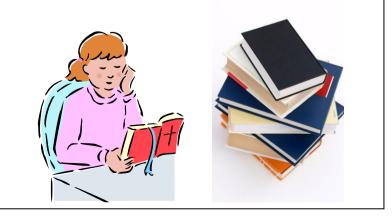
Newsletter from the Satsuma Chuo High School ALT - Amy Roberts 😹 Satsuma Chuo High School Post – October 2012 💞

Hello! Welcome to my October newsletter.

I hope you had a good HALLOWEEN! I like Halloween very much. It is a very old festival from Scotland and Ireland. It is a day to celebrate scary things! In October, I taught many classes about Halloween. In England at Halloween, we watch scary movies and tell ghost stories. Children wear scary costumes and they play a special game called TRICK OR TREAT. They get lots of candy! We also make a Jack O-Lantern. We use a big knife to cut a scary face on a pumpkin. Halloween is a fun, scary time!

Study study study!

I'm so busy these days! I don't have much free time. But, it's fun! I am busy because I am preparing for two important events in December. First, I will take a Japanese reading and listening exam. It's a little scary, because Japanese is very difficult! The exam will be very tough, so I have to study hard in November. If you have time, please check my workbook! おねがいします!



Kimono Competition!

My second big event in December is that I will take part in the All Japan Kimono Competition! I have to learn to tie an *obi*, and dress myself in *kimono* in just seven minutes. Many people will come to watch the competition. I'm a little nervous! My teacher comes to my house two or three times a week to help me practice. She doesn't speak English, so it's good Japanese practice too! I am very interested in *kimono*. I think they are so beautiful. So although it is difficult, I am enjoying learning about traditional Japanese culture. It's very interesting!



I went to Osaka to play Korfball

In England, I played a sport called **korfball** for five years. It is a sport from **Holland** (オランダ), and it is played by men and women. It's very fun! **It's similar to basketball**. In Japan, there is only one korfball club. It is in Tokyo. But in October, that club **held** a korfball **course** in Osaka! I was very excited. I had a great time playing my favourite sport in Japan. If you ever get the chance, please try korfball and enjoy a fun, exciting **team sport**!

November in England 1: Bonfire Night

I'd like to tell you about two important November events in England. The first one is a **festival** called **BONFIRE NIGHT!** A Bonfire is a big fire. Bonfire Night is **celebrated** in England every year on November 5th. It is a night of fire and fireworks! It is a very exciting festival. On November 5th, 1605, a man called Guy Fawkes tried to **blow up** the British **Houses of Parliament**. He wanted to kill King James. But, **his plan didn't work!** So, every year on November 5th, we **celebrate**. We have big bonfires, and enjoy fireworks. We eat hot food and have a great time!

November in England 2: Rememberance Day

Another important November day in England is **Remembrance Day**. It is observed every year on November 11th. At 11 a.m on 11/11, we have a **two minute silence** to **remember** the thousands of people who have **died in wars** since **World War 1** in 1914-1918. Many people **wear** a **poppy badge** on their coat or jacket. I will wear this poppy proudly. It is a **symbol** of **loss**, and of **hope**. We will never forget the people who died for our country. I will think of them on Sunday November 11th.



An **effigy** (わら人形) of Guy Fawkes. We put it on a bonfire and we burn it!



A Remembrance Day poppy badge. I will wear this badge every day in the week before Remembrance Day.