

The Kosei Grapevine

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Issue 1

Welcome!!

Welcome to the Kosei English Newspaper. We call it “**The Grapevine**” because there is an expression in English about news that is passed from person to person. The expression is “I heard it through the grapevine,” and it is very common. Just as grapes are connected by their vine, we are connected by our communication. So, here is some news coming to you through the grapevine!

「The Grapevine」とは‘情報網’という意味です。ブドウがつるでつながっているように私たちは情報を交換しあって生活しています。校成 Grapevine でつながりを深めましょう。

Global Centre Events

The week before **Halloween**, the Global Centre was decorated and transformed into a Halloween funhouse. It was covered with jack-o-lanterns, pumpkins, spider webs, spiders and snakes.

On Thursday October 30th, Kosei celebrated Halloween with the 7th grade students and the 1F class students. The Halloween parties were lots of fun for the students and teachers alike. The students played games, made jack-o-lanterns, listened to the story of Halloween and received candy. It was a huge success.

Christmas is only four weeks away so we will soon be decorating the Global Centre to look like a Christmas wonderland. I can't wait!!

・10月31日はハロウィンです。前日の30日に中1生を中心にハロウィンパーティーを開いて外国の文化を学びながら楽しい一時を過ごしました。

・間もなくクリスマスです。すでにクリスマスの飾りつけが本館2階にされました。

Recent English Events

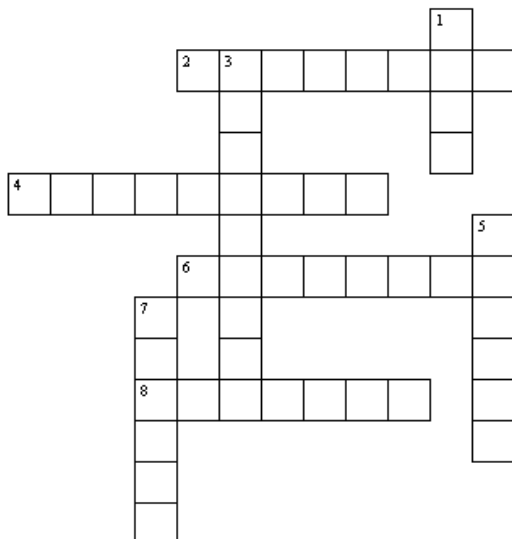
Last weekend there was a **recitation contest**. Junior high school students participated. Kosei students who participated were Ryouko Goto (9th grade), Marina Shinme (8th grade) and Kana Shinyama (7th grade). They all did a great job!

Eiken interview tests were last Sunday. Many students worked very hard last week practicing for the test. The results will come in two weeks, so cross your fingers for good luck!

- ・先週の土曜日私立中学校英語暗唱コンクールに後藤涼子（中3）新目真梨奈（中2）新山花菜（中1）が参加しました。よく練習して健闘しました。
- ・英検2次テストが16日（日）にありました。結果は2週間後です。



Kosei Teachers: Part 1



ACROSS

- 2 Nathan's hometown
- 4 Fujimura sensei lived in this part of NY
- 6 The principal's family name
- 8 Renee's family name

DOWN

- 1 David's middle name
- 3 Laura's home country
- 5 Clare loves to play soccer and field _____
- 7 Mr. Mendelsohn

What's Happening?

The **Music** classes are very busy these days. The Chorus Contest is at the end of January, so all of the junior high classes are practicing very hard. Each class will sing the same English song, "A Whole New World". Also, each class will sing one more different song of their own choice, but these songs will be kept secret until the performances. You may be surprised!

音楽は1月31日の合唱コンクールに向けてどのクラスもしっかり練習に励んでいます。課題曲は'A Whole New World'です。自由曲はクラス別に選曲し、2曲を歌って賞を競います。

In **Art** classes this term, the 7th graders are making mobiles using their own themes. The 8th graders are making puzzle cubes, painted with their own ideas and themes. The 9th graders are working on scrapbooks to commemorate their three years of junior high school together. One of the features of these scrapbooks is a New Zealand landscape. Everyone is working very hard and learning new ways to express themselves.

美術は中1がモービル制作、中2はキュビックパズルのデザイン、中3は3年間の思い出が詰まった絵本制作に取り掛かっています。

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In **P.E.** this term, the 7th Graders are doing table tennis and learning the parts of the body. In table tennis, they are learning how to serve, forehand and backhand passes and they also play "Simon says" to help them remember the parts of the body.

With the 8th Graders, we are doing soccer and they are learning how to pass, dribble and shoot. We try and end the lesson with a game which is always competitive!!

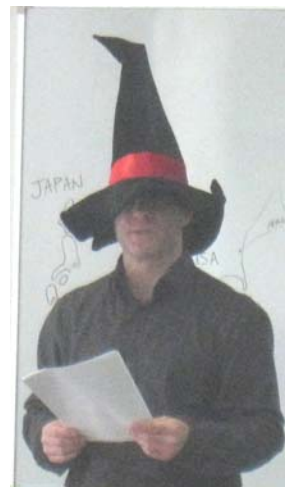
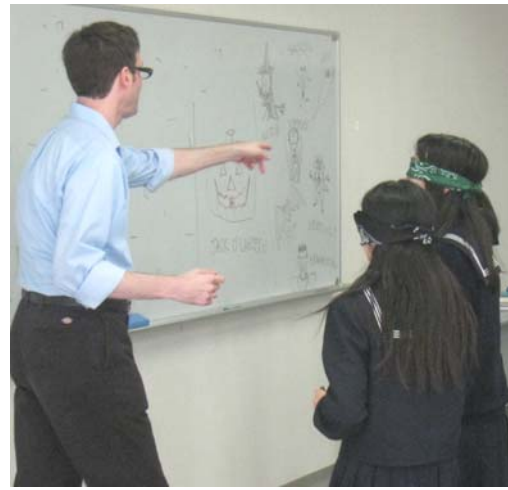
The 9th Graders are doing volleyball and so far we have done serving, passing and have just started to learn how to spike. Again the lesson ends with a game which is very competitive.

体育の2学期のテーマ

中1：卓球練習と体の部位を英語で言えるよう学習しています。

中2：パス、ドリブル、シュートを練習してサッカーに取り組んでいます。

中3：スパイクも練習に加えて本格的なバレーボールの試合を目指しています。



New Zealand News

It's now mid way through November and it won't be long before the 1F class head to NZ to take up their one-year study abroad course.

Since starting the school year back in April the girls have really studied hard to improve their English.

One thing that's noticeable in this class is the confidence the girls have now speaking English to the native teachers.

Also most of the class have passed the Eiken 2nd grade test, so that will put them in good stead for when they start at their respective schools in NZ.

Keep up the good work 1F!

On December 14th the students who have been studying in New Zealand for the past year will return to Japan. We all look forward to seeing them again and hearing about their experiences overseas.

The 9th graders spent a week in New Zealand last month. It was a great experience for them and many are thinking about joining the Study Abroad Program next year...

12月14日現在行っている4期生が帰国します。そして来年1月18日には5期生が出発です。この4月から留学に向けてしっかり学習してきました。英検2級にほとんどの生徒が合格して出発の準備が整っています。

中3は先月修学旅行でニュージーランドに一週間行きました。

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