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Speech Contest Results

The first term is coming to an end and to celebrate, a speech contest was held for the junior high students.

This was the first speech contest for the 7th grade students. I'm sure some of them were very nervous but they did a great job and the level was very high. They told us about their hobbies, families and favourite subjects in their one-minute self-introductions. First prize went to Aika Tokuhisa. Good job, Aika!

The 8th grade recited the story of the "Country Mouse and Town Mouse." The students were judged on their memorisation skills and voice and there were some excellent recitations! Nene Takeuchi was the winner! Congratulations, Nene!

Finally, the 9th grade contest featured group presentations about Japanese culture. Each group prepared colourful and informative posters to help explain their topic. After some excellent presentations, Asuka Sugiyama and Akane Yamaguchi were awarded the top prize for their brilliant introduction to the local culture of Chiba and Kanagawa. Well done, girls!!

Congratulations on having a great first term! Have a nice summer vacation!

Above: The 9th Grade Winners

Below: The 8th Grade Winners



今年度も期末試験約1週間前に、本校中学生による英語スピーチコンテストが開催されました。昨年と同様、今年も学年によって発表するテーマが異なり、中1は自己紹介、中2は物語の暗唱、中3は日本の文化についてのプレゼンテーションを行いました。
※受賞者の名前は、上の英文に記載しています。

Study Abroad Course Camp in Rotorua!



Rotorua is a beautiful and historic town where you can see many geo-thermal wonders and experience Maori culture.

Each year the girls of the study abroad course take a short break from their busy day to day lives with their homestay families to meet up with their teachers and with each other in Rotorua, New Zealand. On Friday 12th July the head of our International Relations department Mr. Shishido and 2F's homeroom teacher, Ms. Morooka travelled to Auckland and then on to Rotorua to meet up with the girls. Rotorua is a beautiful town with relaxing hot-springs and beautiful lakes. It is sister cities with Beppu in Kyushu. It is also a place where you can experience Maori culture and enjoy a traditional Maori feast or "hangi". The camp isn't only about relaxation for the girls of 2F however. While in Rotorua they have a chance to catch up with their classmates and teachers after not seeing them for a long time and to talk about how their English skills have improved over the past seven months. They also have the chance to sit English exams and think about how they can maximize their progress in the last five months of their stay. It is currently winter in New Zealand making thermal Rotorua the perfect place to both relax and reflect.

School Trip to England

We are all looking forward to a summer but for the Ko 2 girls it is going to be particularly exciting as many of them are travelling to England! For many of the students, this will be their first time abroad so their stay is certainly going to be one to remember. Most students have already returned to Japan after a week of new experiences in the south of England however a smaller group will be staying until August the 3rd. They will be studying in an English language school and doing a home-stay with a British family - the perfect way to improve their language skills!

Already this year, the students have covered many topics about the UK in their Oral class. They have learned many useful things including how to read a train map, how to ask for directions and how to research their project that they will be doing in groups. Hopefully these things will prove to be handy when the girls are faced with the task of getting around, especially on their day-trip to London. As well at that, they have learned about many other fun things that will help them make friends such as UK celebrities and how to make small talk.

The girls are already working hard at preparing a lesson on origami that they will teach to British students in UK schools. We are confident that the Ko 2 students will have a fantastic time in the UK. There will be so many new things to try, so much English to learn, so many places to go, so many friends to make and so much delicious food to taste. Have a great trip!



高2 イギリス修学旅行

今年度から高校2年の修学旅行先はイギリスになります。この旅行のために、生徒達は約1年間から英会話の時間を使って、電車の路線図の見方や道の尋ね方、そして現地のイギリス人と仲良くなるための実践的な英会話など旅行で役立つ様々なことを学びました。



English Summer Camp at the Yoyogi Olympic Centre

Many of our second and third year junior high school students gathered at the Yoyogi Olympic Centre near Shinjuku for the English summer camp on the 11th and 12th of July. As always, the students were looking forward to this yearly event where they had plenty of chances to speak English with the six native English speaking teachers and of course with each other! This year our two visiting native teachers were from America and Australia giving the students the chance to learn more about these two countries. We had a lot of fun and games planned for the two days. This year highlights included the performances of the play "Streets of New York" and the scavenger hunt where students searched the village for the answers to various clues in English.



今年も7月11日・12日の2日間、代々木にある国立オリンピック記念青少年総合センターにて、イングリッシュサマーキャンプ（1泊2日）を実施しました。中学2年から中学3年までの参加生徒42人は、6つの少人数グループに分かれ、外国人教師とともにゲームやスポーツ、英語の寸劇など様々な活動を楽しみながら、英語漬けの生活をしました。



Important Dates

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| July 7 | Eiken Interview Tests |
| July 11-12 | English Summer Camp |
| July 20 | Closing Ceremony |
| July 23-26 | Study Abroad Course Camp |



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