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WHEN IS IT?

Halloween is celebrated every year on the 31st of October.

WHERE IS IT CELEBRATED?

It is celebrated mainly in America and Canada.



WHAT DO PEOPLE DO?

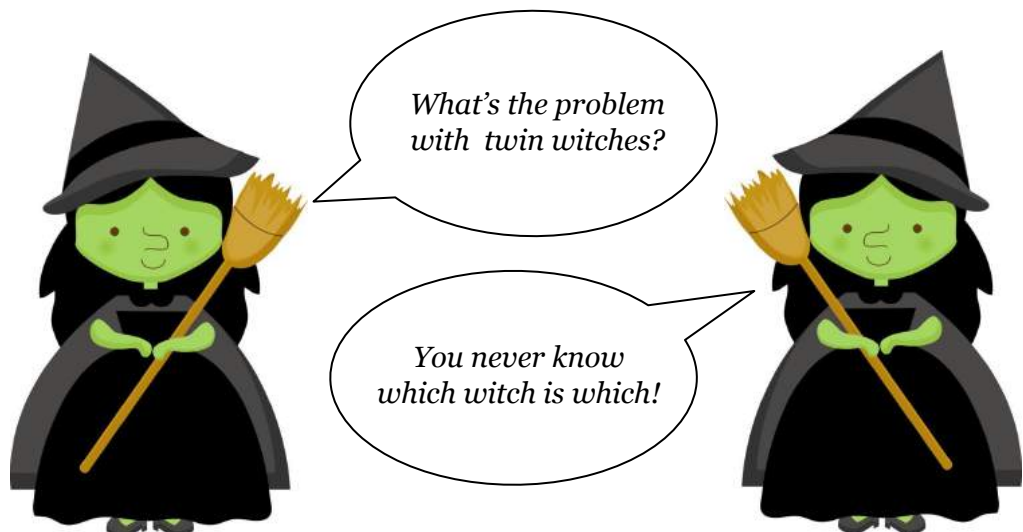
- People wear costumes. A popular costume is a vampire costume.
- Children go around their neighbourhoods asking people for candy. This is called "trick-or-treating".
- Watching scary movies, carving pumpkins, and going to haunted houses are things people do on Halloween.

WHY?

Many people believe that Halloween came from an old Irish festival called *Samhain* that celebrated the changing of summer to autumn.

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KEIKA GIRLS' SPORTS FESTIVAL



At the beginning of the month, all the students and teachers went to Saitama for our school's annual sports day. Each homeroom class wore their own special t-shirt which they designed themselves.

Throughout the day, there were many different events. For example, relay races, tug of war, 3-legged races, etc. The marching band was also amazing as usual! It was very hot but everyone tried their best!

Well done to everyone! It was nice to see all the students having fun outside of the classroom.



This year's sports festival was Audrey's first time experiencing a sports festival in Japan. What did she think? Did she have fun? Are sports festivals different in Canada? Let's hear what Audrey has to say.

My first experience with this Japanese sports festival can be described in one word: amazing. I had seen Japanese sports festivals before in dramas and movies, but I was not prepared for the real thing. First of all, I was very surprised that the festival was held so far away from the school! The sports ground was so big and there were so many parents that came to see the festival. In Canada, a sports festival is called "Sports Day", and it is usually held on school grounds. We also don't usually have parents come to Sports Day, unless you are in elementary school. Sports Day also does not have the same kind of activities as a Japanese sports festival. It was very interesting and fun for me to see games like kiba-sen and wani-no-se-watari. Everyone did so well! I was very impressed. I also had a lot of fun doing radio exercises for the first time. I was very bad at following the directions, but it was still fun.



KEIKA GAKUEN'S 120TH ANNIVERSARY



On the 11th of October, the three schools of Keika Gakuen gathered at the Keika Boys' school grounds to celebrate the 120th anniversary of the school's founding.

The headmaster of Keika Gakuen gave a speech about the importance of the day and the school's history. As one of the oldest schools in Tokyo, Keika Gakuen has produced many bright students throughout its long history. The headmaster hopes that students continue in the path of their seniors and wear their uniforms with pride.

Happy 120th anniversary, Keika!



DISASTER PREVENTION CENTRE EXCURSION



Audrey:

I went on an excursion with the first year junior high school students and their teachers to the Ikebukuro Life Safety Learning Center. I learned a lot about disaster prevention!

The center taught the students and I how to escape from a room filling up with smoke, what to do during an earthquake, how to use an AED, and how to use a fire extinguisher. We also had fun learning these methods through simulations. I especially liked trying out the earthquake simulator. It was like an amusement park ride so it was fun, but also scary to think that something like that could actually happen. I almost became dizzy from how hard the simulator was shaking!

All in all, the students and I had a lot of fun at the center. It was nice to see everyone smiling and laughing!



ART MUSEUM EXCURSION



Justine:

I went on an excursion with the second grade junior high school students and their teachers (Mr. Kawamoto, Mr. Morikawa, and Ms. Kinoshita) to the *Mitsubishi Ichigokan* art museum. We went to an exhibition called “Prints in Paris 1900: From Elite to the Street” where we saw many posters and paintings made by famous French artists. It was very interesting to listen to the tour guide explain some of the main pieces of art. I love art and I hope the girls are now more interested in art, too.

After our visit to the museum, we went to the Imperial Palace garden to take some photos. There were many foreigners and the students enjoyed using both Chinese and English to greet them!



SOCIAL STUDIES EXCURSION

The third grade junior high school students and their teachers (Mr. Yamanaka, Ms. Aburame, Ms. Aoki, and Ms. Morita) went on an excursion to Japan’s Supreme Court. They learned about Japanese politics. Afterwards, they also visited the National Diet Building.

Unfortunately, we didn’t have a chance to go with them but it sounded very interesting!



KEIKA GIRLS’ CULTURAL FESTIVAL

On the weekend, Keika Girls’ held it’s annual cultural festival. Everyone put in a lot of effort to make sure it was a success. Well done on all your hard work!

Stay tuned for next month’s issue to find out more out our thoughts on the cultural festival.