

Wow! Did you see the English play on Friday or Saturday? Of course you did. It was amazing! 6F did an absolutely wonderful job. They did everything. They have been working on it since last June and they built the sets¹, made the props², made the costumes, worked out the lighting, edited the music, directed the acting, made the costumes, and anything else you can think of. And, of course, let's not forget Mr. Tanabe, who wrote the script. Well done everybody. I am proud of all of you. I know you are tired, but five more days and it's Golden Week!

Something Interesting (Notre Dame³)

1. The cathedral's⁴ full name is "Notre Dame de Paris", which means "Our Lady of Paris".
2. Building was started in 1160 but it took nearly 100 years to build the whole cathedral.
3. 15 million people visited Notre Dame last year, more than the Eiffel Tower.
4. A Roman temple stood on the site of the cathedral from about 100AD.
5. In the French revolution⁵, the cathedral was desecrated⁶ and many of the statues broken.
6. Napoleon Bonaparte restored the cathedral and was crowned emperor⁷ there in 1804.
7. In 1831 the cathedral was almost in ruins. Victor Hugo published, "The Hunchback of Notre Dame" and tourism, both from within France and abroad, picked up and the cathedral was restored to its current state.

9 differences



Last week's answer:
A T-Rex



The Fire in Notre Dame

Last week, as I'm sure you all know, there was a fire in Notre Dame, the famous cathedral in Paris. The fire started at 16:20 on Monday, April 15th. When the first fire alarm went off, staff couldn't find the fire. Another alarm went off at 16:43 and they called the fire service. The fire became stronger and the fire service fought it all night. They managed to get it under control during the early hours of Tuesday morning and it was fully extinguished by 11am on Tuesday.



The fire has caused extensive damage. A large part of the wooden roof and the cathedral's famous spire⁸ collapsed. Art work, the stained-glass windows, and a lot of the stone work has also been damaged. The two stone towers that are the most famous face of the cathedral have survived, but they are smoke damaged.



Nobody knows how the fire started. There was renovation⁹ work taking place in the cathedral and that could have been a factor. France's president, Macron, has said that Notre Dame will be rebuilt within 5 years. It will cost about \$8,000,000,000. Already about a billion dollars has been donated¹⁰, from companies like Luis Viton, but also from many regular people.



1.Sets 大道具 2.Props 小道具 3.Notre Dame ノートルダム寺院 4.Cathedral 大聖堂
5.Revolution 革命 6.Desecrate 神聖さを汚す 7.Be crowned emperor ~を王にする 8.Spire
教会の尖塔 9.Renovation リフォーム 10.Donate 寄付する

English Lounge Schedule

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
Quiet study room 16:15~	Movie Finding Dory 16:30~	Lunch talk Dinosaurs 12:55~		

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Strange World Records

This is a record that I think I might have a chance of breaking, if I get really bored one day. Andre Ortoft has the world record for the 100m sprint. "Wait a minute!" I can hear you say. "That's Usain Bolt!" Ah. No. Not the record for the straight sprint, the record for the 100m sprint in clogs¹. He did it in 16.26 seconds. (That's actually pretty fast.) And, the fastest 100m in ski boots. He did that in 17.65 seconds. On second thoughts, after boasting that I could break that record, I'm not quite so sure anymore. That is fast. What about you?



Our greatest glory is not in never failing, but in rising every time we fall. - Oliver Goldsmith

★ Something Big ★

How big is your car? Can you put your hand on its roof? Well, the largest land vehicle in the world is the Bagger 293. It was built in Germany in 1995 and is a bucket-wheel excavator². It works in a strip coal mine³ and can move 220,000 tons of coal every day. It weighs 14,000 tons, is 225m long, 96m tall, and it takes five people to operate it. It is an impressively huge machine, but it is a symbol of one of the things that is wrong with our world and our society. We have built such enormous machines to cut through the earth and rip out the coal. We care so much for the coal and the power it brings that we don't give a thought for the damage it leaves behind. When we look at a machine like this, we should think about renewable energy⁴.



★ Something You Probably Didn't Know ★

Why do we use the QWERTY keyboard? Well, it was invented in the 1870s by Christopher Latham Sholes, an American newspaper editor. He designed a typewriter⁵ and he put the keys in alphabetical order⁶. When you press a key on a typewriter, a metal bar springs out, hits an ink tape and types on the paper. The problem was that when keys next to each other were pressed, they jammed⁷. He moved the keyboard around so keys that are often used were not close to each other. Have a look at your keyboard and think about it.



New words: 1.Clogs 一足の木靴 2.Bucket-wheel excavator バケツホイール掘削機 3.Strip coal mine 露天掘り鉱山 (石炭) 4.Renewable energy 再生可能エネルギー 5.Typeewriter タイプライター 6.Alphabetical order アルファベット順 7.Jam 詰まる