

# The Kosei Grapevine

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## Super Global Class Fieldwork Presentation Session

As part of our Otomesai cultural festival, the girls of the Super Global Class gave presentations related to their Thai Fieldwork in English.

First, two groups of girls from the second intake made presentations about how they carried out fieldwork at the various NGOs they visited during time in Thailand in July. Aika Tokuhisa and Haruka Asayama talked about visiting the ILO in Bangkok and Fuka Niwano and Runa Shimizu talked about staying in the Karen village of Hin Lad Nai in Northern Thailand.

After this, four students from the first intake talked about their time in London. Nao Itabashi and Moe Shibatani introduced SOAS and the University of London. Then, Kurumi Baba and Sayaka Sugihara introduced St. Giles Language School. The first intake students spent six weeks studying at these institutions in April and May. While in London the students studied how to write up the results of their Thai fieldwork in academic English. Finally, Aoi Kono and Sayumi Minamoto presented their reports. Aoi's report focused on poverty and education in Thailand, while Sayumi's focused on the theme of fair trade. These two students spoke in both English and Japanese!

All of the girls made impressive and easy to understand presentations which helped the audience to understand just how much they had gained through their experiences in both Thailand and London!



*The presenters make PowerPoint presentations!*



*Aoi and Sayumi spoke in both Japanese and English.*



## Pets in Japan and New Zealand

**Hitomi Matsuya**

Japan and New Zealand are both island nations with a high standard of living. They are similar in many ways, but there are some interesting differences. Today, I would like to talk to you about pets in New Zealand and Japan.

First, let's look at how many households share their home with a companion animal in Japan and New Zealand. In New Zealand, 64% of households have a pet, whereas in Japan that's only 35%. Houses and apartments in Japan are small, so many families don't have room for a pet.

Next, let's look at the most popular pets in both countries. In New Zealand, the most popular pets are cats. About 44% of households share their home with at least one cat, followed by dogs at 28%. In Japan, the most popular companion animals are dogs. One in five people in Japan has a dog.

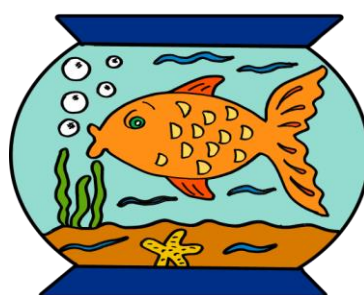
Last, let's look at some famous dogs from both countries. In New Zealand, Paddy the Wanderer was a stray dog who lived around Wellington's wharves in the 1930s. Workers around the area took care of him, and when he died the news was in many local newspapers. In Japan, Hachiko is the most famous dog. Hachiko was from Akita prefecture. He is well known for his loyalty to his owner. He continued to wait for more than 9 years after his owner died. The Hachiko statue in Shibuya is a popular meeting spot. Many people wait there for friends or lovers – but not for 9 years.

I hope you enjoyed my short presentation on pets in New Zealand and Japan. Thank you for listening.

## 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Speech Contests

### The Differences between New Zealand and Japan

In preparation for their school trip to New Zealand in January, the 9th graders prepared a presentation comparing aspects of New Zealand and Japanese culture. Students chose a topic that appealed to them. Then, guided by their teachers, they carried out research in the library using both English and Japanese language sources. After that, they processed the results of their research, wrote out their presentation, memorized it and presented it using visual aids like photos and posters. As always, the presentations covered a wide spectrum of topics, such as school life, food, sports, family life, farming and so on. The final took place in the junior high auditorium on October 20th. Third prize went to Hitomi Matsuya who spoke about companion animals in both countries. The runner up was Saki Maeda whose presentation was about bird and first prize went, yet again, to Sena Tokuhisa who compared family life in both countries. Jurina Mochizuki got a special award for best presentation in the B class.





# International Events!

## Halloween Party

On October 26th the first year junior high school students had their annual Halloween Party. This party was joined by all of the native teachers as well as several Japanese teachers (some dressed up for the occasion!) As usual it consisted of two parts. For one part of the party, the students got to make Halloween masks. There were many scary and beautiful designs. There were a lot of original ideas for masks too. For the second part of the party the students got to play some fun Halloween games and learn lots of Halloween words in English. For example, do you know how to say "werewolf" in Japanese? It's "okaminingen"!

At the end of the Halloween party the students put on their mask and went trick or treating. They got lots of yummy chocolate! Everyone had a good time.

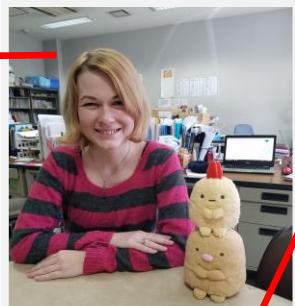


## Carter

Carter is a new teacher from the United States. She has been interested in Japan and Japanese culture since she was a high school student.

Carter is a fan of j-pop. She often goes to watch her favorite idols' live shows and plays. What's more, she knows everything there is to know about Johnny's!

Carter is currently teaching at our senior high school. Her classes include specialized Eiken writing classes for higher level students.



## Ian

Ian is a new teacher from the United Kingdom. He has lived in several different countries including South Korea and Thailand.

Ian's hobbies include watching football (the sport that is also known as soccer!) and acting. In fact, Ian studied drama at university!

Ian is currently teaching at both the junior and senior high schools. His classes include an after school math class for the KGGS 14<sup>th</sup> intake students!

## Young Americans Visit 2017!

The annual visit by the Young Americans dance troupe is always a highlight of the summer for our first year high school students. This year was no exception. All first year high school students were able to join a two day long dance and drama workshop hosted by this group here at Kosei Gakuen Girls' from the 17<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> of July. What's more, some students were able to billet the members in their homes. The workshop gave students the opportunity to improve their English language skills through actively communicating in English while preparing for their dance performance. On the third day, the students were ready to perform in front of their friends, family and teachers. As always, it was an amazing performance that showcased our students' many talents, and there were many tears shed when it was time to say good-bye!



High school students enjoying the YA experience!

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### Important Dates

- November 23<sup>rd</sup> Workers Appreciation Day
- December 3<sup>rd</sup> KGGS 13<sup>th</sup> Intake return
- December 16<sup>th</sup> KGGS 13<sup>th</sup> Welcome Home Assembly

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