



## Look at the Birds in the Sky

The monthly hymn in June at our school is the song "Look at the Birds in the Sky". This song comes from the words in the Bible with which Jesus told us not to worry about tomorrow.

In the Old Testament, there are many kings such as King David and King Solomon. The time of King Solomon was a particularly mellow and prosperous time, a time of luxury. Jesus said, "Look at the flowers in the fields. Even Solomon, in all his glory, was not as well dressed as these flowers. He also said, "Look at the birds in the air. They don't grow crops, but our Heavenly Father nourishes them. At our school, some *uguisu* or bush warblers, are singing today. Many other birds are perching on the trees and singing for us. Even the birds in the air and the weeds in the fields are being touched by God's mercy. On our school campus, there are lots of green leaves and young foliage. Beautiful flowers bloom. There are even fruit trees. Birds sing and nature gives us clean air here. In this environment, you help one another with your friends, study together, and share joy with your family by going home and showing your father, mother, and brothers and sisters how happy you are. Jesus also lived a family life with Joseph and Mary in Bethlehem and Nazareth in the land of the Jews, and Jesus became the source of joy in the family.

Now, people from Ukraine have come to Japan and are learning Japanese. They have lost their homes due to the war and are looking for a place to live. They, like us, want to sleep in a clean bed. It is very pleasing to God that we donate a little money to them and pray to Mother Mary to help them.

In the Principal's room, 17/06/2022

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**Monthly Verse:** Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. Matthew 5:5

**Monthly Hymn:** "Please Do Not Forget"

**Monthly Motto:** Let's prevent injury and accident. Let's be safe.

Let's review the first term and prepare for summer break.

**Monthly Safety Goal:** Let's stay calm and quiet on the bus.



## **Grade 6 Swimming Lesson**

On the 6<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of this month, the 6<sup>th</sup> graders went for the first swimming lesson this school year. Students are divided into four groups according to the level of swimming skills. Students had a great time practicing their skills.

Students who swam the longest distance received instructions on how to move their shoulders in a better way and the timing of breathing. Students who were not skillful at swimming are happy to receive an explanation on how to use their body in the water and explanation on how actual swimming skills being practiced. Everything went smoothly and even started earlier according to the time schedule and got good compliments from the swimming instructors.

The next schedule of swimming lessons is for grade 5 students and lower grades is next month. A detailed letter will be distributed to the students on their participation. On the scheduled date of swimming, students must not forget any item for use including participation agreement.

## **Kanji Kentei**

The Kanji proficiency test took place on June 9<sup>th</sup> Friday. 4 students for Level 5, 12 for Level 6, 13 for Level 7, 10 for Level 8, 15 for Level 9, 10 for Level 10, a total of 64 students took the test. 7 of them were first graders. The results will be released and announced at the end of July. For students who did not take the last test, there will be another chance to try.

## **Toothbrushing Competition**

Every year from June 4<sup>th</sup> to June 10<sup>th</sup> is the “Tooth and Mouth Health Week”. During this period, the toothbrushing competition takes place. The 4<sup>th</sup> graders participated in it. In the competition, they learned about oral health: how to differentiate healthy gums from gums with inflammation, how to brush their teeth properly, and how to use dental floss. Actual videos and demonstrations of how to brush your teeth and how to use a dental floss are available on the competition’s website. Families of all graders are encouraged to watch it. (The videos are available until June 30<sup>th</sup> Friday.)



## **Parents’ Observation Day, General Meeting and Individual Parents-Teacher Conferences**

Thank you for visiting our school for the general meeting, parents class observation and individual parents-teacher conferences. For parents who were not able to attend the general meeting, the documents that were distributed during the meeting will be given to the student.

## **After School Study and Play Ends**

After school study and play for the first term will end on July 7<sup>th</sup> Friday. Dismissal time will be back to normal schedule.

## **School Cleaning**

On July 20<sup>th</sup> Thursday, during the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> periods from 12:55 we will have our first term school general cleaning. Cleaning areas will be divided for some upper grade students and teachers. Students can bring their own rubber gloves and towel rags. They will wear their own P.E. uniforms, and borrowing will not be allowed.



## From Library

Book lending for the first term will end on July 7<sup>th</sup> Friday. Books cannot be checked out during the long vacation. If you have any borrowed books at home, please return them to the library by July 14<sup>th</sup> Friday.

## Students Umbrella

Students that are coming to school with an umbrella on a rainy day must bring it back home on the same day. Folding umbrellas are to be stored or kept in the student's classroom lockers. Umbrellas that are left in the umbrella racks for a long-time span and without a name tag will be disposed of during the summer vacation.



## Summer Competitions

We will soon distribute a list of summer competitions in which students may enter their works if they want to. There are also a great many other nation-wide competitions students are free to enter, which are not introduced by our school. Please be sure to submit the works to the school if they must be submitted through our school. Moreover, this year, we will display their summer projects in the primary school building in 2<sup>nd</sup> term. Works may be crafts, research projects, paintings, drawings, calligraphy, essays or other things. Please be prepared to submit one work after the summer holidays.

## Jr. and Sr. Highschool Briefing Sessions

For families that are interested to enroll in our Jr. and Sr. high school department, you are all invited to come and participate in the briefing sessions. Please apply directly with the application form on our website. URL: [www.gis.ac.jp/secondary/event/](http://www.gis.ac.jp/secondary/event/)

Date	Reception	Explanation	Class Observation	Dormitory Tour
2023年7月29日(Sat)	8 : 40~9 : 10	9 : 10~10 : 40	10 : 50~11 : 40	11 : 50~12 : 20
2023年8月8日(Tue)				
2023年9月16日(Sat)				
2023年10月28日(Sat)				
2023年11月23日(Thurs)				

## Notice from Maria Boutique

The two types of school black leather shoes (boots type and loafers type with size 22.0 cm and up) are available for purchase at Maria boutique since 2020. The boots type shoes with size 22.0 cm and above are also available now for purchase but we have only a few in stock. It may take about 3 months upon order. It is recommended to try fitting the shoes at the boutique considering the differences in shape of feet.

For purchasing the school summer white hat, please make sure to write in the order sheet the size which is the same size as the beret hat: L-56cm, LL 58cm, LLL60cm.

## Student Accounts

Deductions for imported educational materials for the 2022-2023 school year are made in June. Fees for the A course materials run from between 7,100 and 14,000 yen. Fees for the B course materials run from between 27,100 and 60,600 yen. At the end of each month an itemized receipt is sent to your address detailing all deductions made from your accounts. Please be sure that you have the necessary funds in your account to cover school costs throughout the year. Failure to do so may result in your child not being able to participate in school functions or sit various exams hosted throughout the year.

and purchasing school items from the boutique. We thank you for your understanding. Account funds can be replenished by bank transfer to the following accounts.

Mitsubishi UFJ Bank Kisarazu branch savings account number: 0 2 7 9 1 2 1

Chiba Bank Kisarazu branch savings account number: 1 1 0 0 0 2 9

Date	<b>July Schedule</b>	Departure times	After School Study/Play
1(Sat)	Open School for prospective students	13:55	—
2(Sun)			
3(Mon)	P.C. for A Course, Grade 3 and up General Assembly	14:45	—
4(Tue)	Swimming Lesson for Grade 4	14:45	○
5(Wed)	Club Activities for Grade 4 and up	15:35	—
6(Thurs)		14:45	○
7(Fri)	Last Day of Borrowing Books from the Library Last Day for After School Study and Play	14:45	○
8(Sat)		13:55	—
9(Sun)			
10(Mon)	P.C. for B Course, Grade 3 and up	14:45	—
11(Tue)	Swimming Lesson for Grade 3	14:45	—
12(Wed)	Committee for Grade 5 and up	15:35	—
13(Thurs)		14:45	—
14(Fri)	Last Day for Returning Borrowed Books from the Library	14:45	—
15(Sat)	1 <sup>st</sup> Test for Transfer Students	13:55	—
16(Sun)			
17(Mon)	Marine Day		
18 (Tue)		14:45	—
19 (Wed)	Club Activities for Grade 4 and up	15:35	—
20(Thurs)	School General Cleaning (5 <sup>th</sup> and 6 <sup>th</sup> period)	14:45	—
21(Fri)		14:45	—
22(Sat)	Last Day of 1 <sup>st</sup> Term, Closing Ceremony * Students will leave after lunch	<b>12:00</b>	—
Summer Vacation from July 23 <sup>rd</sup> until August 31 <sup>st</sup> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Term School Opening Ceremony on September 1 <sup>st</sup> Friday			
Note	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Please pick up the grade 1 morning glory plants and the grade 2 tomatoes. They are placed at the school entrance. Please follow the homeroom teacher's instruction and bring them back home by the closing ceremony.</li> <li>• Second term opening ceremony will be on September 1<sup>st</sup>. Lunch will be served and regular dismissal time.</li> </ul>		