

Hi! I made this English news back in April, so the news is not very up to date. Sorry. I wanted to say that this is the start of the school year and welcome to Hokusei, but it seems a bit late for that. I hope all of you are fresh after your month and a bit at home. It is a very confusing time and I'm not sure how school will go, but let's do our best and try to have fun every day. I know that you are all happy to be back with your friends and, of course, happy to see all of your wonderful and beautiful teachers as well!! Ha ha.

Something Interesting (Kit Kats)

1. Kit Kat are produced by Nestle. Nestle was started by Henri Nestle who came up with a way of making powdered milk for babies in 1867. This powdered milk was then added to bitter chocolate to make milk chocolate. Without his milk, we might not have the chocolate we love today.
2. Kit Kats were "Rowntree's chocolate crisp" until the end of WW2² and they had a blue wrapper.
3. They were created when a worker at the Rowntree factory put a suggestion in the suggestion box that he'd like a chocolate bar he could put in his lunch box.
4. The name changed during WW2 because they couldn't obtain³ any milk to make the regular chocolate crisp bar, so they wanted a new name to show people it was a different bar.
5. Around the world, over 200 Kit Kats are eaten every second.

Spot the difference – 10 differences



Kit Kat Releases "Blindfold" Line

I know that all of the news these days is wall-to-wall⁴ corona virus, so I wanted to write about something else. Kit Kat has released its new line of chocolates. I don't know how many people will be able to buy them if the country is in a state of emergency⁵, but I'm sure Amazon will stock them. This new line is a collection of many of Kit Kat's flavors that they have released over the years. However, there are no labels on each chocolate bar, so you don't know what flavor you will be getting.



That is why they are called "blindfold" Kit Kats. The Nestle company cannot come round to your house and blindfold you, but if they hide the flavor of the chocolate, it is the same kind of idea. And you will never know what flavor you are going to get. Apparently⁶, there are more than 300 different flavors



of Kit Kat in Japan, so you really will have no idea what chocolate you are going to get. I think this is a great idea, but I think they should take a leaf out of the Harry Potter book and add some nasty flavors as well. When you buy some of the Harry Potter jellybeans, you can get "snot"⁷ and "earwax"⁸. Maybe Nestle should try that.

- 1.Restrictions 制限 2.WW2 (World War 2) 第2次世界大戦 3.Obtain 手に入る 4.Wall-to-wall 絶え間なく 5.State of emergency 緊急事態 6.Apparently ~らし 7.Snot 鼻くそ 8.Earwax 耳くそ

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World Records

Here is an interesting world record, but I don't think it is one that we are going to be able to beat. This week I am looking at the record for the highest jump on a pogo stick. The record is 11.15 feet, which is 3.39m. On the surface, that doesn't seem that high, but have you ever tried to jump on a pogo stick? I have a few times and, no matter how hard I try, the pogo stick and I never seem to land in the same place. However, maybe some of you out there are champion pogo stickers. I know I had a girl in my class last year who was a champion unicyclist, so you Hokusei Girls will always amaze me.



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The ~est in the world

What do you think the fastest animal in the world is? Many people think that it is the cheetah, but it is actually the peregrine falcon. This bird can fly pretty fast, but it reaches its maximum speed when it is hunting. It flies up high in the sky and then drives straight down towards the animal it is going to kill. It puts its wings back and makes its whole body streamlined¹. It reaches speeds of 389km/h. That means that it is travelling faster than the fastest bullet train². Also, because the peregrine falcon is travelling so fast, it experiences a tremendous³ g-force⁴ when it suddenly pulls out of the dive. It can reach 27Gs. Most humans will pass out⁵ at about 10G, and very high g-forces can kill us. Falcons are not very heavy, so they can survive it.



Something You Probably Didn't Know

How often do you cut your finger and toenails? Do you every really think about it? You probably just cut them when they get too long. But, did you know that you have to cut your nails more often than people did 70 years ago? A study showed that nails these days grow 25% faster than they did in 1950. Why is that? It is because of the increased amount of protein⁶ we all eat. Our diets have become very rich in protein from meat and dairy products. 70 years ago, people didn't eat so much.



New words: 1.Streamlined 流線形の 2.Bullet train 新幹線 3.Tremendous とても大きい 4.G-force 重力加速度 5.Pass out 重力加速度 6.Protein タンパク質