

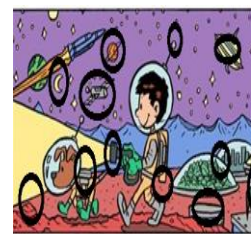
Did you see the cherry blossom in the school garden last week? It was beautiful. I think we have a beautiful garden here at school. It is great in the summer. I think it would be nice if more students could eat their lunch outside, but I know that is probably not a good idea with the corona virus at the moment. Maybe next year. There is nothing nicer than eating a picnic outside in the summer. Huh. Maybe I'll go out on my own and eat my lunch while you all watch me from the classroom windows!

10 differences



Are these puzzles too easy? If you want, I can try to find some really difficult ones. Just tell me.

Last week's answer



Something you didn't know about the theater

1. The smallest theater in the world seats 8 people and is in Austria.
2. The longest running play¹ is "Mousetrap" by Agatha Christie. It has been running for 66 years and has had over 27,000 performances!
3. The play with the shortest run² was "Intimate Revue" in 1930. It closed before it finished its first performance. Scene changes³ took 20 minutes each and they had to cancel 7 scenes to try to finish in time.
4. Shakespeare's rebuilt Globe Theater is the only building in London that is allowed to have a thatched roof⁴. They were banned⁵ after the Great Fire in 1666.

English Play

Last Sunday, the 6th grade English department put on the yearly English Play. This year, because of the corona virus, the students made a movie instead of a play. That gave us a lot of new challenges, but it also let us do things that we can't usually do. We could have subtitles⁶, for example. We can't do that when it is on stage. Also, it is much easier to hear what the students are saying. We could use camera tricks⁷ and special effects⁸ that we can't



usually do. We were able to use different locations as well. The students filmed in school as well as going to Maruyama Park and the Hoheikan in Nakajima Park. However, the students had to spend a lot of time editing⁹. For each scene, they took many cuts and then it was the job of the filming director and her team to edit them all together. It took a lot of time and

they didn't get much sleep for the week before the performance.

The final performance was absolutely amazing. It was a lot of work for the students, but their hard work paid off¹⁰. The quality of the acting, costumes, make up, soundtrack and editing was absolutely amazing. It is a movie that I would happily watch many times. Well done everybody.



- 1.the longest running play 一番長い上演 2.shortest run 一番短い上演 3.scene change 場面変化 4. thatched roof わらぶ期屋根 5.ban 禁止される 6.subtitles 字幕 7.camera tricks 編集トリック 8. special effects 特殊効果 9.edit 編集する 10. pay off 努力や投資などが利益を生む



World record

Joe has started riding his motorbike again. Maybe he would like to try this world record. It is the fastest speed on a motorbike while performing a handstand¹. 31-year-old Marco George managed to do a handstand while riding at 122km/h. I think I would be scared just riding at motorbike at 122 km/h. Doing a handstand at the same time is just crazy. I think I would like to see Joe try it, though. I think we should give him a few days to practice, and then he can go for it. I'm very excited. Maybe I could try it on my bicycle as well.



Work for a cause², not for applause³. Live life to express⁴, not to impress⁵.

A mystery



Have you ever heard of the sailing stones in Death Valley? They are rocks that somehow move. They leave a long trail behind them in the sand. For a very long time, nobody knew how they were moving. People thought it might be animals,



monsters, or maybe even that the rocks are alive. Only recently has the mystery been solved and it was solved because of a very simple technology that has become popular recently. That technology is time-lapse photography⁶. Scientists were able to set lots of cameras for a long period of time and

actually watch the rocks move! It turns out the reason they move is a lot less imaginative⁷ than monsters. It is basically wind and ice. Sometimes, when it is very cold in the winter, the ground will freeze⁸. Then, when the sun comes up the next day, some of that ice will start to melt. If the wind is strong enough, the rocks can be blown around on surfboards



of melting ice. Death Valley is one of the hottest places on Earth and people don't expect it to have ice, but it does get very cold at night in the winter. This is a long-standing⁹ mystery that simple technology solved. I wonder how many other mysteries will be solved by technology in the coming years.

- 1.handstand 逆立ち
- 2.cause 大義のために
- 3.applause 拍手
- 4.express 表す
- 5.impress 人々を感心させる
- 6.time-lapse photography 低速度撮影の写真
- 7.imaginative 想像的
- 8.freeze 凍る
- 9.long-standing 長く続いている

