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We look forward to
your ideas!

"Hiraku" provides useful information
and the latest news related to
English and childhood education.

- Your recent interests
- Topics you want us to cover
- New content etc etc...

If you have ideas to contribute,
please share these with us!

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[Our apologies for changes]

In Hiraku Vol.19, we announced the
renewal of the phonics characters, but
the introduction of the new characters
has been postponed to the 2023-2024
school year. We apologize for this change.



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Nagoya Noritake School has finally opened! People & Culture
KINDER KIDS Composition Contest



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In February 2022, our second school in Nagoya, Kinder Kids International Academy Nagoya Noritake School opened in the Noritake Garden (Noritake-no-Mori) area, which has recently been gathering attention. We had many families participating in every school information session that started last summer, and we were happy that this school opening attracted many families. On the first floor, there are classrooms, gym, and a special room designed for the Kinder Kids phonics garden, and on the second floor, there is a rooftop garden where children can freely move around.

The school started with 3 grade levels; Baby, Nursery and Toddler in February. From April, K1 classes will start and the school will become livelier.

All children and Kinder Kids staff are looking forward to meeting new friends.

Let's make lots of wonderful memories at our brand new school!

Featured spot "Noritake Garden" surrounded by culture and nature

The Noritake Garden was established under the theme of "Discover the Culture, Rest in the Forest". In a rich natural environment surrounded by greenery, such as a babbling brook and biotope. There are a variety of cultural facilities, such as a museum exhibiting ceramic wares manufactured from the Meiji to Showa eras, a gallery displaying ceramic works, paintings, and sculptures by various artists, and a French restaurant offering creative cuisine or cafe. The Nagoya Noritake School was opened as a part of the "Urban Oasis".....where time passes slowly.



Historical and cultural environment with red brick buildings from the Meiji era



Convenient for a shopping mall at a nearby large shopping mall

Multi-language Education / What is Kinder Kids International Academy?

The most unique feature of this program is the "Development of Multilingualism" that children learn not only English but also Japanese and Chinese, and learn to speak in three languages.

The Academy was established based on our desire to provide "more convenient and fulfilling services" to families where both parents are working as more women have started to advance in society. All children attend the long-stay course 5 days a week and have fewer days off. A variety of programs are included in the daycare, such as gymnastics and educational classes taught by professionals. In addition, "Rakuraku Touen" (Schools provide a bedding and diaper service) has been introduced.

In April 2020, the 20th anniversary of Kinder Kids, two Kinder Kids International Academies were opened in Osaka City. The Nagoya Noritake School will be the third academy school.



Junna Ojima, Branch Manager

We deeply appreciate that so many people have expressed interest in our school even before we opened, including reviews from people who knew the Nagoya school or siblings of our graduates. All of us at the Nagoya Noritake School are committed so that children can make many precious memories and are truly happy to be a student of Nagoya Noritake School.

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A small island filled with history

The Republic of Malta is made up of 3 islands in the Mediterranean Sea. My home island of Gozo is filled with many historical stories and I was always surrounded by the beautiful scenery that is filled with history and nature. You should definitely visit a megalith temple called "Ggantija" which is older than the pyramids of Egypt, and "Ta' Pinu", a church with artistically designed interiors built by combining various traditional architectural styles. The nearby island of Comino has a popular beach called "Blue Lagoon" in a secluded area. It was featured in the film Troy starring Brad Pitt. It is a must see place which keeps attracting tourists from all over the world with its crystal clear blue water and white sand!



Lasagna, A story of the bonding of a mother and daughter

"Lasagna", which my mother used to make on special occasions. It was the last dish my mother cooked for me during her life. My mother's lasagna was full of love and care, putting a lot of time and effort into making everything from scratch, from the pasta dough to the white sauce. I remember as a young girl kneading the dough and stirring the sauce together with my mother. It was one of those moments where I really bonded with my mother through this and I remember talking with her about everything. Making lasagna reminds me of my childhood. The kitchen where my mother was cooking. Whenever I miss her I cook lasagna and the warm and familiar taste makes me feel like I am a small girl again sitting on the chair in the kitchen trying to knead the dough.



Bilingual country filled with people loving to talk

The whole atmosphere of Malta is very warm and friendly. People love to talk together and use their hands to express themselves. We are a bilingual country and speak both English and Maltese (a mix of English, Italian and Arabic). My background including experiences from my upbringing and the psychology I studied at university nurtured my work. In university, I co-founded The Writers Club with a group of other student writers, which encouraged my writing. We enjoyed organizing meetings, having writing competitions, and inviting famous Maltese writers to give talks. I also like drawing and often try to use art as a way to teach the kids about social and other skills. Now, I am approaching children to teach them not only English skills but also the importance of expressing themselves and connecting their life experiences to stories to enrich the quality of their learning.



Introduce my country!



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I am from Washington D.C.

The United States of America is a melting pot of cultures. Whether you are visiting the south or the north, you can find each region has a distinct and unique way of bringing people together. The upscale shopping districts, to sports venues that draw hundreds of thousands of people in the streets. The city has a rich culture and sense of unity. A world where music brings people together for good food and laughs. I always feel my roots from the music by Chuck Brown that has a lively energetic rhythm of GoGo.



An encounter with Japan

When I was a student, I was always looking for what kind of person I could become and the opportunity to grow into that person. During a stay at a hostel when on a random trip, I had a fateful encounter with a person who worked in Japan and had different ways of living and thinking. I started to think "I want to broaden my outlook on life!", "I want to find out what I can be!" so I went out into the world. This fateful encounter gave me a chance to meet a country, Japan, and a job that I would always cherish.

Ambition broadening my outlook opened up my future

For a while after I got to Japan, my life was consumed by work. I would wake up early, come home late, and repeat this cycle. When I became accustomed to this lifestyle in Japan, to give my life a little more challenge, I started to practice "Wing Chun Kung Fu", which is a Chinese martial art often seen in Hollywood action movies. I have been practicing it for 7 years. Now I have continued to pass on my Sifu's knowledge to my own students while developing my own style.

Not "PuRIn"! Banana "PuDDing"

"Banana pudding" is a classic American family sweet. It has been my favorite soul food ever since my grandmother made it for the first time when I was a child. I hope you will try making banana pudding at home



Scan the QR codes to check out recipes on YouTube (as of November 2021)

KINDER KIDS Composition Contest 2021



Judging Criteria

- *The honest feelings of the children can be felt from the text
- *The child has clearly expressed what was felt through that experiences
- *The picture diary makes others want to meet the child who wrote it

In 2021, we held a contest sponsored by Kinder Kids. We would like to thank all families from 23 schools for the submission of many picture diaries and compositions of Kinder Kids children and the participation of parents who tweeted about their child's work.

We would like to introduce four excellent works that were filled with expressions from children's unique points of views. We also selected the "Habataki Prize", "Kagayaki Prize" and "Kinder Kids Prize" as previous years.

We are planning to hold the 2nd Composition Contest again next year. We are looking forward to receiving many entries from all of you.



Kumiko Shinoda,
Senior Manager, Examination
and Learning Division

[Prizewinners]



【Picture Diary Section - Grand Prize】
R.M(Tama Plaza School・K2)

【Picture Diary Section - First Place】
M.T(Yao School・K2)

【Kagayaki Prize】

- S.T(Toyonaka School・K3)
- E.I(Sakai School・K3)
- Y.T(Nishinomiya School・K3)
- S.O(Tomigaoka School・K3)
- R.B(Shinagawa School・K3)
- K.Y(Dojima School・K3)
- K.K(Kyoto School・K3)

【Kinder Kids Prize】

- N.I(Kyoto School・K3)



【Composition Section - Grand Prize】
Y.K(Takatsuki School・K3)

【Picture Diary Section - First Place】
R.I(Osaka School・K3)

【Habataki Prize】

- C.H(Higashi Osaka School・K2)
- K.N(Takaraduka School・K2)
- K.M(Osaka School・K2)
- H.H(Fukuoka School・K1)
- Y.N(Kobe Seaside School・K2)
- S.T(Sakai School・K2)

【Tweet Prize】

- A.U's Mam(Tomigaoka School・K3)

※"Tweet Award" is given to a Tweet by a parent/guardian.



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