

生まれてきたことを喜び、
感謝し、誇りを持って生きる

To be happy, proud and grateful
for experiences and learning everyday.



国際バカロレアPYP認定校

IB World School
Authorised to offer the PYP



I'm "Sisi".
I'll take you
around the
kindergarten!



KOBATO

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MACHIDA KOBATO Kindergarten

Since it was founded in 1966, “Machida Kobato Kindergarten” has been providing early childhood education and care to contribute to the education that promotes <“active-learning” from which the children will gain “positive attitudes towards problem-solving and living together”> for the region for over 50 years. And on the 18th March 2019, our long contribution of childhood education programme has been recognized and we became an authorized Primary Years Programme (PYP) IB (International Baccalaureate) World School. We became the first kindergarten in metropolitan Tokyo certified both by IB and the Japanese government*, and the third such facility nationwide. *Certified by the Japanese government: Schools defined as primarily legitimated schools Article 1 of the School Education Act

When we think of the future of children of today, education for their future should not only be the current and the past knowledge accumulation and its acquisition, but also need to include obtaining 'thinking skill', and gaining a international-mindedness not only as a Japanese person but as a member of the world, the earth.

All the teachers and personnel of Machida Kobato Kindergarten keep IB's "Learner Profile" in our mind to implement, to work collaboratively with parents and guardians, through understanding of cultural diversity and spirit of respect, we are aiming to foster international-minded, inquisitive, knowledgeable and caring young people to contribute to create a better and more peaceful world.

What is The International Baccalaureate (IB) Primary Years Programme (PYP)?

The PYP (Primary Years Programme) is an educational programme managed by the International Baccalaureate (IB) for students aged 3 to 12, PYP prepares students to become active, caring, lifelong learners who demonstrate respect for themselves and others and have the capacity to participate in the world around them. It focuses on the development of the whole child. The curriculum framework is uniquely adaptable to state and national standards, arranged within six "transdisciplinary themes" and the six subject areas. Guided by six transdisciplinary themes of global significance, students deepen their learning by developing their conceptual understandings; strengthening their knowledge and skills across and beyond subject areas.

<Six transdisciplinary themes>

Who we are
Where we are in place and time
How we express ourselves
How the world works
How we organize ourselves
Sharing the planet

<Six subject areas>

Language
Social studies
Mathematics
Arts
Science
Personal, social and physical education

Inquiry Activities of PYP

The base of the IB Education is children initiated Inquiry-based learning. The difference between the investigative learning is that IB learning challenges students to think themselves in accordance with "6 transdisciplinary themes" which worth knowing, and for children to explore ideas of "global significance". Deeply connect with things or issues children are moved or touched their heart or wanting to learn, and take it into deeper learning, and apply and lead those knowledge to "action" which will lead to the knowledge/skills to live.

With PYP, units are planned for children not only to acquire knowledge but also to develop overarching skills which relate to learning subjects / curriculum, in order to be well prepared for lifelong learning. And those of the above are the important factor in the new government curriculum guidelines. We believe those attitude and skills will definitely support fully the complexities of the lives of the students in the future.



Let's go for a tour around the facilities with essence of nature

Our Facility

In central Europe some people call their children “Sisi” with affection, and it has a meaning “little pigeon”.



Ground of Lights

Colorful light is reflected onto the ground, creating an immersive, polychrome world. Movable tent gives a good shade to cut the direct sunlight during the summer season, protecting children from ultraviolet ray.



Sora no Hiroba

An open and spacious place with huge hammock appeared right above the school garden. Enjoy walking in the sky or running around the track.



School Hall

Our hall has basketball hoops equipped as well, making it possible to move and play even on the rainy day. We also use the hall for various events such as ceremonies and exhibitions.



At Kobato, we started implementing English education in the classes since 1996 (8th Heisei) for children to reduce their confusion and worries when they go to primary school and start learning English. We are hoping children to learn and get familiar with English while

their brain is best able to absorb language, through plays in everyday life just as we all have acquired the Japanese language. By associating with several experienced native English teaching experts together, not only memorizing words but also we have opportunities and environments for output as well as receiving inputs of phrases and sentences. We also have Garden Class (pre-K open playground) for 0 year old and over, and by accumulating experiences from 2 year old class to be exposed to "Live English

language", and acquire "Useful English".



We have weekly swimming class with our PE teacher in our indoor heated swimming pool throughout a year from Nensho. Having opportunities actively involved with water from early childhood to dispel the fears of water and to make the basis of strong body, as well as nurturing a strong heart to challenge

with all the thing they may face. With children who were fearing water at first, gradually becoming able to put the face in the water, then dive under the water, and as going through the growing process, they begin to show bright happy faces. We are targeting to be able to float, and to swim by the time of graduation. During mid summer, we have pools outside and enjoy play with water under the sun.

From Nenchu grade, we start to have apparatus gymnastics and physical exercises such as ball playing to learn rules to play as a group.



"Rhythm class" is a physical expression class adopting elements of "Eurhythmics" and "Dance". It's been said that making body movements and listening to music, enhances the brain development and is also deeply related with emotional development.

In this class, we are to cultivate sense of rhythm and music, concentration, skills to express freely, agility, flexibility and etc. Children take the lessons consistently for 4 years starting from Little Room (Pre-K) through Nensho (K1), Nenchu (K2) to Nencho (K3) by our dance teacher, and by the last term of Nencho grade, they are able to make different movements with arms and legs, as well as expressing themselves actively. It also develops caring others and communication skills by making movements together with friends.



Journey to Sado Island (39th in 2019)
Every year during the summer holidays, Nencho students (and few graduates) take a journey to Sado Island without parents. Destination is "Marchen Kobato"; the little house children stay for 3 nights and 4 days. At Kobato, we go on excursions without parents

accompanies from Nensho grade, and get some experience to be away from parents. We take the excursion and sleepover events as important opportunities for developing independence of children. Surrounded by the slow and quiet rural scenery, children experience to think themselves, take action themselves, and overcome problems themselves through staying and sharing together in "Marchen Kobato" with friends, and through events such as playing at the beach, visiting mine, campfire and etc. Many parents get to realise the growth of children when they see children's proud faces at the return to Machida station.



Indoor Heated Swimming Pool

Indoor heated swimming pool for all seasons.
Help development of children's basic physical strength.



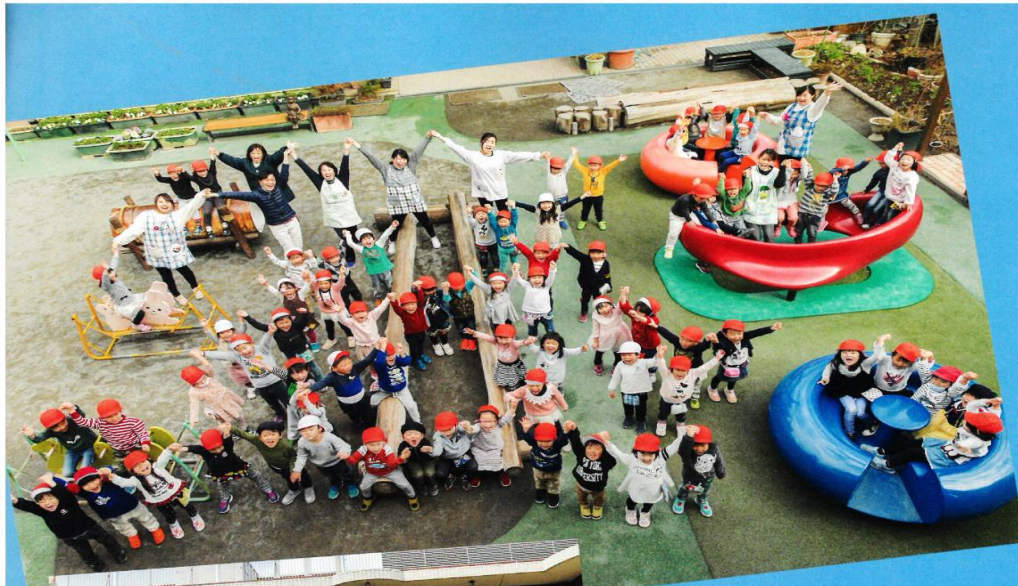
Handmade Oven

We bake sweet potatoes, pizza, and etc...
It makes cooking more enjoyable, looking into the actual fire.



Mini Shinkansen

Mini shinkansen operates on the railway track which runs through the school garden. Operating at the Garden class (pre-K open playground).
All the children's favourite.



We have variety of classes for children from 0 year old at Machida Kobato Kindergarten.
Gain experience by having interactions with people other than own families
in appropriate environments corresponding to the age and development stages,
to cultivate and develop the abilities.

0 year old
Garden Class
(pre-K open playground)

1 year old
Little room, first step
(Parent & Child Classes)

2 year old
Little room (Parent & Child Class) /
Periodical use childcare
(Parent-Child Separation)

School observation tour
and Information sessions
are held on a regular basis.
Please contact for more
information and reservation.

Preschool



Children at
age 3 and over
may enroll
kindergarten



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