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The Sun Comes Out at Otomesai to Celebrate Our 60th Anniversary

Students Shine in High Energy Performances!

Most of the junior high classes had chosen to do a performance rather than a 'corner' so there was plenty of excitement on stage. There was also a lot of variety in terms of format and content: 1-1 treated us to a dance/fashion show, 2-2 presented a "Middle School Musical" and 3-1 staged a very animated 'tea party'. This year's junior high winners were 3-2 who came up with an at times jaw dropping 'black light show'.

The first year senior high girls were equally impressive. The winners in this group were the 'Ryugaku' girls (1F) who put together a musical based on 'Sister Act'. Special praise should go out to Ayako Tatsuta who was absolutely brilliant in the difficult main role of Sister Dolores.

There were also great performances by the baton twirling club, the wind orchestra, the calligraphy club and the chorus club over the weekend but particularly memorable was the dance club's show this year, not in the least because it was the last time for Risako Tsutsumi - the dance club's heart and soul for the past three years - to thrill us with their moves.



Ko 1 students in action in front of an audience of friends and family!

今年の乙女際は多くのクラスが舞台発表を選択したため、講堂のステージはとても盛り上がっていました。舞台発表の中学校の優勝クラスはブック・ライト・ショーで観客を魅了した 3-2、高等部は「シスター・アクト」のミュージカルを演じた 1F (留学クラス) でした。クラスでの発表以外にも、バトン・トワリング部、吹奏楽部、書道部、コーラス部、ダンスなどが素敵なパフォーマンスを見せてくれました。

This Year's Otomesai Proves Delicious!

Our third year high school students went all out to make sure that this year's Otomesai was the most delicious ever! Snacks available from stalls manned by our students included tapioca drinks, naan bread and curry, Chinese buns, baked potatoes with butter on top, candy-floss and bite-sized takoyaki-style balls filled with vegetables! The students worked hard to make each dish as delicious as possible. Many stalls were so popular that they sold out of their dishes! In the end, the judges chose the naan and curry stall as the winner.

The food provided by parents was also very popular. Dishes such as frankfurters and mochi gave the schoolyard the atmosphere of a traditional Japanese festival.

For those who wanted to get out of the heat, there was a café inside the school building staffed by past graduates. Here coffee and snacks were provided for free along with smiles and a friendly greeting!

High School Classrooms Transformed for Otomesai!

By Ksenia

This past weekend, I had the opportunity to attend my very first Otomesai! On the first day, I led a school tour through several of the activity rooms. The kids were too nervous to go into a scary room, so we started with the treasure-hunt room (2-1) instead. It was actually much harder than I thought, but we got some prizes in the end! We also visited the trick art (2-E) and mystery (2-C) rooms, but my group's favorite was the escape-game room (2-A). I went in with two elementary school kids, and they were so scared that they clung to me with their eyes closed the entire way. But afterwards, they all said "let's go again"! There were other rooms of horror, which I enjoyed by myself on the second day. I did not think that I would be scared at my age, but the darkness maze (1-2) and haunted house (2-D) rooms were actually very creepy. The girl-power movie (2-B) was also very interesting, because I got to see the kind of crazy classes we would have if you all chose to stop being proper ladies. Finally, and very importantly, there was so much great food that I could not stop eating the entire time. Thank you for all your hard work, everyone!!!

England School Trip

How was your summer vacation? Did you have fun with your friends or go on a trip with your family? Well, the second year high school girls went on an amazing trip to England.

Most students stayed for just one week, but a group of around 35 stayed for a whole month. First, everyone stayed with a host family in Cheltenham for a week. Cheltenham is a nice town in the west of England. From there they could visit cool and interesting places like the historic cities of Bath and Oxford, where the girls saw the dining room from Harry Potter. They also went to Stratford-upon-Avon. Do you know which famous person came from Stratford-upon-Avon? I'll give you a hint: He wrote 'Romeo & Juliet'. Keep reading to find the answer!

After one week, most students returned to Japan but the remaining students moved to Brighton. Brighton is a fun city on the south coast of England, famous for its beach and fish 'n' chips. The students could enjoy learning English at a language school and made friends from all over the world. And, luckily for them, the weather was fantastic. It stayed sunny and dry for most of the trip.

By August 1st, all the students had arrived back in Japan with lots of souvenirs for their friends and family. They had a really great time! By the way, do you know who came from Stratford-upon-Avon? It was William Shakespeare! Enjoy the second term, everyone!

Young Americans Delight with a Fun-Filled Show!

Our annual visit from the Young Americans, a talented troupe of young musicians and dancers from around the world, is always anticipated with great excitement. The group's goal is to spread a message of peace and international understanding through song and dance.

The experience started on the 16th of July as our students nervously greeted this year's troupe. However, the students came out of their shells as soon as they saw the massive smiles on the faces of the Young Americans. These smiles were all the encouragement that they needed to start interacting in English and working on their dance moves! The students worked hard to learn the English songs before the performance on the third day and impress their friends and family.

As always, the performance was a massive success and when it came time to say good-bye there was not a dry eye in the house! It is safe to say that all of the first year high school students who took part in this year's workshop came away with a deepened knowledge of the world and the important role that they can play in its future!



Coming up in our next issue, news on...

- The school trip to New Zealand
- Halloween activities

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KGGS 1st Year Students Take to the Streets of Yokohama!

Each year all of the first year high school students enrolled on our KGGS Study Abroad Course meet for several study camps. These camps provide an important opportunity for the students to get to know each other better while focusing on improving their English skills.

At the end of August the 40 girls of this year's class spent three days at the Yokohama Fumonkan for one of these camps. Our students always enjoy the chance to visit Yokohama and learn more about the unique culture and heritage of this beautiful city. This year the students had the task of taking to the streets of Yokohama's most popular tourist areas and interviewing foreign visitors and residents in English. The students thought hard about what kind of questions they wanted to ask, each group choosing a theme such as "Japanese Food" or "The Seasons" to focus on. The students were very excited as they set off to visit areas including Yokohama's famous China Town. Each group successfully interviewed a number of people from different countries.

Upon returning to Yokohama each group showed a short clip from one of their interviews and presented their findings. Not only did they learn a lot about the world, but they also felt the joy of communicating in English.

Important Dates

October 5 th	Oeshiki
October 11 th	Eiken Examinations
October 13 th	National Athletics Day
October 18 th – 25 th	School Trip to New Zealand
November 3 rd	Culture Day

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