「Besshi Farm」

It has been one month since the start of the school year. Last week, the students began to plant seeds in Besshi Farm. I think it is a very exciting project. I hope the students can learn a lot about growing vegetables.

Besshi English Report

Monday May 15th, 2023 - Besshi Farm

Besshi Farm is ready to go! Last week, you planted many vegetables. With a lot of time and love, the seeds will grow into wonderful vegetables. I can't wait to see the fruits of your labor!



[Unforgettable Memories]

投稿日時 : 03/14 🏯 ALT カテゴリ:Besshi

The graduation ceremony will be held soon.

Let's do our best to make the ceremony another unforgettable moment.

Besshi English Report

#105 Tuesday March 14th, 2023 - Unforgettable Memories

There are only a few days left before graduation day. So, the third-year students at Besshi Junior High School were busy making memories. They played a lot of table tennis with their juniors after school yesterday.



「Keep On Going」

投稿日時 : 03/13 - ALT カテゴリ:

It's okay if you don't succeed.

The important thing is not giving up on what's important to you.

Besshi English Report

#104 Monday March 13th, 2023 - Keep On Going

As the school year ends, I would like to share another English expression with you.

"The road to success is paved with failure."

As long as you keep trying to reach your goal, it doesn't matter how many times you fail. So, keep going!



[Quiche]

投稿日時: 03/07 - ALT カテゴリ:

If you have never eaten quiche before, please try it one day!

There are many ways to enjoy this dish.

Besshi English Report

#101 Tuesday March 7th, 2023 - Quiche

Quiche is one of my favorite foods. It is an egg tart that came from France. It is made of eggs, meat, cheese, and sometimes seafood in a pastry crust. I used to eat it for breakfast on special holidays!



[Wildfire Season]

投稿日時: 03/02 📤 ALT カテゴリ:Nature

People are allowed to make campfires and fire pits, but they must follow very strict rule s. If there is a high risk of wildfires, people may be banned from using campfires until the situation improves.

Besshi English Report

#100 Thursday March 2nd, 2023 - Wildfire Season

Winters in my home province, Alberta, are very cold and dry. Due to the dry weather, wildfires become very common from spring to fall. In fact, wildfires are one of Alberta's most common natural disasters.



「Cedar Pollen」

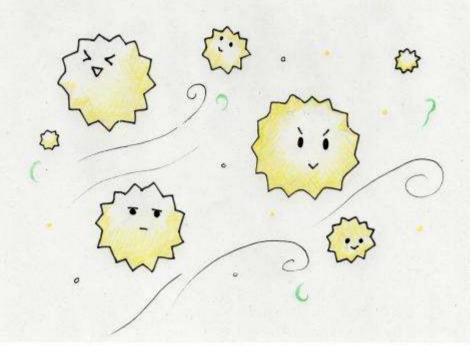
投稿日時: 03/01 📤 ALT カテゴリ:Nature

Japan's Environment Ministry said that prefectures such as Tottori, Toyama, and Okayama had a lot more flower buds on cedar trees than average. So, the amount of pollen in those prefectures might be much higher than usual.

Besshi English Report

@ Wednesday March 1st, 2023 - Cedar Pollen

According to Japan's Environment Ministry, there may be a larger amount of cedar pollen this year than last year in some parts of Japan. Cedar pollen causes sneezing and runny noses. It can also cause hay fever.



「Fossil Collecting」

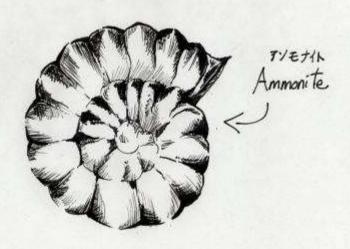
投稿日時: 02/27 📤 ALT カテゴリ:Nature

I think fossils are interesting. Can you find them easily in Japan? There is a town in my home province that is famous for fossils. I want to go there someday.

Besshi English Report

Monday February 27th, 2023 - Fossil Collecting

Fossils are remains of animals or plants from ancient times. Some people collect fossils as a hobby. However, it is also important for professional scientific studies. This is called paleontology (古生物学).



「Another Earthquake in Turkey」

投稿日時: 02/21 ALT カテゴリ:Current event

The earthquake was an aftershock that had a magnitude of 6.4.

A few minutes later, it was followed by another aftershock with a magnitude of 5.8.

Besshi English Report

® Tuesday February 21st, 2023 - Another Earthquake in Turkey

Earlier this month, a large earthquake hit Turkey and Syria. On Monday, another earthquake hit Turkey.

This damage has led to the loss of more homes and might also lead to more health and sanitation issues.







The Stationery I Recommend

投稿日時 : 02/16 - ALT カテゴリ:

I always use these kinds of pens for my illustrations.

Now, I am more interested in the kinds of stationery that people use.

Besshi English Report

Thursday February 16th, 2023 - The Stationery I Recommend

Many students here are interested in stationery.

Now, I would like to introduce my favorite type of stationery. These are called pigment ink pens. I have used SAKURA's pigment ink pens for almost ten years!



「A Very Special Class」

投稿日時: 02/15 📤 ALT カテゴリ:Besshi

Yesterday, the students were able to experience a very fun and interesting English class.

I hope it motivated them to learn English more!

Besshi English Report

@ Wednesday February 15th, 2023 - A Very Special Class

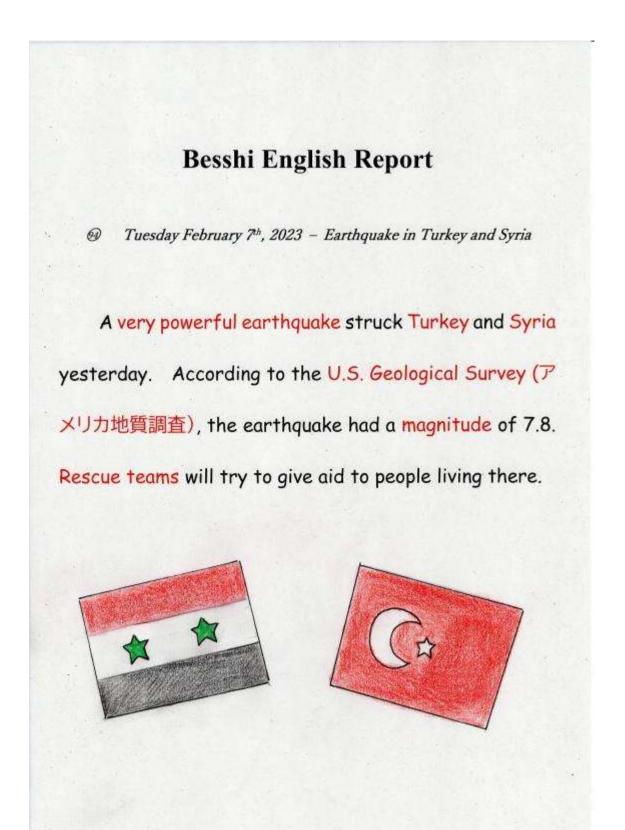
Yesterday, the students had a very special English class. They got to enjoy fun activities and had the opportunity to have an online chat in English. It was a great experience to improve their English skills.



[Earthquake in Turkey and Syria]

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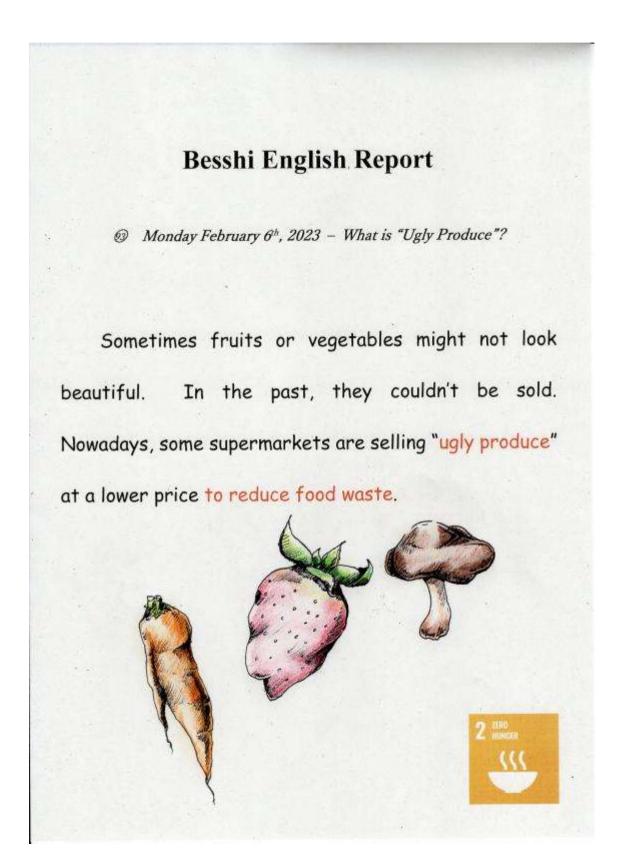
More than 4,300 people lost their lives. Thousands more were injured or lost their homes. The area was already in need of humanitarian aid even before the earthquake. Search and rescue operations are currently ongoing.



「What is "Ugly Produce"?」

投稿日時: 02/06 - ALT カテゴリ:

We can still eat and cook with fruits and vegetables that look strange. They taste just as good as normal-looking ones. It's good to use them instead of throwing them out.



[Enduring the Cold]

投稿日時: 02/03 📤 ALT カテゴリ:Besshi

This week, the second-year students celebrated *Shonen Shiki*. The students went on a long walk around Besshi on Thursday. Today, they had the ceremony and enjoyed many activities. We hope they made good memories.

Besshi English Report

Thursday February 2nd, 2023 − Enduring the Cold

The second-year students at Besshi Junior High School went on a walk around Besshi yesterday. They walked 8 kilometers. The weather was not too cold, but the snow was very wet!



The Last SGE of the Year

投稿日時: 01/31 📤 ALT カテゴリ:Besshi

This time, we held our SGE class in English. Sometimes, it's difficult to interact with each other in a foreign language without preparation. However, if we do it with kindness and help each other understand, it can be very fun.

Besshi English Report

1 Tuesday January 31st, 2023 - The Last SGE of the Year

Yesterday, Besshi Junior High and Elementary
School held this year's final SGE class. Students and
teachers enjoyed talking in English. Thank you for
trying your best and showing us your kindness!



「Icicles」

投稿日時: 01/26 🐣 ALT カテゴリ:Nature

Many places have safety rules for icicles. You should always be careful and make sure you are not standing or walking under large icicles

Besshi English Report

@ Thursday January 26th, 2023 - Icicles

Icicles may form as snow melts during the day and refreezes during the night. They can be very beautiful, but if they fall from high places, they could be dangerous. Some icicles even grow as big as daikon radishes.



[Snowfall Warning]

投稿日時: 01/25 🐣 ALT カテゴリ: Japan

The snowstorm has caused a lot problems. For example, frozen water pipes and icy roads.

Besshi English Report

@ Wednesday January 25th, 2023 - Snowfall Warning

Heavy snow and cold temperatures will hit many parts of Japan this week. The temperatures may reach some of the lowest numbers we have seen across the country. We have already gotten a lot of snow in Besshi.



[Hoarfrost]

投稿日時: 01/24 🖴 ALT カテゴリ:Nature

Snow can be so beautiful! On the other hand, it can cause a lot of trouble. Now, we are get ting a lot of snow in Besshi. Other places in Japan will get a lot of snow, too.

Besshi English Report

Tuesday January 24th, 2023 − Hoarfrost

Have you ever seen snow stuck to places such as trees or wire fences? This is called hoarfrost. When water vapor touches an object that is below freezing point (-0°C), the water vapor turns into hoarfrost.



#51 [Minestrone]

投稿日時 : 2022/07/14 🏯 ALT カテゴリ:

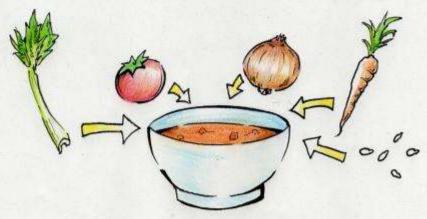
Italian food is popular around the world.

There are many ways to make minestrone, so I want to try making it at home one day.

Besshi English Report

Thursday July 14th, 2022 - Minestrone

Minestrone is an Italian soup. It has many types of vegetables in it. For example, celery, onions, and carrots. Minestrone also has rice or pasta. There is no set recipe, so you can use any vegetable you like.



投稿日時 : 2022/07/13 🏯 ALT カテゴリ:

"Raining cats and dogs" is a very strange phrase.

People can only guess where it came from, but no one knows the answer.

Besshi English Report

@ Wednesday July 13th, 2022 - Raining Cats and Dogs

We have many strange phrases in English. For example, when there's a big rain storm, we say "It's raining cats and dogs." Why? Well, nobody really knows. Each language seems to have its own phrase.



#49 Storing Potatoes

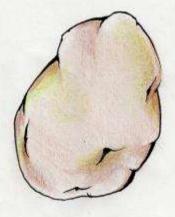
投稿日時 : 2022/07/12 - ALT カテゴリ:

If a potato turns green, we can still use it as a seed potato! This way, we can grow more potatoes from it.

Besshi English Report

@ Tuesday July 12th, 2022 - Storing Potatoes

Over time, the potatoes that we harvest may become green. When they turn green, we should not eat them. So, how do we prevent it from happening? We should always store potatoes in a dark and cool place.



投稿日時 : 2022/07/11 📤 ALT カテゴリ:Current event

If food becomes too expensive, many people won't be able to afford it.

Nowadays, we can see the price of food getting higher.

Besshi English Report

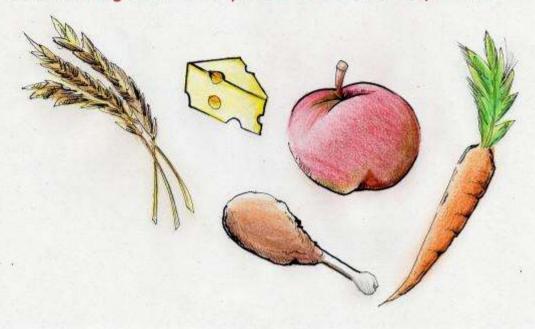
® Monday July 11th, 2022 - Climate Change and Food

Climate change is one of the big international issues.

Did you know it impacts our food security? For example,

vegetables will be harder to grow if it's too hot. If we

have less vegetables, they will become more expensive.



#47 「Special English Class」

投稿日時: 2022/07/07 👇 ALT カテゴリ:Besshi

The students' English skills improved a lot. Let's keep working hard!

Try to use English in your daily lives!

Besshi English Report

Thursday July 7th, 2022 - Special English Class

Students at Besshi Junior High and Elementary
School had their first Special English Class of the year.
They did very wonderful presentations. I can tell they
worked hard and did their best. I'm very proud of them!



投稿日時 : 2022/07/06 ALT カテゴリ:Besshi

The SGE activities were very fun! I can't wait for the next SGE session!

Besshi English Report

Wednesday July 6th, 2022 - The Second SGE Session

We had the second SGE session at Besshi Elementary and Junior High School yesterday. We enjoyed interesting activities including "rock-paper-scissors train (じゃんけん列車)." Did you have fun?



投稿日時: 2022/07/05 📤 ALT カテゴリ:Current event

We should expect a lot of rain in the next couple of days. Stay safe!

Besshi English Report

© Tuesday July 5th, 2022 - Tropical Storm Aere

A tropical storm, or typhoon, is headed towards

Japan. The Japan Meteorological Agency forecasted

heavy rain for this week. As always, we must be careful

of floods and landslides.



#44 「Antonyms」

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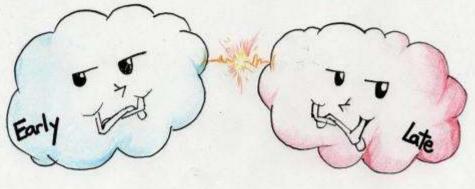
By using synonyms and antonyms, I'm sure you can improve your English vocabulary.

Besshi English Report

1 Thursday June 30th, 2022 - Antonyms

Synonyms are words that share the same meaning.

On the other hand, words with opposite meanings are called antonyms. For example, "early" and "late" are antonyms. Try to master using synonyms and antonyms!



#43 「Synonyms」

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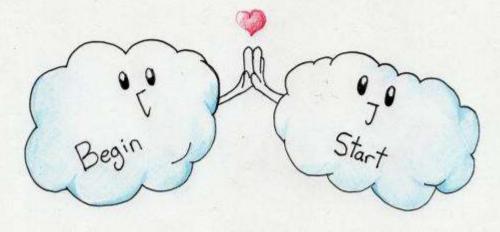
It's good to use a variety of words when writing in English.

Let's try to learn many synonyms!

Besshi English Report

@ Wednesday June 29th, 2022 - Synonyms

If you want to improve your English vocabulary, you should learn about synonyms. Synonyms are words that share the same meaning. For example, "begin" and "start" are synonyms. Can you think of other examples?



#42 [Intense Heat]

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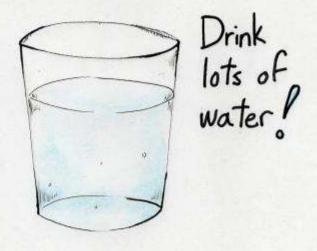
Some places in Japan reached new high temperature records.

We must be careful of heatstroke.

Besshi English Report

@ Tuesday June 28th, 2022 - Intense Heat

It was very hot in Japan last weekend. In other words, Japan was under extreme heat. Some places in the country recorded temperatures above 35°C. This heat will likely continue to stay for a while.



#40 Too Much Plastic

投稿日時 : 2022/06/22 - ALT カテゴリ:

There are many small things we can do to save the earth. For example, we can also refuse to use plastic bags or use reusable bottles. What else can we do?

Besshi English Report

@ Wednesday June 22nd, 2022 - Too Much Plastic

Plastic products are very useful, but they also harm the environment. Nowadays, people are trying to use less single-use plastic. For example, some restaurants use paper straws instead of plastic ones.



#39 Summer Solstice

投稿日時 : 2022/06/21 🏯 ALT カテゴリ:

There are many ways to enjoy summer! However, we also have *tsuyu*. It's also known as the r ainy season.

Besshi English Report

1 Tuesday June 21st, 2022 - Summer Solstice

Today is the first day of summer. It is also known as is the longest day of the year. So, we will get lots of sunlight. From today, we will get less sunlight until the winter solstice.



#37 「"Environmental Awareness"」

投稿日時 : 2022/06/15 🏯 ALT カテゴリ:Canada

These activities remind me of Besshi Farm. I hope more students around the world can participate in these kinds of activities at school.

Besshi English Report

@ Wednesday June 15th, 2022 - "Environmental Awareness"

Students at a school in Alberta, Canada are trying to be friendly to the environment. They learn not only about gardening, but also about fishing and beekeeping.

We can call this "environmental awareness."



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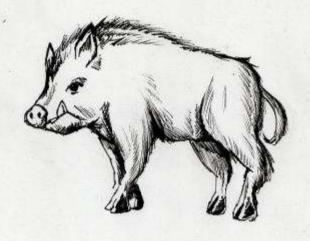
Wild boars can destroy gardens and hurt humans and other animals.

We have to be careful around them.

Besshi English Report

Monday June 13th, 2022 - Wild Boars

wild boars are another type of invasive species (外来種). Some wild boars live in Besshi. Recently, they have been seen in Canada, too. If there are too many, they can damage the environment.



#34 [Purple Loosestrife]

投稿日時 : 2022/06/12 🏯 ALT カテゴリ:Nature

These plants can grow quickly and easily. So, they spread very fast.

Besshi English Report

@ Sunday June 12th, 2022 - Purple Loosestrife

Purple loosestrife is a type of plant. They have beautiful purple flowers and grow near water. We can find them in many places. However, this is because they are an invasive species (外来種).



#31 [Outdoor Cooking]

投稿日時: 2022/06/08 - ALT カテゴリ:

There are many activities to enjoy in summer. Enjoying food with friends outside is very fun!

Besshi English Report

@ Wednesday June 8th, 2022 - Outdoor Cooking

Summer is almost here. There are many ways to enjoy the nice weather. For example, we can cook outdoors. Some people like to grill food on a barbeque.

Others like to cook over a campfire.



#30 [Rain on the Way]

投稿日時 : 2022/06/07 📤 ALT カテゴリ:Japan

We have to be careful of mudslides and floods during the rainy season!

Besshi English Report

@ Tuesday June 7th, 2022 - Rain on the Way

The Japan Meteorological Agency (気象庁) is forecasting heavy rain for the next few days. The rain will move from western to eastern Japan. Now, we are in the middle of Japan's rainy season.



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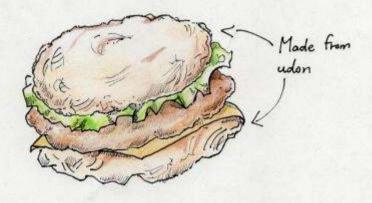
I think this is a good idea. We must not waste any food.

I want to try many udon burgers!

Besshi English Report

Monday June 6th, 2022 − Udon Burgers?

Food waste is a big problem. A lot of food gets thrown away. However, high school students in Kagawa are trying to tackle this issue. How? By making "udon burger buns" made from unused udon noodles.



#27 [Hiking in Besshi]

投稿日時 : 2022/05/26 👇 ALT カテゴリ:Besshi

We got to learn a lot about the area around us in Besshi.

Also, we were able to experience the beauty of nature.

Besshi English Report

Thursday May 26th, 2022 - Hiking in Besshi

Yesterday, students and teachers from Besshi

Junior High School went hiking in the mountains. It was
a fun day. We also got to enjoy the beautiful scenery.

I'm glad that the weather was nice.



#25 Soft Cream?」

投稿日時 : 2022/05/23 🏯 ALT カテゴリ:

Many countries around the world have different words for "soft-serve ice cream."

Do you know any of them?

Besshi English Report

Monday May 23rd, 2022 - Soft Cream?

Everyone loves ice cream, especially soft-serve ice cream. In Japanese, it is called ソフトクリーム. Even though it's made from the two English words "soft" and "cream", we don't actually call it "soft cream!"



#23 [Heat Wave in India]

投稿日時 : 2022/05/19 🐣 ALT カテゴリ:

This is a big problem.

For example, with this kind of weather, people in Delhi cannot grow their wheat.

Besshi English Report

3 Thursday May 19th, 2022 - Heat Wave in India

There is a big heat wave in India. In fact, the region of Delhi had temperatures above 49°C. This is the highest temperature recorded in over 100 years. Some schools had to close due to the heat.

投稿日時 : 2022/05/18 🏯 ALT カテゴリ:

Many English speakers get confused over "everyday" and "every day."

So, let's be careful when using them.

Besshi English News

@ Wednesday May 18th, 2022 - Everyday VS Every Day

Some people use "everyday" and "every day" in the same way. However, they are used in different situations. We can only use "everyday" as an adjective (形容詞) to describe daily actions or events.

Let's enjoy our <mark>everyday</mark> lives! or

Let's enjoy our lives every day!

#20 [Pot-au-feu]

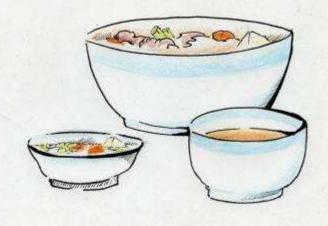
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Pot-au-feu is enjoyed by French families of all types. It is almost like *oden*! However, the e meat and vegetables are served separately from the soup.

Besshi English News

Monday May 15th, 2022 - Pot-au-feu

Pot-au-feu (ポタフ) is a French dish. In English, it means "pot on the fire." It is a dish of boiled meat and vegetables in a broth. Pot-au-feu is known as one of the most important French comfort foods.



投稿日時 : 2022/05/12 🏯 ALT カテゴリ:Besshi

Through SGE activities, we can understand each other better.

I want to do SGE again in the future!

Besshi English News

® Thursday May 12th, 2022 - SGE

Yesterday we had the first SGE session of the year.

Students and teachers at Besshi Junior High and Elementary School talked about many things with each other. I think it's a good activity.



#17 「Growing Vegetables」

投稿日時: 2022/05/11 - ALT カテゴリ:Besshi

Growing vegetables is difficult. However, it's worth the effort.

I hope we can get a lot of vegetables!

Besshi English News

@ Wednesday May 11th, 2022 - Besshi Farm

Yesterday, the students at Besshi Junior High School worked on Besshi Farm. Besshi Farm is one of our school activities. The students can help the local community by growing fruits and vegetables.



#16 [Caribou or Reindeer?]

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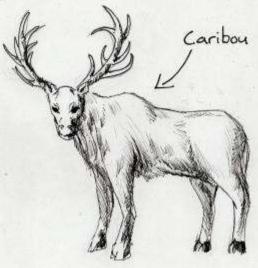
The caribou is a very important symbol in Canada.

In fact, it's featured on the Canadian quarter.

Besshi English Report

Monday May 9th, 2022 - Caribou or Reindeer?

Caribou are a type of deer. They live in the cold northern areas of the earth. Recently, I learned that caribou and reindeer are the same. However, in North America we only call them caribou if they are wild!



#15 [Recycling Masks]

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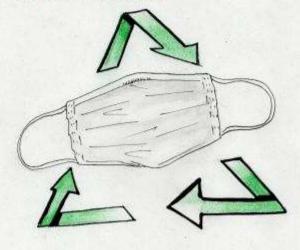
I think this is a good way to save the earth.

I hope we can find other ways to recycle disposable masks.

Besshi English Report

Friday May 6th, 2022 - Recycling Masks

For over two years, people around the world have been wearing masks. So, a lot of disposable masks get thrown out every day. Some people are trying to use them as construction material.



#13 [Crocodiles and Alligators]

投稿日時 : 2022/04/27 🐣 ALT カテゴリ:

Crocodiles are larger than alligators, too. Are there any other differences between them?

Besshi English Report

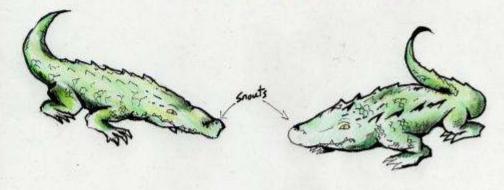
13 Wednesday April 27th, 2022 - Crocodiles and Alligators

Crocodiles and alligators are large reptiles (爬虫類).

Even though they look the same, they are different.

For example, an alligator's snout is a round U-shape. On

the other hand, a crocodile's is a pointy V-shape.



#12 「Climate Change」

投稿日時 : 2022/04/26 📤 ALT カテゴリ:

If we don't take care of the earth, people won't be able to live on it anymore.

We must take action!

Besshi English Report

@ Tuesday April 26th, 2022 - Climate Change

One of the biggest global issues is climate change.

Do you know a lot about it? The world is getting hotter.

This can lead to more natural disasters. What can we do to give the earth a future?



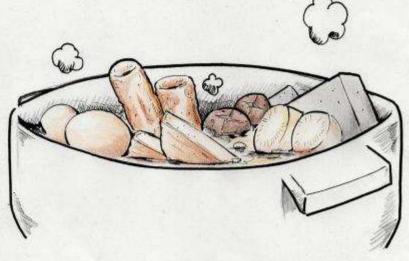
投稿日時 : 2022/04/25 🐣 ALT カテゴリ: Japan

I think everyone has their own unique oden recipe. Is it true?

Besshi English Report

@ Thursday April 21st, 2022 - Oden

Oden is one of the popular Japanese dishes. It is a type of hotpot dish that has boiled eggs, daikon, konjac, and fishcakes such as chikuwa in a dashi broth. It's difficult to explain it in English!



#7 [Easter Eggs]

投稿日時 : 2022/04/18 🏯 ALT カテゴリ:

People celebrate Easter over three days: Good Friday, Easter Sunday, and Easter Monday.

Besshi English Report

Sunday April 17th, 2022 - Easter Eggs

In many countries, this weekend is Easter weekend.

Easter eggs are a popular symbol of Easter for children.

People can paint eggs and hide them. Children can enjoy finding these eggs in an Easter egg hunt.



#6 [Snowstorms in April?]

投稿日時 : 2022/04/15 - ALT カテゴリ:Canada

In Canada, getting snow in spring is normal.

However, this is one of the biggest snowstorms in many years.

Besshi English Report

© Friday April 15th, 2022 - Snowstorms in April?

There is a big snowstorm in some parts of Canada now. We call them blizzards. Due to the blizzards, many roads are closed. So, people cannot travel!

Canada can still get snow in spring.



#4 「Musical Instruments」

投稿日時 : 2022/04/13 🏯 ALT カテゴリ:

I think music is very fun. Let's talk about music together!

Besshi English Report

(4) Wednesday April 13th, 2022 - Musical Instruments

Do you like music? I like it very much. I can play the trombone. When I was an elementary school student, I could play the piano and violin. Can you play any musical instruments?



#3 [Let's Visit the Cherry Tree!]

投稿日時 : 2022/04/12 🏯 ALT カテゴリ:Besshi

The cherry blossom season is almost over. I'm glad I got to see Edohigan-zakura.

I want to see it again next year!

Besshi English Report

3 Tuesday April 12th, 2022 - Let's Visit the Cherry Tree!

The students from Besshi Junior High School saw a big cherry tree yesterday. It is called Edohigan-zakura (エドヒガンザクラ). It is a very beautiful cherry tree.



#2 [Welcome to Besshi]

投稿日時 : 2022/04/11 🏯 ALT カテゴリ:

We met many new wonderful students today.

Let's all get along with each other this year.

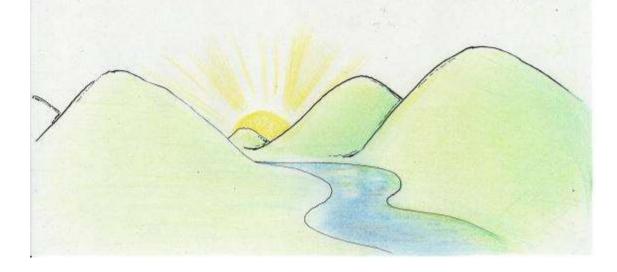
Besshi English News

@ Monday April 11th, 2022 - Welcome to Besshi!

Today, we will say hello to new students in Besshi.

I hope this year will be very fun! Let's enjoy the school year and learn new things together.

Nice to meet you!



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The new school year began today.

We are looking forward to working with everyone this year.

Besshi English News

① Friday April 8th, 2022 - Welcome Back

Welcome back to school! Did you have a nice spring break? On Monday, we will welcome new students to Besshi Junior High and Elementary School. Let's greet them positively!

