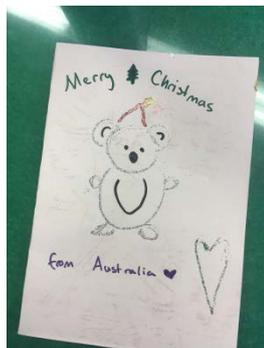


Kinko Bay Tidings ~ Spring 2018 Edition

Australian Christmas Event

On Saturday the 16th of December, the International Exchange Foundation held a Christmas themed event, run by Australian CIR Thea Dixon. The event was called “Christmas is hot!? Australian Culture & Activities” and she introduced children to the ways Christmas is celebrated in the hot summer down under. As well as a cultural talk, the children participated in a range of activities including listening to Christmas carols, Christmas bauble



making and card making. Before packing up, participants had a chance to chat and eat snacks. Everyone had fun doing arts and crafts as a family, and gained a deeper understanding of how Christmas is celebrated in different parts of the world.

English Language & Australian Culture Classes

This year's community English language and culture class commenced on the 10th of January and extended until the 28th of February. The classes focused on creating an opportunity to utilize English and centred on introducing the various charms of Kagoshima City. The participants learned how to introduce local cuisine, the volcano, festivals and customs while practising their English. The classes also involved a cultural component, and participants had an in-depth look at Australian culture, from food to folk songs.

Kagoshima Marathon 2018

The Japan Association of Athlete Federations Kagoshima and the Kagoshima Marathon Executive Committee held the Kagoshima Marathon 2018 on the 4th of March 2018. It was a beautiful spring day and runners participated in either the marathon or the 8.9km fun run. 9,197 people completed the marathon and the fastest female and male to finish were both from Kagoshima Prefecture. Yusuke Tobimatsu was the first to finish the marathon with a time of 2 hours 18 minutes and 4 seconds. The marathon attracted runners from all over the world, and residents lined the streets to cheer everyone on.



Chinese Cooking Class

Chinese CIR Jingting Huang held a traditional Chinese cooking class with the International Exchange Foundation on December 14th. The class made three dishes where the main ingredient was flour - including a noodle soup dish (mian ge da), a roll filled with various ingredients traditionally eaten for breakfast (jian bing), and Chinese steamed buns (hua juan). The hot food was a perfect treat in the cold winter, and participants had the chance to make and taste delicious Chinese dishes, experiencing another culture in the kitchen.

Easter Event

At the beginning of spring, on a gorgeous sunny day, the Kagoshima International Exchange Foundation held an international exchange event for parents and children. The event gathered participants from all sorts of backgrounds, and began with language learning and multi-lingual picture book readings. The Very Hungry Caterpillar was read in three languages: English, Chinese and Korean. The children were eager to hear the different languages and enthusiastically learned the relevant words.

The picture book readings were followed by a brief introduction to Easter, and then the parents and children participated in an Easter egg hunt. Everyone seemed very excited to open up their eggs and see what snacks they had found. Finally, everyone had a chance to decorate Easter eggs and there were some great designs! While the eggs were being dyed everyone listened to Korean and English children songs. The event was a lot of fun and a great way to celebrate the start of spring.



Youth Wings Naples Exchange

8 university students departed for Europe on December 9th for a 9 day visit extending until the 17th. The students had an opportunity to visit Kagoshima's Italian sister city, Naples, and participate in school exchange at the University of Naples L'Orientale, pay a courtesy visit to the city hall, as well as tour the city. After Italy, they went to Leicester in the United Kingdom and participated in a school exchange there also. They also met with the British Kagoshima Prefectural Association. The students returned home wanting to continue contributing to the relationship between Kagoshima and Naples.

Changsha Students Visit

13 elementary school students from Kagoshima's friendship city, Changsha, stayed in Kagoshima for 3 days from the 8th to the 10th of February. On the 9th the students were welcomed to Yahata Elementary School by the whole school cohort waving handmade Japanese and Chinese flags. The students all sang a Chinese folk song before they split off into classes and participated in various activities together including origami and kendama. The children also made a courtesy visit to Mayor Mori and were able to experience Japanese life through a homestay.



Korean Language Classes

South Korean CIR, Songhui Lee's beginner Korean classes commenced on the 6th of February. The class runs for 6 weeks and she teaches basic grammar and vocabulary that can be used in speech. The classes also contain a cultural component, and so far she has introduced Korean events, trends and discussed the Olympics in PyeongChang.

Picture yourself in Perth Program 2018

5 junior high school students who were chosen for the chance to participate in the PYP (Picture yourself in Perth) Program arrived in their Australian sister city on the 17th of February to experience Perth, take a short English course, and to experience a homestay. Their stay was packed full of activities, such as visiting beaches and paying a courtesy visit to the Lord Mayor of Perth. They even had a chance to see native wildlife up close, as well as try local food like fish and chips. The students said goodbye to their host families on the 24th of February and came back to Japan having contributed to cultural exchange between the two cities.



Vietnamese New Year Party

The Kagoshima International Exchange Foundation cohosted a Vietnamese New Year Party event on the 18th of February with the Kagoshima Prefecture Japan-Vietnam Friendship Association and the Kagoshima Vietnamese Association. The Vietnamese New Year, or Tet, is a celebration of the Lunar New Year and this year it fell on the 16th of February. This big event involved a Vietnamese food buffet, and an introduction to Vietnamese culture through songs, dance and games.

Winter in Kagoshima

Winter in Kagoshima was full of lights with illuminations all across the city. Minato Odori Park's 54 Japanese elm trees were lit up with golden lights from the 1st of



December to the 31st of January, drawing in lots of visitors. Tenmonkan was also lit up with approximately 1 000 000 lights in the annual "Tenmonkan Millionation". This year there was also some snow fall, a nice change from the usual ash, and Sakurajima looked astonishing capped in snow.



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