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Japanese school of Abu Dhabi School Newsletter

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Thoughts on finishing the first term of 2020

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On February 27th, 2020, the Japanese government requested that all elementary, junior high, high schools and special education schools to close in order to prevent the COVID-19 outbreak. Even though this temporary school closure was reasonable to ensure students' health, some parents have concerns that what would happen to children's learning. Their main concerns are students' learning will be stopped. Some kids spend a relax and lazy time at home if they don't have to attend the school. Fortunately, Japanese school in Abu Dhabi has started e-Learning, thanks to MOE, ADEK, School Board, and parents' support. G4-G9 students are also working on "Study Sapuri", a Japanese e-Learning application. We made the use of the relatively small classroom size and have been conducting effective lessons and students are making progress. Therefore, we have decided to hold the **Closing Ceremony** of the 1st term on **July 23rd, Thursday**, one week before the previous notice.



However, there are some difficulties such as not having a regular exam or evaluation, and students cannot set their goals easily. Also, the method of evaluation has been discussed. After the discussion, we have decided that we would inform the evaluation after the situation get back to normal and we hold exams and tests. Teachers are checking closely how students are studying and working on their e-Learning. We will give students feedbacks on their work, achievements, areas to improve, etc. from each subject teacher in the first term. Thank you for your understanding.

We have been recommending reading books and students have been doing good since April. Having a reading habit is effective in enhancing vocabulary and reading comprehension skill. The skill is important in every subject, not just Japanese. Reading enables students to understand questions correctly and focus on reading textbooks and supplementary materials. I am sure that the day when this attempt of boosting reading would be fruitful to students in the coming months, changing a crisis into a chance. We are going to promote reading in summer holiday as well. It is said, "When you read a really great novel, you can naturally imagine the scene and see the images." From this



Observing Solar Eclipse

The solar eclipse and the summer solstice happened on the same day, June 21st, after 372 years. During the e-Learning at school in Abu Dhabi, the partial solar eclipse was observed.

perspective, the novel, "Niji iro-Hotaru (Rainbow Fireflies)", is a great reading material to read or watch for students. I am hoping that students to read a lot of books.

【July】

Date	Event
1 Wed	
2 Thu	
3 Fri	
4 Sat	
5 Sun	
6 Mon	Emiratis meeting
7 Tue	Emiratis meeting
8 Wed	Teachers' meeting
9 Thu	
10 Fri	
11 Sat	
12 Sun	
13 Mon	
14 Tue	
15 Wed	
16 Thu	
17 Fri	
18 Sat	
19 Sun	
20 Mon	
21 Tue	
22 Wed	Teachers' meeting
23 Thu	Closing Ceremony
24 Fri	Summer Holiday
25 Sat	
26 Sun	
27 Mon	Summer lesson plans will be informed later.
28 Tue	
29 Wed	
30 Thu	
31 Fri	



Emirati Meeting

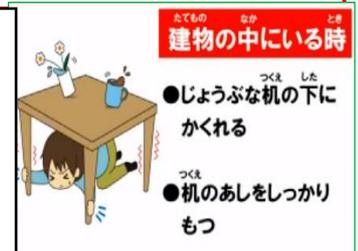
Parent-Teacher group meeting June 2

We really appreciate you that we could hear how students were working on e-Learning in your house. We will share that information with all teachers and make the best use of that from now on. Here are some parents' voices.

- I thank all teachers who have provided e-Learning classes for our children.
- Parents feel that e-learning is hard because they have also been doing remote work, and looking after students' little brothers and sisters.
- Children have been enjoying Music, Art, Home-economics, and P.E. classes.
- How tests and a grade will be? (Principal already mentioned the above)
- I'm really worried about the lack of exercise, feeling stress and eyestrain of my kids.
- Even though there are some internet-troubles, children are getting used to e-Learning.
- Both parents and children hope that they will be able to go to school and study with their friends as soon as possible.

Online education for the disaster prevention 23rd of June

We can't conduct emergency drill in the school, so we conducted the disaster prevention learning in each class. We checked the evacuation route with a video. Some students learned about the Great Hanshin-Awaji Earthquake and the Great East Japan Earthquake, and they wrote and gave their impressions about those.



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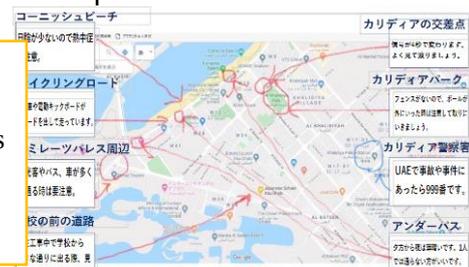
Distribution of Supplementary Materials June 21st 22nd

The supplementary materials have finally arrived. Thank you for picking up the materials. Please utilize it for studying at home.



Safety Map

G4 students made a Safety Map during Social Studies class to show dangerous spots around us during the Coronavirus crisis. When we look at the map, we can see that our lives are starting to return to normal.



Re-opened Corniche Promenade (Left)

The Season of Mangos (Right)