



TES Times

Takada English School



Back To The Future

Autumn is coming, and we say goodbye to a great summer. Here at TES, we had a couple of very enjoyable events over the summer. First we had a kid's summer camp, which was a big success and was a lot of fun for everyone who was there, even the adults! Of more interest to the adults though, was the second event, when we went to The Joetsu Octoberfest! Thanks to everyone who came and took part in both events,

It's hard to believe that Sara and Madoka have only been here for a few months, as they have both settled in very well, and it's hard to imagine how we managed without them! Thank you to all of the students for making them feel so much part of our school, and to them for working so well!

On the subject of new staff, we are going "Back To The Future" here at the

school! Chris Murphy, who taught at the school when it was still part of Takada Catholic Church, is coming back to work with us for 6 months, starting in October. He is currently on sabbatical from his teaching job in Scotland, and wanted to re-visit Joetsu. We are delighted that he is coming, and whether anyone who knew him back then (it's about 25 years since he worked at The Church!) is still around or if you're meeting him for the first time, I know you'll welcome him as you always do. He will be working part-time here at the school, and also hopes to be able to do some tennis coaching, so if you know of anyone who might be interested in getting some tennis tips from a qualified coach, and perhaps improve your English at the same time, then let

me know and I'll put you in touch with Chris, or you can talk to him yourself when he gets here! Chris will not be the only ex-teacher visiting us though! In October, both Gerry Healy and Pete Hodgins will be popping up to Joetsu for short periods. I hope you get the chance to see them. I am very much looking forward to enjoying a beer or 2 with them.

With autumn nearly here, thoughts are moving to our next event, which will, as usual, be Halloween. We are actually having three parties in one day, 2 kid's parties and 1 for adults! Yoko will give you all of the details. As always, I hope that as many of you can come as possible for what should be very fun events. Remember to dress up though!

Finally, we will be having a TOEIC test here at the

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school in early November. This is a great chance for you to challenge yourself and see just how good your English is. Don't be shy, and don't be scared; this is a test that you can all do, so why not give it a try!

Thank you, as always, for coming to TES. We really do appreciate it.

News from Yoko

爽やかな秋晴れで気持ちの良い日が続いていますね。秋と言えば、スポーツ、読書、食欲、いろいろありますが、北米ではやはり秋の一大イベントとして「ハロウィーン」があります。意外なことにイギリスでは北米ほど盛大ではないそうですが、当校では今年もパーティを開催します☆ 今年度は、ゲームが盛りたくさんのキッズ・ハロウィーンパーティと、同日夜からの【R指定】大人のハロウィーンパーティを開催します。どちらにご参加いただいても、かならず化けて、いえ、コスチュームでご参加ください！大人の部では上の紹介文でもあるように、10月から新しく当校に加わって頂く新講師、クリス・マーフィーさんの歓迎会も兼ねています。巻末の紹介記事もどうぞご覧ください。それでは皆様のご参加をお待ちしております！



Autumn Events: Halloween Party

♥今年のハロウィーンパーティは3部構成となっています。

第1部は園児たちのためのキッズハロウィン・パーティ☆

第2部は小学生・中学生向け！

そして夜も更けた第3部は、大人の方達のナイト★パーティとなります。

どうぞ、お化け、かぼちゃ、魔女、黒猫などなんでもハロウィーンにちなんだ仮装でご参加ください☆ 参加される方は申込期限までに受付までお知らせください。参加費はお申込み時にご納入ください♪☆ゲームあり、音楽あり。ぜひお友達やご家族と一緒に、仮装で楽しみましょう！

★TES Halloween Party! ★

Date:2013/10/26 (Sat)

第1部 園児の部 16:45-17:45

第2部 小中学生の部 18:00-19:00

会費:500円/一人(第1部・第2部)

第3部 大人の部 20:00-22:00

会費:1,000円/一人(第3部)

場所:高田イングリッシュスクール

Halloween sweets & drinks など教室で用意いたします

会場準備・人数確認の為、出席される方は受付まで

10月12日(土)までにお申し込みください！



Next Holiday Schedule

当校の次のお休みは冬季休業です。期間は以下の通りです。

2013/12/23(祝日) ~
2014/1/5(日)

1/6(月)からの通常営業です

2014年のTES年間休日カレンダーは、12月より配布予定です。しばらくお待ちください。よろしくお願いします。お願い申し上げます。

TOEIC IP TEST

第2回 TOEIC® IP テスト

開催日時:2013年11月3日

時間:午前10時から(約2時間)

受験料:¥4,040(税込)

お申込は10/17まで。お早目に！

News from Madoka

こんにちは！今年度も早半年が経ちました。今年度から始めたお友達も、進級したお友達もそれぞれ慣れてきたことと思います。単語テストも1回目は緊張もあり、期待していた結果が出なかったお子さんもいらっしゃると思いますが、悔しさをバネにして「次のテストでは点数が上がったよ！」という声も出てきて講師陣もうれしく思っております。8月は、欠席の生徒さんもいらしたので、単語テストをお休みにしました。また9月からがんばりましょう！

そして、今年度から取り入れた Homework ですが、お子さんからは「えー？！学校の宿題もたくさんあるのに〜!!!」という声も聞こえてきていますが、やはり、語学習得には

日々の努力が欠かせません。「そう言わずに頑張ってやってきてね！」と言うと渋々「はあ〜い...」。保護者の皆さんにもお忙しい中、Homework Sheet の確認、サイン等のご協力を頂き、本当にありがとうございます。英語習得への一番の力ぎは、いかに日常生活の中で英語に触れられるか？だと思います。教室のテキスト以外でも、テレビの英会



話番組などを見てみたり、お子さんの大好きな映画やアニメなどを英語版で見てみるのもいい英語経験につながるかと思います。また、異文化コミュニケーションに触れられる良い機会として、今月はハロウィーンパーティもありますね。ぜひこの機会を通じて外国の文化を体験してみてください。楽しいゲームなどたくさん考えて待っています。

Summer Camp in Myoko

By Nicola Maruyama



The temperature is getting cooler and it is starting to feel more like autumn but I want to tell you about the fun summer camp we had in Myoko last month. It was the school's first time to do the summer camp in Myoko but many students and parents made the journey to join in this event at the beginning of August. Unfortunately in the morning it rained so our planned nature treasure hunt had to be changed to an indoor treasure hunt



with the students splitting up into groups and racing around trying to find clues. Once all the clues had been collected the groups had to make English words and solve a puzzle. It was good to see parents and children working together to complete the activity!

Next was a buffet lunch in the dining hall which had a wide variety of food and drinks. Many people took advantage of the 'eat all you want' service and 'fuelled up' for the afternoon. Activities in the afternoon included songs, English games and making a sky screw. The weather improved in the afternoon so the sky screws were tested to see whose could fly the highest.



The feedback we've had has been very positive and we hope to do another camp with new activities next year. This kind of event is a great opportunity for students, parents and teachers to have a fun time outside the classroom and to use English in a different setting with different people. Thank you so much to all who came and made the camp a success!

Fall in the air

By Sara Bladestorm



As most of you have experienced, this summer was a long and hot one. Coming from Iowa, I'm accustomed to hot and humid summers, but in America we have central air conditioning. This means it may be summer outside, but on the inside it's nice and cool wherever you are. You can escape anytime you want in the comfort of your own home where every room is the same temperature. However, my mind and my body have learned quickly that while living in Japan, you just have to get used to the heat and humidity.

On one of the hottest nights this summer, Takada English School had its annual summer party at the Joetsu Oktoberfest. It was surprising to see how

many people from all around the city had showed up for the beer party. My family and I eventually met up with the other TES staff members and students who came to the party, and we enjoyed each other's company and some nice cold beer. I was especially excited to try strawberry kakigōri for the first time that night and have some delicious German sauerkraut. Where I come from, many people are of German heritage (including my family). We have Oktoberfests every year in different cities, but they're actually an autumn party instead of a summer festival. However, we enjoy many of the same things: German food, German beer, and friends. We also have face painting for children, crafts for adults, and some games. Friends will race across grassy fields in potato sacks or while their legs are tied together (called the "three-legged race").



As the summer continues to wind down and autumn comes closer with each day, I am reminded that this is the constant cycle of every year of life whether I'm in Iowa, Nanking, or Joetsu. Every summer turns into autumn eventually, and we can all find relief from the heat! I'm sure you have all enjoyed your summer and all the festivals around the area. I have heard many great stories of festivals, food, and fireworks. I hope you have a wonderful autumn and can share many more stories with me!

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Madoka's Kid's News

【児童英検】

さて、10月22日、26日には当校にて児童英検を実施いたします。申し込まれた生徒さんは日頃の成果を十分に発揮して頑張ってくださいね。先生達も応援しています！！

今回は6歳から11歳までの約10名の受講生が児童英検に挑戦します。児童英検はリスニングを主体としたテストで、ブロンズ・シルバー・ゴールドの三段階にわかれています。大人でもなかなか難しいと感じるかもしれません！！サンプルテストを受けたい方は児童英検のサイトでは非挑戦してみてください。良いリスニングの練習になりますよ☆

http://www.eiken.or.jp/jr_step/index.html

【Happy Halloween!!!】

10月はHalloween Partyもありますね！合言葉は”Trick or treat!!!”。今年は何に仮装しようか悩み中です…。去年はWhere's Wally?のWallyになりました。たくさんのご参加をお待ちしております！

Happy Halloween!

ウォーリーを探せ！のウォーリーになった
まどか先生(^^)



Return Of “The Murph”!

クリス・マーフィー先生を覚えていらっしゃいますか？かれこれ20年以上前に、高田カトリック教会で英語を教えていた、ピーター先生やニコラ先生の「先輩」が、また高田にやってきます！

現在、イギリスで高校の英語の先生としてお仕事をされているクリス先生ですが、一年の長期休暇の間、10月からの6カ月間、弊社で英語を教えるお手伝いをしていただきます。幾つかのクラスがクリス先生の担当となりますが、皆さんどうぞ宜しくお願いします。

又、クリス先生はテニスが趣味でコーチの資格も持っています。ご興味のある方はどうぞ聞いてみてくださいね。

授業の他、イベント等で皆さんとお会いできるのを楽しみにしています！

Name: Chris Murphy

Age: 52 years old

Nationality: British

Occupation: High School Teacher

Likes: Tennis. I really love it! I hope to do some coaching while I am here, so if you are interested, let me know

Things he wants to do in Japan:

See old friends, visit old haunts, eat Japanese food, drink Japanese beer!

You can find out more about him when you meet him!



Sabbatical (長期研究休暇) にて日本に来る前は、スペインでテニスコーチとして過ごしていました！