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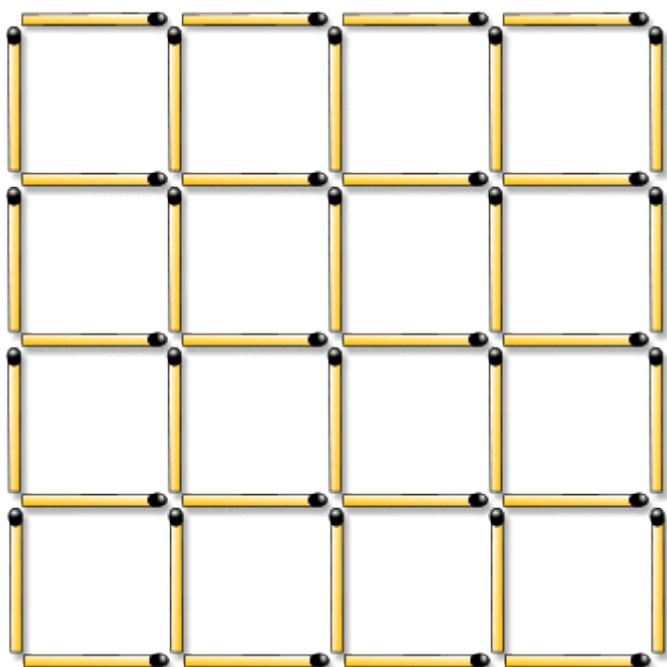
Last week was fun. I got so confused¹ though. I thought every day was Monday! And this week is going to throw me off² even more. On Tuesday we've got sports day. That's going to be a lot of fun. Up there in the mountains, running around the track, getting mildly³ sunburned⁴, talking to students, watching Joe raking⁵ the sandpit⁶. It'll be a good day. Then Thursday has cleaning and long home room, before Friday is another holiday! My students said, "another holiday!" And I said, "well, you can come to school if you want!" What do you think?

Something You Didn't Know (Ig Nobel⁷)

1. The name is a play on words⁸. Ignoble⁹ means something that is not honorable¹⁰ or good.
2. The prize was started in 1991 by Marc Abrahams.
3. The prizes and a number of the people who appear on stage are genuine¹¹ Nobel laureates¹².
4. The winners received 100 trillion¹³ dollars! Real Nobel prize winners only get about 1 million! Unfortunately¹⁴, the 100 trillion dollars is from Zimbabwe¹⁵ and is worth¹⁶ about 500 yen!
5. The winners have 60 seconds to say "thank you", and, if they are too long, a small girl shouts out, "I'm bored!"
6. Andrei Geim is the only person to win both a Nobel prize and an Ig Nobel prize. He won the Nobel prize for his work on graphene¹⁷ and the Ig Nobel for levitating¹⁸ a frog with magnets.



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Last Week's Answers



Announcements

Monday and Wednesday are regular¹⁹ school. Tuesday is sports day at Maruyama stadium. Thurs is ceremony 1, emergency drill²⁰ 2, LHR 3 and 4.

Ritsumeikan University Professors Win Ig Nobel Prize

Last week, Atsuki Higashiyama and Kohei Adachi, both professors²¹ at Ritsumeikan University, won the Ig Nobel prize for Perception²². They proved "Perceived²³ size and perceived distance of targets viewed from between the legs: Evidence for proprioceptive²⁴ theory²⁵." Basically²⁶, they say that if you look from between your legs, things look closer.



The other prizes went to, among others²⁷, a man who made prosthetic²⁸ legs and lived with goats. Someone who analyzed²⁹ the personalities of rocks. A man who tested the effect of wearing polyester³⁰ on the sex life of rats. A team who discovered that if the left side of your body itches³¹ and you look in a mirror and scratch you right side it stops itching.

The ceremony was started as a joke, but has since become extremely³² famous and popular. The winners might not receive the same recognition³³ among their peers³⁴ as the Nobel laureates, but the science behind their discoveries can have real word applications³⁵ and can solve some quite serious problems. Only one person has been lucky enough to win both a Nobel prize and an Ig Nobel prize. I wonder which they treasure most.

The Ig Nobel Prizes honor research that first make people laugh, and then make them think



1. Confused 混乱させる
2. Throw off 混乱させる
3. Mildly 少し
4. Sunburned 日に焼く
5. Rake 熊手で掃く
6. Sandpit 砂場
7. Ig Nobel イグノーベル賞
8. Play on words だじやれ
9. Ignoble 下品な
10. Honorable 高潔な
11. Genuine 本物
12. Nobel laureate ノーベル賞受賞者
13. Trillion 1兆
14. Unfortunately 残念ながら
15. Zimbabwe ジンバブエ
16. Worth 価値がある
17. Graphene グラフェン
18. Levitate 空中浮揚する
19. Regular 普通
20. Emergency drill 避難訓練
21. Professor 博士
22. Perception 知覚
23. Perceived ～と受け取られている
24. Proprioceptive 固有受容性の
25. Theory 学説
26. Basically 基本的に
27. Among others 特に
28. Prosthetic 人工装具
29. Analyze 分析する
30. Polyester ポリエステル
31. Itch かゆい
32. Extremely 非常に
33. Recognition 認められるようになる
34. Peers 仲間
35. Real world application 実際のアプリケーション