

JAPAN SCHOOL NEWS

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British Football Academy's tenth anniversary jamboree



Participants of the British Football Academy's recent celebrations in honour of their tenth anniversary in Japan. SID LLOYD

On Saturday, 24 May, the British Football Academy (BFA) celebrated its tenth anniversary with a football jamboree. More than 300 children and their families turned up at Yokohama Country and Athletic Club (YC&AC) to play some of their favourite games like "Starwars," "Skittles," and "through the hoops," as well as, of course, football.

There were prizes on offer for the winners, and presents and free drinks (supplied by adidas, Coca Cola, and Footy Japan) for all the kids. Also, BFA's favourite charity, Refugees International Japan, came along to do some face painting for the kids (and spread the word about their great endeavours to the parents).

It was September 2004 when the British Football

Academy held its first classes at YC&AC, and since then it has grown to six locations with around 500 children participating on a weekly basis. Although the Lehman shock and the Tohoku Earthquake hit them quite hard, with many foreign members returning to their home countries, the numbers have been built back up again with many "internationally minded" Japanese. As BFA's classes are all coached in English, it's a great place for Japanese children to be immersed in a foreign language while enjoying a game they love to play.

There were kids from all BFA's age groups (3–15 years old) and some ex-BFA members helping out the coaches. At the halfway stage, everyone was treated to a football skills show by assistant coach Yuhei, who

amazed many people by what he could do with a football at his feet (and behind his head, or on his back ...). The founders of BFA, Sid and Paco Lloyd, then gave a quick speech before the games began again. The day was finished up with a couple of parents vs. coaches' matches, so the kids could support their dads. In fact, one dad managed to score a goal with a bicycle kick ... amazing! The winners of each of the kids' games were presented with their medals by head coach Dave Callaghan, and then everyone went home with smiles on their faces.

If you'd like to know more about the British Football Academy's weekly sessions or their three- and five-day summer camps, please visit <http://www.british-football-academy.com>.

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Global friendship at Gregg International School



K3 students presenting their gift of friendship — their handprints — to UK-based St. Thomas Primary School. SUE SOUTHERN

Gregg International School's "Send my Friend to School" events held last term were a great success. Millions of students from all over the world joined this global campaign to make a stand for education, as they called upon world leaders to provide more qualified teachers and access to education for all children. Gregg students joined in the campaign by performing songs and plays for parents, and by connecting with UK-based students at St. Thomas Primary School, for whom they wrote letters and made many arta and crafts gifts, including some beautiful hand-painted Japanese fans. They also presented a letter to a representative from the Malawi Embassy, asking the embassy to support the campaign.

Gregg students learned a lot about how disabilities can affect some children's access to an educa-

tion, with grade six student Abdul being surprised to learn that 7% of children with disabilities in New York don't go to school. The Gregg students were "given" a disability, such as the restricted use of an arm, or a blindfold, so that they were all able to gain a little understanding of how difficult it can be for disabled people to do things that able-bodied people take for granted.

Grade five student, Kai, felt strongly that all students must be able to go to school, irrespective of a disability, and grade one student, Leo, made up her own version of the Humpty Dumpty nursery rhyme, in which Hunpty Dumpty's friends helped him stay up on the wall.

See <http://www.sendmyfriend.org> for more information about the campaign. — SUE SOUTHERN

New International School of Japan now accredited by CIS

NewIS of Japan is very happy and honoured to be able to announce that as of May 22, 2014, the Council of International Schools (CIS) has accredited the school from preschool age three to Grade 12. This is in addition to the school's accreditation by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools (MSA).

The graduates of the senior school will, therefore, be able to take the entrance examinations for Japanese universities directly, without having to take high school equivalency examinations. The school has

also begun an exchange program for the upper and senior school students with the Compass School in Vermont, USA, so that students can experience study abroad during their high school days.

NewIS senior school is the first dual language high school program among the international schools in Japan, following the example of its primary school, where the children learn all subjects in both English and Japanese. The Scottish curriculum is also a highlight, as it is developmental rather than statutory in design.

International Children's Festival at Horizon Japan



Students from Horizon Japan International School Yokohama campus perform their US-themed dance for their parents during the recent International Children's Festival. KEMAL TEKIN

Each year at the end of April, Horizon Japan International School celebrates the diversity of its staff and students through song and dance. Each of the grades coordinates and performs a unique dance based on a different culture from around the world. This year's dances were from Jamaica, Russia, South Korea, Samoa, the United Kingdom, Canada, Brazil, Mexico, and the United States.

Students also created colourful country-themed posters to be displayed around the school. Parents and friends came to the school to watch the dances and participate in the day's activities. There were foods from around the world, fun cultural activities, and a PTA-sponsored bazaar. The festivities ran from 10am–2pm, and were great fun for all. — KEMAL TEKIN

Kailua students make friends at Rest Villa Homes



Kailua International School pupils are filled with the aloha spirit of respect, sharing, and love as they enjoy the day with residents of Rest Villa. ROBERT GOMEZ

Kailua pupils and the senior residents of Rest Villa Homes Tsudanuma mutually look forward to the visits scheduled at least four times during the school year. The children know how happy they make the residents when they perform songs and dances, as well as when doing creative art with them.

The latest visit was on Tuesday, April 29. After a short message from the school principal, the performances started with the usual "Hello Song." The singing and dancing of the school song, "Kailua Is Your Home," followed this. The drama club then led the group in the singing of one of the students' favourite songs — "The Only Flower in the World, Sekai ni Hitotsu Dake no Hana." The senior residents were ecstatic when the children performed with creative choreography their version of "Let It Go," the theme song from the popular movie, *Frozen*.

Other song and dance numbers were "L-O-V-E"

by the four-year-old pupils and "Day Oh" by the five-year-old children. Three young girls performed solo numbers: Takara Moriyama — "Hanamizuki," Haruka Kurimoto — "If We Hold on Together," and Hinata Moriyama — "Hula Dance."

The highlight of the visit was the decorating of a large koinobori with cutouts of hibiscus flowers that the children and the residents jointly coloured. It was a lovely sight to watch the children and the senior citizens as they engaged in lively conversations while working together. One girl was very excited to know that her partner in the decorating koinobori was a 100-year-old great-grandmother.

After the koinobori was completely decorated, the children sang the "Good-Bye Song" and promised to come back soon. It had been another heart-warming celebration of the aloha spirit by Kailua children and teachers. — ROBERT GOMEZ

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SATURDAY SCHOOL

- (38-40 school days per school year)
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- Kindergarten
- Elementary Basic English
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OTHER PROGRAMS

- After School Programs (1, 2, or 3 hours/day)
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International Children's Day at Jingumae International Exchange School



Members of the JIES community enjoying Turkish ice cream. KENAN ULU

Jingumae International Exchange School celebrated this year's International Children's Day by inviting students, teachers, parents, and visitors to travel around the world with them in one day!

JIES students and teachers worked very hard to transform their rooms into continents, and organize and lead activities and games to help people learn

more about places and cultures from around the world. Students from other schools and visitors enjoyed these booths, joined in treasure hunting in Antarctica, painted various animals of Africa, played European children's games, decorated boomerangs in Australia, listened to South American songs, enjoyed an ice hockey board game from Canada, panned for gold in the USA, and played different children's games from South Korea, Turkey, Japan, Israel, and the Philippines. This only begins to touch on the variety of experiences that the children and their families were invited to participate in.

Not only the students, but also the JIES parents were active in cooking traditional foods from around the world. Everybody had a chance to try new flavours from other countries. Parents also volunteered in the continent booths to help lead activities.

This year, students who visited a certain number of booths received prizes such as free food, including Turkish ice cream. Some of them were also lucky enough to get big presents in the raffle. Everybody was eager to taste the Turkish ice cream. — KENAN ULU

Revolutionizing education with technology



Hitokoe Yokohama students experiencing the school's interactive tablets for the first time. PATRICIA ALDANA

The eager and cheerful Hitokoe Yokohama International School (HYIS) students recently had their first chance to touch the school's interactive tablets. The school wants to keep up with the fast-paced creation of high-tech gadgets that assist and support preschoolers' learning. Each class — starting with the two-year-olds and moving on to the kindergarteners — patiently waited for their turn as the teacher made certain that their new "toys" were used properly and efficiently.

In the coming months, the curriculum will continuously integrate the application of technology in the various centre-based subject areas and in projects that the students will undertake, along with delivery of the school year's themes and sub-themes.

There are now many instructional applications and devices available to young students that will make their learning easier. For their benefit, the school wants to keep up with emerging technology. — PATRICIA ALDANA

International Children's Festival at Horizon Sendai

Horizon Japan International School Sendai Campus hosted an International Children's Festival on May 28. The event was open to the local community, and many families with children joined in to enjoy the international atmosphere that Horizon Sendai has to offer. Children explored the country-themed booths and met people from around the world to learn about different cultures and taste international food. There were also many stage performances from Horizon students as well as other community groups. — BARIS ARUK



Horizon Sendai students performing during the festival. BARIS ARUK

New International School of Japan school orientations

New International School of Japan's next orientation in English is scheduled for Wednesday, July 9, and the next one in Japanese is on Thursday, July 10. Interested persons are invited to call 03-3980-1057 for a reservation or to make a separate appointment.

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International schools help fund community library in Tohoku

Thanks in part to the generosity of international schools in Japan, this month will see the building of a brand new community library on a remote peninsula in north-east Japan. Most of the fishing villages on Oshika-Hanto were washed away by the 2011 tsunami, and very few community spaces remain.

The library will be constructed this month, thanks to donations from UK- and Japan-based individuals and organizations, including Azabu Music Together, Tokyo International Kindercare, Meikei International High School, and the India International School in Japan. For information on projects in Tohoku that your school can support, please email caroline@carolinepover.com or call 080-3433-4000.

Tokyo Association of International Preschools

TAIP provides networking, marketing, and professional development opportunities for teachers, staff, and administrators. See <http://tokyopreschools.org> for membership information. Current regular membership includes:

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Kids' summer programs in Japan for 2014



Jingumae International Exchange School

Chiba

Kailua International School's summer program starts July 21 and runs until August 29. Limited places are available for the six-week program (students do not need to attend for the full six weeks). Contact the school by phone on 047-479-7272 for more information.

Nanbo Discovery Camp's English-language, residential summer camp, opened in 1999, is located in Chikura, Chiba prefecture. Five- or six-day sessions include snorkelling, swimming, discovery, activity, science, cooking, campfires, and more. Contact David Green at info@discoverjapan.co.jp or by phone on 090-7716-0102 for more information.

Hyogo

Ashiya International School is hosting its summer school program from June 30–August 22. Open to children two years old through elementary school age. Students may choose to enroll by the week. Sign up early for the popular Vacation Bible School program starting July 21. Also open during Obon week! See <http://www.aischool.ed.jp>.

Okinawa

Okinawa Christian School International summer school runs from June 23–July 17. Half-day or full-day options available. Call 098-958-3000 for more information.

Santa Monica International School is accepting applications for 2014 summer school in Okinawa, Japan. See <http://www.santamonicainternationalschool.com>.

Sendai

Horizon Japan International School Sendai campus summer school runs from July 22–26 and July 28–August 1. The program offers an excellent opportunity for students to enjoy fun and exciting activities in the educationally stimulating environment of an international school. See <http://www.horizon.ac.jp/sendai>.

Tohoku International School summer school runs from July 22–August 8. It is a superb English course in Sendai for students from kindergarten to secondary school. See <http://www.tisweb.net>.

Tokyo

The **British Football Academy** is offering three Summer Soccer Camps in Tokyo for children aged 4–14, to be held at British School Tokyo, Showa Campus and Seisen International School. Camps run from July 22–24 (three-day camp at Seisen), and August 18–22 and 25–29 (five-day camps at BST). All children will be presented with an official BFA Camp T-shirt and certificate. See <http://british-football-academy.com/e/pages/camp.html>.

Gregg International School's summer program runs from Monday, July 7–Friday, August 8. Email balloon@gis-j.com or phone 03-3725-8000.

Hello Kids Myogadani is running its annual summer camp program from July 22–August 2, in Bunkyo-ku; and an activity-filled trip to Canada August 2–10 for children aged 6–10 years. See <http://www.hellokids-myogadani.jp>.

Jingumae International Exchange School 2014 Summer Open School. First session: July 14–18; second session: July 22–26; third session: July 28–August 1; fourth session: August 4–8. All sessions run from 9am–3pm. Tuition: ¥40,000 per week. Age group: Junior Class, 4–6 years old; Senior Class, 7–12 years old. For more information and to download an application, please go to <http://www.jies.jp> and click on "Summer Open School" from Quick Links.

New Hope International School's summer program will run from July 28–August 22. There is a preschool division (3–6 years old) and an elementary division (6–12 years old). Children can come for the whole session, a week at a time, or as little as one day. See <http://newhopecl.jp/summer-courses.html> for more information.



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PAL International Preschool and Kindergarten is holding seven weeks of alphabetical activities during their summer school in Minato-ku from June 30–August 15. Download an information pack at <http://www.pal-school.com>.

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St. Alban's Nursery summer program started on Monday, June 11 and will run until Friday, July 6, from 9:30am–1:30pm.

Yokohama

Horizon Japan International School summer program starts July 14 and runs until August 8, for children aged 3–grade 6. See story for details.

Hitokoe Yokohama International School summer program started June 2. Overseas participants welcome. Immersion summer school classes July 22–August 8. Hip! Hip! Hooray! Summer Fes' on August 8. Florida Homestay and Study Abroad Program, July 11–August 11. Special Summer sessions from August 11–22. Also accepting early fall term registration, specifically for ages 1 year and 5 months until 3 years old. See <http://hyis.org>.

The **Kanagawa International School** Summer Course of 2014 will be held in two of their schools — Kanagawa International School in Totsuka, Yokohama and in the new school in Fujisawa. The course will be six weeks long, running for five days per week from 9am–2pm. Classes will start on Monday, July 21, and end on Friday, August 29. This summer course is an opportunity for children aged from 2–8 years to enjoy arts and crafts, dancing, and show and tell, and to learn phonics, reading, writing, and maths. For more information, please visit <http://www.kischool.com>.

Saint Maur International School's summer school program for children from preschool (age 2½) to students entering grade 12 in the fall started on June 16. Students need not be enrolled at Saint Maur during the regular school year in order to participate in the Summer School Program. Japanese children attending Japanese schools are also welcome to register provided they are bilingual. There is no language requirement for preschool children. See <http://www.stmaur.ac.jp/learning/summer-program/index.aspx>

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New schools/classes

Ohana International School is opening a third multi-age class in the new school year starting August 2014. Register early in order to avoid missing out — only a few spaces available. Email Ohana. International.Sch@gmail.com.

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Family life in the Northern Alps of Japan

It has been just over nine years now that we have lived in our Canadian log home at the base of the Japanese Northern Alps. Time has passed by so quickly as we have worked to grow and flourish our business and watched our two children grow during those same nine years. Hakuba has proven to be a fine place to live and raise a family in genuine safety and good health.

With a small-town community spirit that has been more and more open to overseas visitors and foreign residents over the last couple of decades, it is becoming easier for international and foreign families to become part of what was, in the past, a relatively strong locals-oriented community culture. That local pride still survives today and why shouldn't it with the great accomplishments that the local people have had over the last century? Accomplishments like building one of Japan's earliest mountain huts on Mount Shirouma (Hakuba), creating one of Japan's first ski fields, and bringing the 1998 Winter Olympic Games to these mountains, as well as preserving a great deal of natural and cultural heritage — that maybe the local people's greatest accomplishment of all.

Because the wonderful natural spaces and cultural treasures in this area have been preserved, it has become a national and international destination for visitors as well as people like myself who have made this northern gateway to the Japanese Alps home. The local elementary schools allow for creative learning and strong academic study, and are great avenues for sports. During the winter, my son spends about six hours a week skiing, and the local community offers multiple after-school clubs and teams to join that allow the local children to be active and healthy.

I like to think that Evergreen offers local and outside children opportunities to get active in the outdoors and learn more about themselves, each other, and the natural world and cultural treasures around them. Like many of you I am a proud parent and so happy to see my son and daughter enjoying life and gaining confidence through the activities and opportunities that we have created here in the mountains of Japan. I have been excited to see the leadership that my son has started to show in teaching other children his age and older certain outdoor skills that he has become competent in. Just recently he received his CPR license through Wilderness Alert Japan and is well on his way to being a Jr. Guide at only nine years of age. Hopefully your children will be able to join him at summer camp here in the Japanese Alps — or maybe with your whole family if you can make the journey up into the mountains this summer.

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