



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: Remembrance 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.