary. Each individual may take away something different from this experience, but we hope you will recognize and praise their hard work and growth at home.

Once Sports Day concludes, we will head into June. The Tokyo Metropolitan Board of Education designates June as "Fureai Month" (Bullying Prevention Awareness Month). Bullying is a serious issue that violates human rights and must never be tolerated. At our school, we strive to foster a safe and joyful learning environment where each student feels valued and respected. By recognizing students' unique qualities, we aim to nurture self-esteem and encourage understanding of the importance of both oneself and others. To prevent bullying and respond promptly if it occurs, we conduct regular student life questionnaires, offer one-on-one sessions with our school counselor, and work in collaboration with relevant outside organizations as needed.

As we continue to promote the healthy development of our students through a wide range of educational activities, we remain committed to working hand-in-hand with families and the local community. We appreciate your continued support and cooperation.

The ESC Program- Fostering International Understanding and Language Development

ESC Head

At Nanzan Elementary School in Minato City, Tokyo, the English Support Course (ESC) plays a vital role in fostering global understanding and language development among students. Minato City is home to one of Japan's most international populations, with families from various countries contributing to the city's vibrant cultural fabric. This program reflects this diversity, offering support to students whose first language is not Japanese, while also serving as a bridge between cultures within the school. The ESC not only helps overseas students learn and experience things that can only be had in a Japanese school, but it also enriches the educational experience for non-ESC students. By interacting with classmates from different nationalities, students are exposed to a range of worldviews, traditions, and communication styles. These experiences nurture empathy, open-mindedness, and mutual respect—key qualities in a globally connected society. Moreover, non-ESC students benefit linguistically by having regular opportunities to hear and use English in meaningful contexts. This natural, immersive exposure complements their formal English education and builds confidence in their language abilities. Ultimately, the ESC supports Minato City's vision of preparing its children for an increasingly internationalized Japan. By encouraging cross-cultural interaction and multilingual communication from a young age, Nanzan Elementary is helping to cultivate a new generation of globally competent citizens.

June Goal

Find Good Qualities in Others
(Fureai Month)

June Events Schedule

Date	Day		Assembly, Etc.	Health Notices, Etc.	Periods/ Dismissal Time					
					G1	G2	G3	G4	G5	G6
1	Sun									
2	Mon		Replacement Holiday							
3	Tue	Kanji • Keisan	5 Period Day		5	5	5	5	5	5
4	Wed	Safety	B Schedule Ball-throwing lesson G1,3,5		4	4	4	4	4	4
5	Thu	Keisan • Kanji		Pre-pool Checkup 13:00	5	5	6	6	6	6
6	Fri	Reading	Physical Aptitude Test		5	6	6	6	6	6
7	Sat		(Open Playground AM)							
8	Sun									
9	Mon	Pool Opening Assembly	Swimming instruction starts My Assess CBT G6		5	5	5	6	6	6
10	Tue	Kanji • Keisan	My Assess CBT G5		5	5	5	6	6	6
11	Wed	JRC Initiation	My Assess CBT G4 Committee		4	4	4	4	5	5
12	Thu	Keisan • Kanji	Water Caravan G4 My Assess CBT G3		5	5	6	6	6	6
13	Fri	Reading	5 Period Day G6 School Trip Explanatory Meeting		5	5	5	5	5	5
14	Sat									
15	Sun									
16	Mon	Assembly	Evac. Drill Smoke Simulation Experience G2,4		5	5	5	6	6	6
17	Tue	Kanji • Keisan		Urinalysis 3rd screening	5	5	5	6	6	6
18	Wed	Tatewari	Research Class G5,6 G6 Theater Field trip	Heart Checkup 2nd screening	4	4	4	4	5(4)	5
19	Thu	Keisan • Kanji	G5 Summer Camp Explanatory Meeting	Hearing Checkup G1	5	5	6	6	5	6
20	Fri	QU • Class			4	4	4	4	4	4
21	Sat		(Open Playground AM)							
22	Sun									
23	Mon	Assembly		G5 Scoliosis Exam 13:30~	5	5	5	6	6	6
24	Tue	Kanji • Keisan	G3 Social Studies Field Trip		5	5	5	6	6	6
25	Wed	Music Assembly	Unicef Fundraising Club	Color Vision Checkup G4	4	4	4	5	5	5
26	Thu	School Life Questionnaire	Unicef Fundraising	Color Vision Checkup G4	5	5	6	6	6	6
27	Fri	Keisan • Kanji	Open School (Until period 5) Safety Lesson Unicef Fundraising		5	5	5	5	5	5
28	Sat		Saturday School Open Morals Lecture Unicef Fundraising Ends		3	3	3	3	3	3
29	Sun									
30	Mon	Assembly	Committee	End of Scheduled Checkups	5	5	5	5	6	6

Any day that is not marked as "B schedule" is an A schedule.

Dismissal Time

【A Schedule】 3 Periods : 11:40 4 Periods : 13:15 5 Periods : 14:40 6 Periods : 15:30

【B Schedule】 4 Periods(With Lunch) : 12:55 4 Periods(Without Lunch) : 12:10 5 Periods : 13:55

***For Detailed dismissal times please see the notifications from each class**

Notice to All Grades

◆Regarding Swimming Instruction◆

Starting on the 9th (Mon), swimming lessons will begin. Please refer to the notice that will be sent home soon for a list of items your child will need to bring, and make sure everything is prepared in advance. On the day of swimming lessons, if the pool card is not properly stamped/signed and filled out, we will not be able to confirm your child's health condition at home, and they will not be allowed to participate. The same applies if any required items are forgotten. If your child needs to sit out and observe the lesson, please be sure to write "Observation" clearly on the pool card. Observation will generally take place under the tent by the poolside, so we appreciate your understanding.

◆Regarding the Physical Aptitude Test Awareness Survey◆

We kindly ask all families to complete an online survey regarding the upcoming Physical Fitness Test. This survey will be conducted for all grade levels, and we ask that it be completed at home. A letter containing a QR code for accessing the survey will be sent home at a later date. Please use your device to scan the code and complete the questionnaire. The deadline for submission is June 13th (Fri). We appreciate your cooperation in helping us gather this important information.

*Please note that the survey is in Japanese, however the iPad Safari browser can auto-translate into English by clicking the "AA" icon in the search bar at the top. Please contact the school if you are having trouble using the auto-translate function.

◆Regarding the JRC Initiation◆

On the morning of the 11th (Tue), we will hold the JRC (Japan Red Cross) Initiation Ceremony in the gym. To help students understand the purpose and activities of the JRC, and to deepen their awareness of being a part of it, we will welcome a guest speaker from the Japanese Red Cross Society.

In addition, from the 25th (Wed) to the 28th (Sat) (during the open school period), we will be conducting a UNICEF fundraising campaign. We encourage you to discuss this initiative at home, and appreciate your understanding and support.

◆Regarding Change in Hats◆

Our school will change from navy hats to white hats from June to September. Please have your child come to school in the white hat from the 3rd (Tue). Please also check the strap and that their name is written on it. We appreciate your cooperation.

◆Regarding Open School◆

There will be open school on the 27th (Fri), on the 28th (Sat) there will be a guest lecture on morals. We understand that everyone has a busy schedule, but we hope you will take this opportunity to observe your child's daily learning and school life. Further details will be provided in a letter from the school at a later date.

Grade Level Notices (June)

1st Grade

○Regarding Attire for art and things to bring

On June 4 (Wed) students will take part in a lesson titled "What Can We Do with Sand?" where they will be engaging in hands-on activities using sand. Please prepare a towel for wiping hands and feet, placed inside a plastic bag with their name on it. Also, make sure your child comes to school in comfortable clothes that can get dirty and are easy to move in. (Please note that the schedule may change in the event of rain.)

○Regarding care of the keyboard harmonica

Starting in June, students will begin keyboard harmonica. During practice, students will use a handkerchief to clean any moisture or saliva that collects in the harmonica tube. Please make sure your child brings a handkerchief to school each day.

○Regarding the lesson on traditional Japanese etiquette

June 25 (Wed) ③1-1 ④1-2

We will be inviting a guest instructor from the Urasenke school of tea ceremony to teach students the proper way to use chopsticks as part of their learning about traditional Japanese manners. Parents and guardians are also welcome to join this special lesson.

Further details will be provided at a later date via *Suguru*.

2nd Grade

○Regarding June Evacuation Drill・Smoke Simulation Experience

As part of our June evacuation drill, students will review how to evacuate safely in the event of a fire. Following the drill, 2nd grade students will participate in a smoke simulation experience to better understand how to stay safe in smoky conditions. If you have any concerns about your child's health or participation, please do not hesitate to contact the homeroom teacher.

○Regarding care of the keyboard harmonica

Students are playing the keyboard harmonica. During practice, students will use a handkerchief to clean any moisture or saliva that collects in the harmonica tube. Please make sure your child brings a handkerchief to school each day.

3rd Grade

○Regarding the Social Studies Field Trip

On June 24 (Tue), we will be going on a local area bus tour. We plan to visit places such as Tokyo Tower and Odaiba Seaside Park.

Please prepare a packed lunch and a water bottle for your child. Further details will be provided in the itinerary that will be distributed at a later date.

We are scheduled to return to school at 14:50, and dismissal is expected to be around 15:00. Please note that this is later than the usual dismissal time on a regular five-period school day. Also, please be aware that arrival times may vary depending on traffic conditions.

○Regarding the Calligraphy Brushes

Students will take home the brushes after practicing calligraphy. Please wash them at home and have them bring it back to school.

4th Grade

○Regarding June Evacuation Drill・Smoke Simulation Experience

As part of our June evacuation drill, students will review how to evacuate safely in the event of a fire. Following the drill, 4th grade students will participate in a smoke simulation experience to better understand how to stay safe in smoky conditions. If you have any concerns about your child's health or participation, please do not hesitate to contact the homeroom teacher. Please also take this opportunity to talk to your child about your family's safety plan and what to do in case of fire.

○Regarding Water Caravan・Sewer Caravan

As part of our social studies unit "Where Does Our Water Come From?", students will take part in a special hands-on lesson delivered by guest instructors. This activity will give students the opportunity to experience firsthand how clean, safe water reaches our homes, deepening their understanding of the water supply system. We hope this will also help students develop a greater sense of appreciation and responsibility for using water wisely.

5th Grade

○Regarding Home Economics Cooking Lessons

Upcoming Cooking Lesson: "Colorful Boiled Vegetable Salad and Boiled Egg". Class 1 will have their cooking lesson on June 17 (Tue), and Class 2 on, June 12 (Thu). Thank you very much for your cooperation with the recent allergen ingredient survey.

Items to Bring: Apron, bandana, mask, hand towel, dish cloth, plastic bag (to take used items home. Please write your child's name clearly with a permanent marker)

○Regarding Summer Camp

There will be an explanatory meeting for camp on the 19th (Thu).

Place: Gym Time: 14:40~ We understand that you are busy but we would appreciate your attendance.

○Regarding the Research Class

There will be a research class on the 18th (Wed) for class 2. They will go home after 5 periods, around 14:40.

6th Grade

○Regarding the Field Trip: "Theater of the Heart" – Shiki Theatre Company Performance

On Wednesday, June 18th, students will attend a performance of "Theater of the Heart" by the Shiki Theatre Company at Ota City Hall "Aplico". Students will travel by train. The performance begins at 10:30 a.m., and they are expected to return to school after 1:30 p.m. As lunch cannot be provided at school that day, please prepare a packed lunch for your child. Lunch will be eaten in the classroom after returning to school.

Items to Bring: Backpack, water bottle, packed lunch, handkerchief, tissues, foldable umbrella, school hat

※We will put the packed lunch in the classroom.

○Regarding the Grade 6 School Trip Explanatory Meeting

On the 13th (Fri) there will be an explanatory meeting for the grade 6 school trip.

Place: Gym Time: 14:30~

We understand that you are busy but we would appreciate your attendance.