

June 2017



AICHI INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL



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NEWSLETTER

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | 29 Sports Day Practice 1 PM | 30 Sports Day Practice 2 PM | 31 | 1 | 2 | 3 Elementary Sports Day |
| 4 | 5 Summer Uniform Mandatory | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 Elementary Sports Day (reserve day- in case of rain) |
| 11 | 12 Parent Conferences PM | 13 Parent Conferences PM | 14 Parent Conferences PM | 15 | 16 Chunichi Dragons baseball trip (G3-6 optional) | 17 |
| 18 | 19 | 20 G4 Police Station visit PM | 21 Swimming starts at Central Fitness | 22 | 23 | 24 |
| 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 Swimming | 29 | 30 Science Expo | |

Dear AIS families and friends,

I hope that you are all well, and that your children are enjoying their school life at AIS.

In May, we had our first field trip of the year to Makinogaike Park, which was a great success. Later in the month, the Grade Six class hosted our first class assembly of this year, focusing on a story they have been reading during their English classes, Charlotte's Web.

In June, we have a number of special events happening:

On Saturday 3rd, we will have our annual Sports Day event. We wish everyone the best of luck, and we hope that all the students have fun competing alongside their friends. From Monday 12-14th, we will have the first Parent Conferences of this year. We look forward to welcoming parents into school, and discussing each student's progress. On Wednesday 21st, the students will begin swimming lessons at Central Sports Fitness Centre. Swimming will continue every Wednesday for seven weeks. Finally, at the end of the month, on Friday 30th, the students from Grades 3-6 will host a special Science Expo event.

As teachers, we are currently undertaking training in using data to maximize student learning. This is in preparation for the arrival of the ISA test results, delivered at the end of May. As a staff, we will analyze the data and based on the needs of the AIS students, make adjustments to the elementary curriculum. For parents from this year's Grade 4-6 classes, we will also send the results home so that you can see your child's achievement in reading, writing and maths.

Thank you for your partnership in your child's education.

Steve Morris
Elementary Principal
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July 2017...

- July 5, 12th... Swimming
- July 7th... Tanabata Festival
- July 13th... Term One Violin Concert
- July 14th... Last day of Term One
- July 17th... National Holiday
- July 18-21st... Four Day Program



Grade One

Hello parents,

This month was another bit busy one, but our children were remarkable. They have been working very hard and are doing the best they can in all areas of their school life. We have had few outdoor activities and our children were delighted to experience the adventure. Our children have successfully completed theme one in Math, English and Art. In Life, we are still investigating parts of a plant, germination and how to take care of plants. The students thoroughly enjoyed their projects and their enthusiasm has been magnificent.

For the month of June, we will be quite busy getting ready for sports day, parent conferences and science expo. We will be having our annual sports day and I am happy to say our students are very excited preparing for their first elementary sports day! This will also be my first sports day and I am looking forward to it! I am also looking forward to seeing you come out with your spirit of sportsmanship, cheering and supporting your child in this amazing event!

In addition, for the month of June, parent conferences will be held. This will provide you the opportunity to share, discuss and ask questions that could help your child in their learning and social development. I look forward to discussing with you your child's progress and how we can move forward to make their school life a success.

We look forward to seeing you at sports day and parent conferences!

Lastly, with the increase in temperature as we move closer to summer, please take care and stay hydrated!

Ms. Hunter

Grade Two

Dear Grade Two Families,

It has been great getting to know each other this past couple of months. We've had a busy Spring and it's shaping up to be a busy Summer as well.

We are working hard to get ready for Sports Day on June 3rd. There will be games and fun for everyone. I am sure we will all have a great time. I am also looking forward to getting some conference time during June 12-14th in order to get to know each other better and share ideas.

This coming month, we will be learning about number patterns and shapes in Math. We will be focusing on shades and colors in Art. We will be reading about Nature Walks in our English class. For our studies in Life Sciences, we will be learning about animal life cycles. We will also study how that relates to animal traces we see around our neighborhoods. Sounds like fun, doesn't it? Looks like we have a busy month ahead. Let's give it our best. Have a wonderful month!

Sincerely,
Mr. Meek

Grade Three

Dear Grade Three Families,

Wow! May has been a great month for us all. We have been so busy! The children in Grade 3 have lots to be proud of. In English we have read The Enormous Crocodile by Roald Dahl (my favourite childhood author). All of the children have shown great zest for this story and its characters, particularly in our drama lesson where we created freeze frames and brought them to life with sound and movement.

I would like to also thank parents for supporting the children in their home reading, it makes such a big difference to your child's progress.

In geography social studies we have continued map work and absorbing landform vocabulary. In personal social studies, we have talked about emotions and strategies to cope with anger, anxiety and embarrassment.

In Art we have begun making an ancient map using teabags (which apparently smell delicious!).

Science has a new purpose this month and next as we prepare our research projects for the Science Fair! Sports day preparation is also a big part of current school life and we all look forward to seeing you all on June 3rd.

Ms. Clarke

Grade Four

Dear Grade Four Families,

I hope you all enjoyed the Golden Week holiday and have been well. The weather is fast heating up but it was a fairly normal month in the Grade 4 classroom and there unfortunately isn't anything exciting to mention. The children are wrapping up the Journeys theme in Reading and will finish their Social Studies project in the next week. The same goes for Science where we are just wrapping up our first unit.

June will be considerably more eventful. I know the G4 are practicing for Sports and swimming will begin later in the month. The Social Studies project is a bit of a warm-up for the Science group project they'll be focusing on through June which will be presented at the Science Expo. They will be working in groups for this and it will be the focus for our Science lessons throughout the month.

The parent/teacher conferences are also coming up in June and we'll be able to discuss student progress and address any concerns at that time. Please be sure to make a note of anything you'd like to talk about.

Mr. Coote

Grade Five

Hi everyone!

May was our busiest month yet! It has been a pleasure to learn more about each of my new classes and hear from everyone about the different excursions and activities that the children enjoyed during Golden week. Some kids even took advantage of the time to rest up and came back more confident and more prepared.

In PE this month, we continued to train and prepare ourselves for Sports Day, with more focus on the actual events. Everyone has made improvements on personal goals set in our fitness tests and have worked hard to be ready for the event. No matter where they end up on that day, they all should be proud of the hard work and effort that have put in so far. Next month we will officially begin our unit on Volleyball.

In G5 Math, we are now working through multiplying and dividing decimals. Previously, we worked with solid figures, 2D and 3D shapes, as well as surface area and volume.

In G6 Science we have started to work on our Science projects, learning about the Scientific Method, picking our question/problem, doing research, and coming up with our hypothesis. We will spend the rest of the month compiling our experiments for the Science expo, which is June 30th.

Mr. Richardson

Elementary

Dear AIS families

In May, G4 consolidated and extended their ability to add, subtract, multiply and divide. G5 finished learning about Asia, and G5/6 learned about the elements of shape and form, creating 3D models using clay.

June Schedule

In G4 Maths, the students will learn about algebraic reasoning, such as "If $p=8$, evaluate $4p + 2$ " or "let n stand a number. If $n + 12 = 75$, what is n ?" After this, we return to multiplying, with 2 and 3-digit numbers.

In G5 Social Studies, having finished our topic on modern-day Asia, the students will now be focusing all of their attention on life in ancient Japan, including arts and culture and lifestyle.

In G5/6 Art, we will continue learning about the elements of art, including value and colour.

Thank you for your support and cooperation.
Mr. Morris

Elementary

Dear AIS families,

Can you hear the music?

It's been great to see the students at AIS excel in the music classroom. This month we are looking forward to our international concert on the 9th.

It's been a bit loud around the campus these past few weeks, for the entire school has been doing a boomwhacker unit. Boomwhackers are tuned percussion tubes that are lightweight, hollow, color-coded, plastic and tuned to musical pitches by length. They are used as musical instruments in the percussion family.

Mr. Wade



Boomwhackers

Grade Six

Dear Grade 6 Families,

In May, our students had many opportunities to assemble into their Sports Day teams, to do some team-building activities, and prepare for Sports Day coming up this month. I am looking forward to seeing them push their physical abilities and having fun. Let's hope the weather cooperates.

June is an action-packed month, as we also have swimming classes starting, in addition to playing volleyball in PE. Many students in grades 3-6 will be going to watch a Chunichi Dragons baseball game at Nagoya Dome. Through this outing, I hope they will gain an appreciation for the game, and be excited to play it in PE later this year.

In grade 6 English, we will be reading a new novel about a girl stranded on a deserted island, which ties in with our theme of studying Neolithic peoples in Social Studies. I also look forward to seeing you all at the parent conferences.

Sincerely,
Mr. Collett