



becomes ever more important for our young people to carry forward as they become the next generation of leaders. We were delighted to host a Japanese cultural event in boarding this month, planned and delivered by an amazing group of parents and their families to help our students get a taste of Japanese culture. The students had the opportunity to indulge in some delicious Japanese cuisine as well as try a number of traditional games and activities - I hope you will enjoy reading all about it in this issue of the newsletter.

children have been getting up to. You will notice that some of these articles have been written in their native tongue as we want to really give our newsletter an international feel and celebrate the many different nationalities and cultures that we have in our boarding community.

Finally, a reminder that we are now just one week away from the half term break and a well-earned rest for our students. Please ensure that you have communicated any needs to the respective heads of hall so we can ensure a smooth start to the holiday. For those that are staying, we have an exciting programme of events lined up that I am sure they will enjoy. For those heading home, we wish you safe travels and look forward to welcoming you back soon.

Dear POWIIS Boarding Community,

こんにちは! Welcome to our Japanese themed newsletter for the month of October. One of the greatest things about being a part of a boarding community are the opportunities it provides for cultural exchange and understanding. In a world that is more connected than ever and yet seemingly more divided than ever - this quality

As well as taking part in the big event, our boarders have been engaging in a huge variety of activities both in and out of school and they are excited to have the opportunity to share some of these with you! This edition sees our first student-written submissions for the newsletter and I am sure you will love reading about all the things your

Mr Eccles

Origami

Let me say it was kind of relaxing, I'm not going to lie. I can fold little paper origami while listening to some relaxing music. This was my favourite Saturday activity so far. I made 5 little pumpkins. Because I didn't have my phone I was able to focus on the activity which made it fun. This is something I would like to continue to try on my own. - **Edmund, Year 10**



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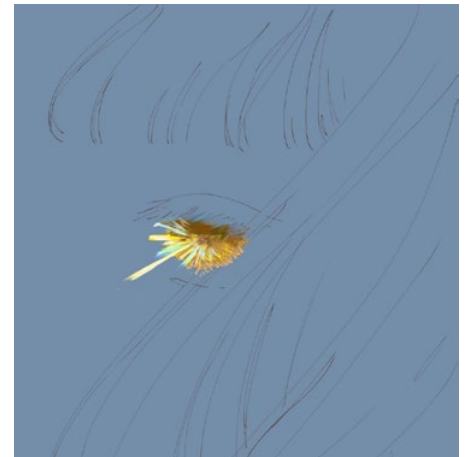
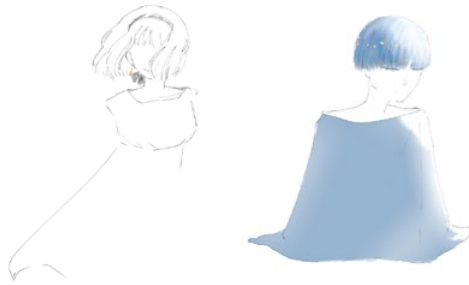
私は2024年の1月くらいからドラムを習い始めました。ドラムは個人的にかっこいいと思ったので習い始めました。battle of the bandでは初めてバンドを組んで曲を演奏しました。練習期間が少し短くて焦ったけどみんな協力して楽しく演奏できました。これからも音楽などががんばります!
- **Emi, Year 9**



Art Pieces

Here we have some wonderful pieces of art that were shared with us by Chitose, Year 9. Keep up the good work!

Hello, my name is Chitose Moroga. I'm from Japan, and I love Japanese anime culture. Animation and drawing is my passion, and I always enjoy it! I wish I had more drawing skills and could find more anime drawings in school. Have fun with anime culture!
- Chito, Year 9



Japanese Community Boarding Event

On Sunday, October 13th, the POWIIS Japanese Parent Community proudly hosted their 2nd Boarding Community Event, inviting boarders to come together for a delightful afternoon of cooking, eating traditional Japanese foods, and engaging in fun games. We are thrilled to report that this event was an even greater success than the first!

These cultural events play a significant role in enriching the experience of our Japanese boarders by providing them with a meaningful opportunity to connect with their POWIIS extended community. Such gatherings foster intercultural awareness, celebration, and understanding, contributing to a more cohesive and inclusive environment within our entire boarding community.

We believe events like these are crucial in promoting intercultural understanding, as they allow students from different backgrounds to learn about and appreciate each other's cultures. This shared experience helps to create a sense of belonging and comfort—essentially, a 'home for the heart' where everyone feels valued and understood.

We are also excited to announce that our Korean Parent Community has expressed interest in hosting the next event, which will take place in term two. We look forward to more opportunities for engagement and learning as we celebrate our diverse cultures together!

If any other parent groups are interested in organising a boarding community

activity, please feel free to reach out to Ms. Bennett or Mr. Eccles for enquiries.

A heartfelt arigato to our Japanese community for putting on such a wonderful event! Your hard work and dedication truly made a positive impact on our boarders and the wider POWIIS community.

Stay tuned for upcoming events, and let's continue to build a vibrant and inclusive community together!

- Ms Bennett, Head of Boarding (Girls)

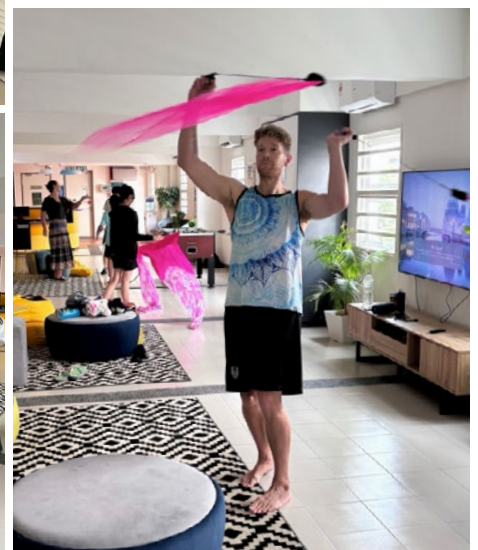
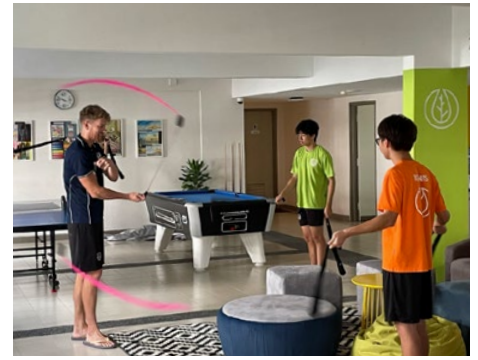


Poi Workshop

I wanted to take a moment to thank Mr Shadbolt for the wonderful activity we had on Friday. I truly enjoyed learning the poi performance dance, and I feel like I've picked up some new techniques that I can continue to work on. It was both fun and challenging!

I especially loved the sport we played afterward. It was such an enjoyable and energetic part of the day, and I'm already looking forward to the next time we can do something similar.

Thank you again for your guidance and for organising such an exciting activity.
- Yifei, Year 10



みなさん、こんにちは!



先日私はMs.Bennettが開いた三つ編み(コーンロウ)の講座に参加しました。軸をつくるような丁寧な編み方は日本で俗に言う三つ編みのやり方と違い特別難しそうに感じていましたが、実は同じ様な方法で編まれているんです!ポイントは常に指が皮膚についているようにすることだけ。休日の夜、以前から興味があったことを学ぶのは凄く価値のある時間でした。一緒に参加した子達とは時々ヘアアレンジをしゃったり、褒めあったりしています。

- Satsuki, Year 10

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フットボールの試合に付いて

僕はフットボールを始めたばかりなのに、試合に出れてとても嬉しかったです。初試合だったので緊張がすごかったです仲間達がいてくれたおかげで緊張は無くなりました。僕達は今回4試合しました。その中で初めの2試合目は負けてしまいました。でも休憩時間の時にコーチが試合で勝つにはどうすれば良いかなど僕らに語ってくれました。その後の2試合はみんな気合がすごかったです。僕の頭は絶対勝つ事しかありませんでした。その2試合は無事勝つことができ本当に嬉しかったです。僕の話が変わりますけど、最初はMFが僕の役割でしたが Eccles先生がSBで行けと言い、試合でSBをやったらとても最高でした!!!次の試合にも出れるようにもっと練習してチームのみんなを支えられたら嬉しいです。 - Izumo, Year 8

