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Junior High School English Summer Camp

Yoyogi Olympic Centre

This year's English summer camp was the best yet! The students and teachers met on a sunny morning in the area of Yoyogi Olympic Centre and took this chance to bond with their group members and teachers over a bento lunch in the park. All of the students enjoyed hanging out with students from different year levels and the native English speaking and Japanese teachers.

The highlight of the camp was, for many, the "English Skit Competition". Every group did a great job and put a lot of effort into making their skits entertaining. There were some truly cool performances especially from some of the younger students.

Another highlight was the food! Mealtimes gave everyone a chance to relax and enjoy everyday conversation in English. As a teacher I could see the student's confidence grow each time we met.

All of the teachers and students are looking forward to joining the camp again next year! We hope to see you there!



My Summer Camp Diary – Maya Banno (3-2)

I enjoyed English summer camp 2011! Because my group had the power and unity and everyone was kind to me.

Robert was our group's native teacher. We talked about his love story with him. It was very interesting!

I asked, "What does a foreigner say when they tell someone their feelings?". He answered "I like you".

We screamed in a very big voice. I made a lot of memories with the others. I liked English summer camp 2011. Next year I want to take part in this camp again!



サマーキャンプ

今年も英語キャンプは成果を上げました。夏の日が照りつける暑い朝 代々木オリンピック記念センター近くの公園にグループごとに集まりお弁当を食べることから始まったキャンプ。ハイライトは何と言っても寸劇です。縦割りの仲間と楽しい劇にする努力を惜しまず協力しあいました。その中でも低学年の頑張りが目立ちました。

もう1つの楽しみの食事も 食堂に班別で座りお腹いっぱいいただき、英語で話しながらでしたが息抜きができました。英語漬けのキャンプですが生徒達が年々自信を高めていっていることを確信します。来年もキャンプで逢いましょう!

参加生徒が書いた感想から中3の坂野真弥と中2の北村友香のものを載せます。

Summer Camp Fun!

My Summer Camp Diary – Tomoka Kitamura (2-1)

I enjoyed this English summer camp! I can't speak English well, but Kyle and Marina were very, very funny and kind to us. Besides my group members were funny and kind, too.

We practiced the drama very hard. Kyle and Marina showed us a good example. My group leader said "Let's enjoy the drama". Of course we enjoyed the drama and did our best! It was a good experience!

I think we have made friends with seniors, juniors, Kyle and Marina on this camp! I want to go on this camp again next year. I hope to speak English a little more next time!

Introducing our new team member!

Mr. Paul Dowling

This term, we are pleased to announce the addition of a new member to our team of native English teachers! Please read his self-introduction!

2学期からポール ドウリング先生が新たに加わり英語を教えてくださいます。

日本のことをどのくらいご存じか ポール先生に質問してみましょう。



Hello everyone!

My name is Paul Dowling and I come from London in the UK. I have lived in Japan for five years but I have just moved to Tokyo from Hamamatsu in Shizuoka.

I'm really excited to be teaching at Kosei and I hope we can have fun learning English.

If you see me, feel free to have a chat with me or let's talk in the Global Centre at lunchtime.

I look forward to meeting you all!

Little Bags of Dreams

Kosei students also wrote letters in English to send with care packages to underprivileged kids overseas this year. These letters will go to Israel, Sri Lanka, Northern Ireland, Afghanistan, Lebanon, Azerbaijan & Palestine, because these areas are experiencing wars, religious, racial, or ideological disputes. So many kids are suffering as a result. Living in a peaceful world, we want to show them that we care. This movement started in 1999. Kosei students sewed 90 bags and put stuffed dolls, stationery, post-cards, and so on in them this year. We hope that when a child gets the little bag and smiles, it will give us a smile too. We hope that happy faces will be spread all over the world.

戦争や対立によって大変な生活を送っているスリランカ 北アイルランド アフガニスタン レバノン アゼルバイジャン やパレスティナの子供たちに英語の手紙書き 今年も90の真心を詰め込んだ「ゆめポッケ」を作りました。喜んでもらえることを祈りながら。



Ricoh Black Rams Player, Tamati Ellison Visits Kosei Girls!

The first Ryugaku course summer camp was held at school just before the start of the summer holidays. All 39 girls from 1E participated in this camp along with many of their teachers.

One of the highlights of the camp was the chance to meet former All Black and current Ricoh Black Rams player, Tamati Ellison. Tamati is of Maori descent and came to Japan from New Zealand in 2010. This was a great opportunity for the girls to learn more about the Maori language and culture as well as the culture of Aotearoa, New Zealand. With Tamati's help, the girls were also able to learn the basics of Rugby! We thank Tamati for coming to visit us. It was a memorable day!

We wish his team, the Black Rams the best of luck in the coming season!



リコーのラグビー選手来校

1Eの留学クラスが夏休み直前合宿でNZ代表選手だったタマティ エリソン選手を迎えてラグビーの基本について教えていただきました。選手はマオリの子孫でマオリの文化についても知る良い機会になりました、2010年からリコーブラックラムチームに参加され、これからの日本での活躍が楽しみです。



Ryugaku course students spend an enjoyable morning sharing aspects of the Japanese culture with, and learning Rugby from Tamati.

Thank you for reading our newspaper. Please contact us if you have any questions or comments.
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