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2023 Guidance

# OKINAWA INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL



International Baccalaureate Accredited School

**Preschool**

2 years old

**Kindergarten**

3,4 and 5 years old



We provide English as a medium of instruction with Japanese assistance if necessary. We develop strong English language and communication skills during Early childhood.



International Baccalaureate (IB) program is respected around the world.



Let's enjoy in English environment

school observations and trial classes are available



# WELCOME! KIDS

What? Why? How?

Let's find out together!

We keep you informed of your child's progress

## KidsDiary

It is a communication application between the school and parents. You will be notified to school's announcements and will receive photos and information child's class activities.

Your personal information will be secured.



### Team teaching

Both foreign and Japanese teachers are in charge of each class activity. We value the sense of security of both parents and children through team teaching.



### Park day

We go to the park once a week through school bus. Our children are full of energy and playing the park helps them to improve their heart, body and mind.



### School buses

We provide school bus service to a wide area within the Okinawa prefecture and close to your home. The bus route can be seen in the KidsDiary. We make sure the safety of your child in going to school.



### Small classes

The small class sizes are a great way to bring the children closer to each other and to form a good friendship.



4,5 years old

### KARATE class

From 2021, we started introducing the Karate class to 4 and 5-year-old children once a week. They learn the importance of courtesy and kindness to people and cultivate the spirit of pride in Okinawan culture.



### Local & Global

Learning not only being international mindedness, but also the identity of one's home country (Japan/Okinawa), students learn to be open-minded.



### Counseling

A counselor visits the school once a month. We provide a wide range of consultation services for the children, parents, and teachers from a professional perspective.



From 3 years old

### Class Activities

Reading is essential for children to acquire a great deal of knowledge. In classes 3 years old and above, Library Visit Day is held once a week which is a fun opportunity to interact with books. "fun opportunity to interact with books."



### PTA "NEST"

NEST is a parents' association in the Pre-K Department. We promote activities that support our children. Thus, storytelling and some parent-sponsored events are held.



Math

English

Japanese

P.E.



# Kindergarten



Owlet

3 years old

Eaglet 1

4 years old

Eaglet 2

5 years old

## PYP [Primary Years Programme]



The class name is after birds. While building and supporting each child's developmental skills, we nurture the joy of learning by doing.



### Owlet 3 years old

The goal is the development of English communication skills at early age. They start speaking English in everyday lessons.

We encourage change and growth by having them speak and listen to English every day.

**Enable students to achieve the following:**

#### Language

- Response to stories and songs
- Recognize lowercase letters

#### Math

- Writing numbers from 1 to 10
- Number correspondence 1-10

#### Inquiry Activities(UOI)

- Practical Living

#### Physical Activities

- Challenge various movements

### Weekly Program

- Inquiry Activities(UOI)
- Basic English ● P.E. ● Math
- Japanese ● Fun Day
- Park Day (Educational Outbound Trip)

### Activity Time English

Circle time is the time for enjoying singing and dancing English nursery songs.



### Eaglet 1 4 years old

Social skills are vital to develop at early age. We instill a caring heart by various group activities inside and outside of school.

We also nurture each child's creativity which will grow out of this.

**Enable students to achieve the following:**

#### Language

- Reading and Writing
- Conversation

#### Math

- Telling Time

#### Inquiry Activities(UOI)

- Telling Time Importance of family
- Telling Time Protecting natural resources and the environment

#### Physical Activities

- Move your body in your own image

### Weekly Program

- Inquiry Activities(UOI)
- Basic English ● P.E. ● Math
- Japanese ● Fun Day ● Karate
- Park Day (Educational Outbound Trip)

### Activity Time Math

Watch English videos to enhance vocabulary and retell the stories on their own words.

This is a good way to develop their confidence.



### Eaglet 2 5 years old

We nurture the ability to think and solve problems with a curriculum that responds to curiosity and motivation. Creative class activities in both English and Japanese.

**Enable students to achieve the following:**

#### Language

- Reading and writing Hiragana and Katakana

#### Math

- Recognizing numbers from 1 to 50
- Telling Time
- Interpreting graphs

#### Inquiry Activities(UOI)

- Hands On Activity
- Thinking about the community

#### Physical Activities

- Group games while fostering social skills

### Weekly Program

- Inquiry Activities(UOI)
- Basic English ● P.E. ● Math
- Japanese ● Karate ● Fun Day
- Park Day (Educational Outbound Trip)

### Activity Time UOI

In the inquiry activities (UOI), students consider endangered species, inventions, traditional culture, and the movement of the earth.



# OIS is the only International Baccalaureate educational institution in the prefecture.

The International Baccalaureate (I.B.) is a world-standard international education program that does not place priority on textbooks, grades, or entrance exams. We nurture global elites who can think, research, and act on their own initiative in both Japanese and English, and who are able to reflect on and take responsibility for their actions. Students will continue to learn throughout their lives as people with inquiring minds, compassion, and a wealth of international knowledge.

- ✓ One of the world's most prestigious international education programs headquartered in Geneva, Switzerland
- ✓ The Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology also recommends I.B. education from the viewpoint of global human resource development.
- ✓ OIS realizes "continuity of learning" through I.B. integrated education in elementary, middle and high school.

## I.B. Learner Profile



## School Days



## School Calendar

- Apr.**
  - Opening ceremony
  - Family day
- May**
  - Open school
  - Parent-teacher conferences
- Jun**
  - Sports Day
- Jul.**
  - Water play
- Aug.**
  - Summer vacation (Summer school available)
- Sep.**
  - Grandparents' day
- Oct.**
  - Halloween
  - Parent-teacher conferences
- Nov.**
  - Exploration of Okinawa (5-6 year old class only)
- Dec.**
  - School play
  - Christmas party
- Jan.**
  - New Year's celebration
  - Open school
  - Parent-teacher conferences

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## Primary Years Programme

### Features of the Primary Years Program, starting from Kindergarten.

#### A child centred approach

This is how I want to learn! This is how I want to work! We respect each child's individual attitude.

#### Five key components

Balanced development of five key elements of learning; knowledge, skills, understanding, disposition, and behavior.

#### Inquiry-based learning

Developing the ability to research independently across multiple subjects.

#### English Immersion Environment

The most important three years of a child's life are 3, 4, and 5 years old. There is plenty of time to be immersed in English during various class programs, playtime, and daily activities.



#### Interaction with upperclassmen

By increasing opportunities to interact with upperclassmen, we will develop the children's ambition to "be better" through admiration and the desire to imitate older children.



## Pathways from Kindergarten to High School

Integrated I.B. (International Baccalaureate) education system from kindergarten all the way to the end of high school

The seeds of potential have been carefully nurtured with love and care throughout kindergarten. At our Nanjo Campus, where the elementary, middle and high schools are located, motivated children energetically attend school to further develop their language skills and international education. Online classes are available in case of emergency, and school buses are available within a wide area of the prefecture.



### Kindergarten

**PYP**

Primary Years Programme

### Elementary

**PYP**

Primary Years Programme

### Middle School

**MYP**

Middle Years Programme

### High School

**D P**

Diploma Programme

# Preschool

Cygnets

2 years old



## Pre-School Programme

### From the caring arms of mothers and fathers to the first small society of school

Early childhood is an important time when the foundation of one's personality is formed. The Pre-K Department monitors the growth process during this period and supports the "budding of independence," in which children gradually learn to eat, dress themselves, and use the toilet on their own.

### Parenting Support

OIS's Pre-K Department provides global childcare for children and supports parents to enjoy raising their children while sharing the joy of their children's growth by attending to their thoughts and feelings.



### Learning to do a little more of what we can do

#### Fine motor skills

- Use scissors
- Gluing
- Rolling and twisting



#### Gross motor skills

- Running/Climbing
- Jumping
- Dancing



#### Language skills

- Convey your thoughts
- Use two or three words
- Use the alphabet A to Z
- Know what is hot and what is cold

#### Numbers

- Count from 1 to 10
- Recognize numbers and colors
- Understand big and small
- Understand long and short

### Weekly Program

This activity helps 2-year-olds develop cognitive and social skills, as well as body and hand-eye motor skills.

- Alphabet
- Checking Games
- P.E. Play
- Numbers Game
- Art
- Park Day
- Songs and Games
- Japanese
- Sensory Play
- Practical Play

### Activity Time

#### Learning English is Fun

Matching game in which children paste pictures of cars and rockets on the three boards (Land, Water, Sky). Children will naturally recognize English while playing in an engrossing way.



#### What color is it? Learning about Plants.

Petals, roots, and leaves. Learn the names of the flowers, roots, and leaves. Coloring. While coloring in the colors of your choice, you will learn the power of thinking and the joy of creation.



### Learning Through Play: Cognition, Creativity, and Cooperation

The 2-year-old is at the beginning of the "awakening of the ego". They want to do many things "on their own," and their "yes" and "no" answers are becoming clearer. The Pre-K Department focuses on these "hanges in the brain and heart," and encourages children to ask "Why?". We value the curiosity of "Why?". We give them "a little confidence" by recognizing, praising, and delighting them when they can do something on their own, and encouraging them to do their best when they are having trouble. After a "play-based" childcare program, we will move on to the "International Baccalaureate Education" starting from the 3-year-old class.

### Advancement from Preschool to Kindergarten

2 Years Old Class

Pre-School Programme

3 to 5 Years Old Class

PYP

International Baccalaureate Primary Years Programme

By the time today's children are ready to enter college, the term study abroad will no longer be used and everyone will be able to study what they want at universities around the world. OIS preschool education is designed to help children acquire the ability to be strong and active in the world, even as the global structure changes. If you are interested in global education, please feel free to contact us at any time and let's talk about education 20 years from now.

Director/Principal **Masato Chinen**



## Facility



Library



Gym (multipurpose hall)



Hygienic environment

## Kindergarten Uniforms

Traditional European tartan checks accented with traditional Okinawan Bingata. It is neat and active design.



## FAQs

### Q Is the kindergarten eligible for free tuition?

A Yes. Kindergarten students from dual-income families are eligible. Please apply to your local municipality and we will process your application.

### Q May I bring my own lunch?

A Please feel free to bring your own lunch. We can order lunches and snacks from caterers with advance notice. We can also accommodate those with milk and egg allergies.

### Q Are there naps or outside playtime?

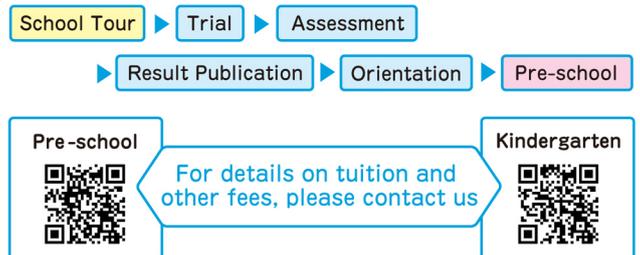
A Naps are from 2:15 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. and are available for children who use the extended care program. For outside play, each class has one out-of-school activity at the park each week. The rooftop is covered with artificial grass to provide a safe environment for class activities and free play.

### Q How do you approach Japanese and English?

A Daily class activities are basically conducted in English. Depending on the proficiency level of each child, we will also provide support in Japanese.

## Flow of April enrollment and midway enrollment

If you are considering enrolling your child in our preschool, please visit us to observe classes (by appointment only). We do not strictly require any level of English ability from your child at the time of enrollment. It is important knowing our school philosophy and vision. If there are available slots in a class, we will also offer enrollment during the course of the school year. Please contact us for details.



### Q I want to know how extended care works

A Extended Day Care is available from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. after the end of regular class pick-up time. Nap time is from 2:15 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. After that, your child will join the extended care group. A dedicated extended care staff member will be available to take care of the children until their parents come to pick them up.

### Q What nationalities are represented among the teachers and students?

A The majority of our students are Japanese. Foreign teachers in the childcare and kindergarten departments are Japanese, American, British, and Filipino. In the elementary school and above, more than 11 nationalities support our global education!

### Q What is the maximum number of students in each class?

A The 2-year-old class has a capacity of 12 children, and the 3 to 5-year-old classes have a capacity of 25 children each. This is a system that allows each child to receive individual attention and care.

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