

How are you? Have your legs recovered<sup>1</sup>? Are you still stiff<sup>2</sup>? I'm old, so my legs were ok on Saturday, then a little worse on Sunday, and stiff today! Ha ha. It was a nice walk. The weather was not as bad as I thought it was going to be and it was a reasonable<sup>3</sup> temperature. I know a lot of you don't like the long walk, but I really enjoy it. It's a great chance to be outside, to get some fresh air (maybe not so much for the JHS, walking alongside<sup>4</sup> the main road<sup>5</sup>) and to talk to students that I don't usually get the chance to talk to. It was a great day!

### Something You Didn't Know (FBI)

1. FBI stands for Federal Bureau of Investigation<sup>6</sup>.
2. American police only have jurisdiction<sup>7</sup> within their own state. America needed a police force that could go all around the country. In 1908, the Bureau of Investigation (BOI) was started.
3. J. Edgar Hoover was director<sup>8</sup> for 48 years and he played a big part<sup>9</sup> in making the FBI what it is today. After he retired<sup>10</sup> the tenure<sup>11</sup> of directors was limited to<sup>12</sup> ten years.
4. 35,664 people work for the FBI. It has a yearly budget<sup>13</sup> of \$9.5 billion.
5. The FBI has 56 offices throughout the USA.
6. The "FBI's top ten most wanted people"<sup>14</sup> is very famous. This started in 1949 when Hoover was trying to find a way to publicize<sup>15</sup> the people they wanted to catch. A reporter suggested the idea of a top ten list.



### Trump Fires FBI Director

Last week, Donald Trump, the 45<sup>th</sup> president of the United States of America, fired<sup>16</sup> James Comey, the director of the FBI. This shouldn't be that unusual. The president is completely within his rights<sup>17</sup> to fire anybody he likes in his government. Ordinarily<sup>18</sup>, this might be a news story, but it wouldn't make headlines around the world, as it has done. So why is it different?



The main problem is the timing of Trump's decision. Comey made some mistakes during the election<sup>19</sup> time, and if Trump had fired him as soon as he became president, nobody would have thought anything of it. However, he didn't. In fact<sup>20</sup>, he praised<sup>21</sup> Comey, because his mistakes directly helped Trump in the election. And now he has fired him. 100 days after taking office.



### Last Week's Answers

### Announcements

2A have their Midori on Monday and Tuesday. 2B have theirs on Thursday and Friday. On Friday, lesson 2, the HS have a Lilac and school council meeting. The JHS have theirs on Thursday lesson 6.

As head of the FBI, Comey is in charge<sup>22</sup> of the investigation<sup>23</sup> into Trump's connections<sup>24</sup> to Russia. There is mounting evidence<sup>25</sup> that Trump has more than a few, possibly not all legal<sup>26</sup>. And, as head of the FBI, Comey would have revealed<sup>27</sup> all of this. So, Trump has fired him. Possibly, Trump thinks this will save him, but it has only convinced<sup>28</sup> more people of his guilt<sup>29</sup>.



When I was 6 years old my sister was half my age. Now I am 92 years old. How old is my sister now?

All my shoes are green except two.  
All my shoes are red except two.  
All my shoes are blue except two.  
How many shoes do I have?

- 1.Recover 復元する 2.Stiff 固い 3.Reasonable まあまあ 4.Alongside 横に 5.Main road 幹線道路 6.FBI 連邦捜査局 7.Jurisdiction 裁判権 8.Director 長官 9.Play a part in ~に関与する 10.Retire 退職する 11.Tenure 在職 12.Limit to に制限する 13.Budget 予算 14.Top ten most wanted 10 大最重要指名手配 15.Publicize を公表する 16.Fire 首にする 17.Within his rights 権限内で 18.Ordinarily 普通は 19.Election 選挙 20.In fact 実は 21.Praise 褒める 22.In charge 責任者 23.Investigation 調査 24.Connection 関係 25.Mounting evidence ~という山のような証拠 26.Legal 法律の 27.Reveal 公開する 28.Convince 確言させる 29.Guilt 有罪

# ★ English News Page 2 ★

Hello everyone! Did you enjoy walking on Friday? Are your legs and feet still sore<sup>1</sup>? I walked with the junior high school students to Jozankei hot springs. I like walking and do it often, especially when the weather is nice! - Krystal

## ★ Teacher Interview ★

This week's teacher interview is with **Ms. Miho Oohashi**. She is the school librarian<sup>2</sup>, and also a graduate<sup>3</sup> of this school. What kind of answers did she have for the interview? Let's read and find out!



Q: How did you spend your Golden Week?

A: I went to Hakodate to see a friend of mine. I also went to see the cherry blossoms at Goryokaku Park. They were so beautiful!

Q: I heard you're a graduate of this school. What clubs were you in?

A: Well, when I was a junior high school student, I belonged to the art club. When I was a high school student, I joined the book club.

Q: What is your special talent?

A: I can read books very fast!

Q: What is one thing that you can't live without?

A: Books, of course! (laughs)

Q: What is your favorite thing about Hokusei?

A: I really like how the students and teachers are very close. When I was a student here, I was able to talk to my teachers about many things. Now that I work here, students come to me to talk a lot, and it's very interesting for me.

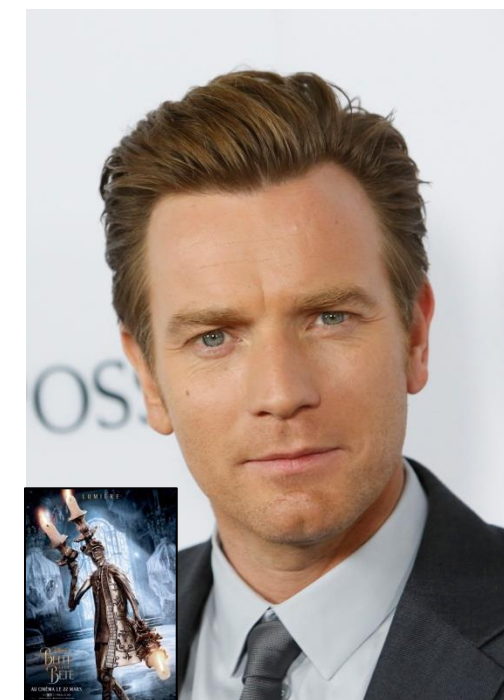
Q: Finally, what advice do you have for Hokusei students?

A: Please read lots of books! ☺ Also, try to develop interests in<sup>4</sup> many things. ★



# ★ English Speaking Celebrities ★

This week's English speaking celebrity is **Ewan McGregor**. He is a Scottish actor. Scotland is a country that is part of the United Kingdom, and it is located north of England. Ewan McGregor achieved international success in 1996 with the film *Trainspotting*. He played a young Obi-Wan Kenobi in *Star Wars: Episode I – The Phantom Menace*, *Episode II – Attack of the Clones*, and *Episode III – Revenge of the Sith*. Recently, he had a cameo<sup>5</sup> in *Star Wars: Episode VII – The Force Awakens*. He has a powerful singing voice, and has also starred in the musical, *Moulin Rouge*. Nowadays, you can hear his voice in the Disney live-action remake of *Beauty and the Beast*. He plays the role of the candelabra<sup>6</sup>, Lumière.



## ★ Horoscopes ★

<p><b>Aries</b> ♈ March 21-April 19</p> <p>It's important to spend more time at home with your family this week.</p>	<p><b>Taurus</b> ♉ April 20-May 20</p> <p>Green is your lucky color, so wear it and something good might happen.</p>	<p><b>Gemini</b> ♊ May 21-June 20</p> <p>You will be invited to a party this week. Have fun!</p>
<p><b>Cancer</b> ♋ June 21-July 22</p> <p>You will have a difficult problem this week. Don't be afraid to ask for help.</p>	<p><b>Leo</b> ♌ July 23-Aug 22</p> <p>You've been using SNS too much recently. Time to take a break<sup>7</sup>.</p>	<p><b>Virgo</b> ♍ Aug 23-Sept 22</p> <p>You've been studying very hard, so it's time to treat yourself<sup>8</sup>.</p>
<p><b>Libra</b> ♎ Sept 23-Oct 22</p> <p>Don't let small problems give you stress this week.</p>	<p><b>Scorpio</b> ♏ Oct 23-Nov 21</p> <p>Stop being so selfish<sup>9</sup> this week. Try to think about how other people feel.</p>	<p><b>Sagittarius</b> ♐ Nov 22-Dec 21</p> <p>Your best friend will tell you something important this week.</p>
<p><b>Capricorn</b> ♑ Dec 22-Jan 19</p> <p>Communication is very important. Don't hide your true feelings.</p>	<p><b>Aquarius</b> ♒ Jan 20-Feb 18</p> <p>You should take better care of your health this week.</p>	<p><b>Pieces</b> ♓ Feb 19-March 20</p> <p>Daydreaming<sup>10</sup> is nice, but focus more on reality<sup>11</sup> this week.</p>

**New words:** 1. sore 痛い 2. librarian 図書館員 3. graduate 卒業生 4. develop interest in 興味を持つ 5. cameo カメオ出演 6. candelabra 燭台 7. take a break 休憩をとる 8. treat oneself 奮発する 9. selfish わがまま 10. daydream 空想にふける 11. reality 現実