



Satsuma Chuo High School Post - June 2012



Hello! Welcome to my June newsletter. Please enjoy reading it ☺

Rainy Season

This is my first rainy season (梅雨) in Japan. It's very tough (大変)! I don't like rain: especially when it rains heavily every day. I can't ride my bicycle, and I don't want to go outside. But the rain isn't my biggest problem! My biggest problem is the humidity (湿気). In the UK, we *never* have humidity. Humidity is very difficult for me, because I always feel very hot and wet. I become tired and irritable (感の強い). Kagoshima-Ken is beautiful, but the climate (気候) is very difficult for me!



I don't like rain!

The School Festival!

June was a very busy time for me, because I attended TWO school festivals, one at Sendai High School and one here at Satsuma Chuo! It was my first time to experience a School Festival. It was very interesting! We don't have School Festivals in the UK. We have talent competitions and school open days. I enjoyed delicious foods like cha-han with soup, cookies, snacks and barbequed sweetcorn with soy sauce. I had fun playing games and looking at the beautiful classrooms. I talked with many students. I also enjoyed watching the performances. The hip-hop dancing and the rock band were great! I think there are many talented students at this school.



The Korean *chijimi* was delicious!

THE KAJIKI SPIDER FIGHT!

I am VERY scared (怯える) of spiders. I often have nightmares (悪夢) about spiders! But, I did something very brave (勇ましい). I went to the famous Kajiki *kumo gassen*! *Kumo gassen* means 'spider fight' in English. For 400 years, there has been a spider fight in Kajiki. People train female spiders to wrestle with each other. Many people come from all over Kagoshima-Ken to watch the spider fight. I went with some ALT friends. It was very scary! But I am glad that I went, because I experienced traditional Kagoshima culture!



Wow, a scary spider!