

The Kosei Grapevine

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Issue 1

Welcome!!

Welcome new students! Welcome back everyone else! We are very happy to welcome all of our new students. It is always exciting to see all of the new faces and begin getting to know each other. New students always bring new energy that is felt by everyone. We really look forward to working hard together and having fun. Welcome! And it's always great to see all of the familiar faces we worked with last year and the year before, ready to take on the challenges of the new school year. Good luck, everyone!

新学期です。新入生を迎えて何か新しいとことが始まる予感にワクワクします。進級した生徒もまた新たな気持ちでしっかり頑張りましょう。みんなガンバレ!



Opening Ceremony

Kosei's opening ceremonies were held on the 7th and 8th of April. April 7th was for all the 8th, 9th, 11th and 12th graders. It went very well and all the girls looked eager to start school again. April 8th was for the new 7th and 10th graders who have come to Kosei from various schools. The students all looked great in their new Kosei uniforms. The ceremony went very smoothly and the parents enjoyed it a lot. Good luck to all the new girls. We hope you enjoy being a 'Kosei Girl!'

始業式・入学式

8日は在校生が登校して、9日は真新しい制服の中1生と高校1年生の入学式がご父兄も参加されてとりおこなわれました。

Kosei Junior High School English Immersion Program

イマージョンプログラム

Students of this program will learn communicative problem-solving skills in an English-rich environment while studying various subjects in addition to English and learning to cooperate and learn together.

英語で様々な学習活動を通して他教科を学びながら同時に英語能力を高める学習方法です。

Junior high school students at Kosei Gakuen experience English in unique ways. One way is specialized English language classes. Another way is English immersion classes. Together, these courses make a program which gives students lots of time listening to English, many chances to use it themselves, useful skills involving music, art, sports and computers, and a growing experience they can share together.

ユニークな英語の授業に、音楽・美術・体育・情報の授業も英語で行われ、英語を大量に聞いて更に使うさまざまな機会に恵まれています。

Specialized English Classes

In one kind of English class, students learn about and practice the nuts and bolts of the English language with Japanese teachers of

English. These classes give students the explanations and support they need in Japanese and build their confidence to try to use English.

英語の知識を日本人教師と学び英語の基礎を固めます。

The other kind of English language class is led by native English-speaking English teachers. Here students practice English as a tool for communication with native speakers and each other. This way they can feel confident and satisfied that their skills are growing and can reach for the next level.

並行して外人教師と習った英語を使って会話の練習を重ね、使える英語にしていきます。

Immersion Classes

There are four immersion subjects: Visual Art, Music, Physical Education (P.E.) and Computers. In these classes, the targets are the content and skills of *the subject*, not the English language itself. However, students receive all instruction in English, which is why it is called *immersion*. This instruction

is carefully designed so that students can use both what they are learning in English classes and their own problem solving skills to understand their teachers and successfully carry out the tasks.

美術・音楽・体育・情報がイマージョン4教科で、英語で授業が展開されます。英語の説明でも生徒たちが理解して学習できるように周到に準備され、英語能力を高めるためにも役立ちます。

Challenges and Difficulties

These classes are challenging, but students can succeed if they are patient, listen carefully, trust their teachers and always do their best. Students who do their best and never give up will gradually become more and more comfortable with listening to and using English to communicate and accomplish many different things.

授業が英語で展開されるためしっかりと聞き粘り強く学習することが必要です。努力する生徒のみが段々に慣れて英語を使いこなす力を身につけられます。

Junior High Immersion Classes

Music

All junior high students start the school year by learning the popular American song "You Are My Sunshine". 7th graders learn the chorus only. 8th graders learned the chorus last year, so this year we add the first two verses, and 9th graders learn verses 3 and 4 to complete the song. This way we all warm up with a familiar song. 7th graders begin learning alto recorder and 8th and 9th graders continue.

音楽

中1 "You Are My Sunshine" の1番、中2は1, 2番を、中3は更に3, 4番を英語で歌います。

この曲に慣れて、発声練習の歌にします。全学年でアルトレコーダーも学びます。

Physical Education (P.E.)

In P.E. this term the 9th graders have started with soccer and will build on what they did last year. The 8th graders are practicing for the Sports Festival. They are doing the Eye of the Typhoon. Already it is looking amazing! And the 7th graders have just had their introduction to the immersion programme.

体育

中3は去年に引き続きサッカーをします。中2はスポーツフェスティバルでおこなう"台風の目"の練習です。楽しみにしててください。中1はこれから始まる"イマージョン体育"の紹介です

Computers

All of the 8th graders take a Computer class this term. Firstly, the students will learn the English names for the parts of a computer. Then they will learn how to use Paint, Word, Excel and PowerPoint. The class is taught in English so it will be challenging for the students.

コンピュータ (家庭科情報)

中2が1学期にコンピューターの名前・、ペイント・ワード・エクセルの使い方を英語で習います。むずかしくなりますががんばりましょう。

Art

This year we have many exciting projects planned. We will be developing new skills and taking inspiration from International and Japanese art. The 7th and 8th graders will be focusing on sculpture and drawing looking at famous artists. The 9th graders will be developing text and image work for a peace-tile project.

美術

西洋と日本の両方の美術を学びながら新しい技術を身につけ、中1と中2は彫像や芸術家を描きます。中3は言葉からイメージを描きピースタイル製作をしま



English News

English classes are now well under way and everyone is working hard, having fun and learning new things. In the first week, basic greetings and conversations were practiced with the students doing mini speeches in front of their class. Phonics was also started as they form the building blocks of the writing system. Classroom English was covered which will be built on each week.

中学からスタートする英語は楽しみながら学習が始まりました。まず挨拶や日常の簡単な会話ができるようにみんなで練習しました。綴りと発音の規則や教室で使う英語を引き続き練習していきます。

The Grapvine Staff



News from New Zealand

I've recently returned from NZ visiting my family and while I was there I had the opportunity to see all the 2F girls who are studying and living there for a year. They are really enjoying their experience and are progressing well in English. One thing they like a lot is the different subjects they can study. Some of the girls take Drama, others study French, Spanish or German. They are also enjoying living with their host families. But they all say "I have to do a lot of housework!" Keep it up 2F, and we all look forward to seeing you guys when you get back in December.

Nathan

ニュージーランドに留学中の高2F組

ネイサン先生が春休み中に里帰りされ、留学中の生徒たちを訪ねました。みんな元気に通学し、英語もずいぶん上達し、特にドラマ・フランス語・スペイン語・ドイツ語など佼成にはない授業を履修して勉強を楽しんでいました。ホストファミリーの家事の手伝いもよくするそうです。しっかり勉強を続けてください。12月帰国する日が楽しみです。



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Important Dates This Term

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| Apr 29 | National Holiday – Showa Day |
| May 1 | Change to Summer Uniform |
| May 3 – 6 | Golden Week |
| May 7 | Sports Festa Rehearsal |
| May 9 | Sports Festa |
| May 21 | High School Midterm Tests Start |
| May 22 | Junior High Midterm Tests Start |

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