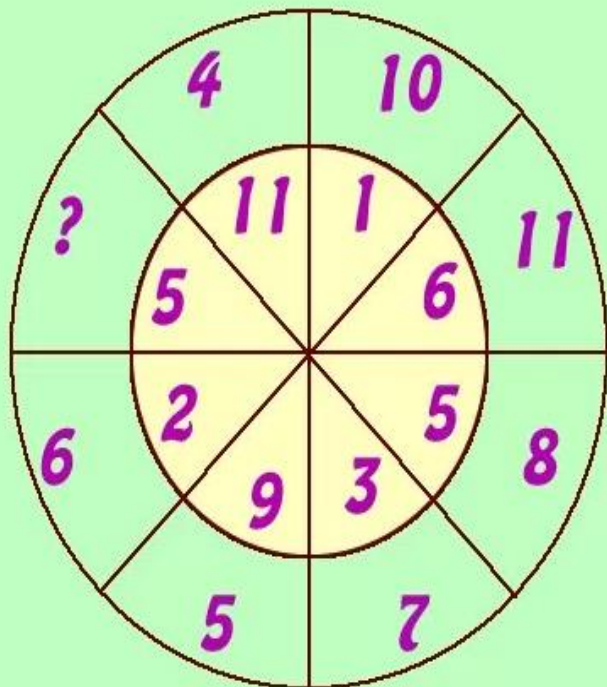


The entrance tests¹ were last week. You all got nearly three days of holiday. Were you upset²? I'm sure you were. Ha ha. I wonder how many new students we will get. Hokusei is a good school, so I'm sure we'll get a lot. Are you looking forward to when they all join your club? It's always interesting watching how your behavior³ changes when you go from being a fourth grader to a fifth grader, or a fifth grader to a sixth grader. I guess it's because the sixth graders are old hands⁴ and the new fourth graders are in awe of⁵ them. Think about it sometime.

Something Interesting (The Winter Olympics)

1. The first Winter Olympic Games were held⁶ in Chamonix, France in 1924.
2. The Winter Games has never been hosted in the Southern Hemisphere⁷.
3. Only four athletes have ever won medals at both the Winter and Summer Olympic Games.
4. The youngest gold medal winner was 15-year-old American figure skater Tara Lipinski in Nagano 1998.
5. Norway has won the most Winter Olympic medals. It has 329. Japan has 45.
6. Japan hosted⁸ the Winter Olympics in 1972 (Sapporo) and 1998 (Nagano).
7. It's costing \$12.9 billion to host this Winter Olympics. The last one, in Sochi, cost \$51 billion.
8. There are 2,952 athletes competing⁹ in 102 events at this Olympics.

Find Value of ?



Last Week's Answers

Cat + Dog = 10kg

Rabbit + Dog = 20kg

Cat + Dog = 24kg

Rabbit + Cat + Dog = ?

$$2\text{Rabbit} + 2\text{Cat} + 2\text{ Dog} = 54\text{kg}$$

$$\text{Rabbit} + \text{Cat} + \text{Dog} = 54/2 = 27\text{kg}$$

$$27\text{kg} - (\text{Dog} + \text{Cat}) \ 24\text{kg} = 3\text{kg} \ (\text{Rabbit})$$

$$10\text{kg} \ (\text{Cat} + \text{Rabbit}) - 3\text{kg} \ (\text{Rabbit}) = 7\text{kg} \ (\text{Cat})$$

$$24\text{kg} \ (\text{Cat} + \text{Dog}) - 7\text{kg} \ (\text{Cat}) = 17\text{kg} \ (\text{Dog})$$

$$\text{Rabbit} = 3\text{kg}, \text{Cat} = 7\text{kg}, \text{Dog} = 17\text{kg}$$

Announcements

Regular school for most of the week. We have the graduation assembly on Thursday. The graduation is on Friday. All of you have a day to stay at home and study. Good luck.

Winter Olympics – Britain Does Very Badly

The Winter Olympics in PyeongChang, South Korea, are finished. Many of the events have finished, but there are still a few big events left to go. As I write this, Friday afternoon, Japan has won four gold medals, five silver medals and four bronze medals. Norway is leading¹⁰ the competition with 14 golds, 14 silvers and 11 bronzes. Kazakhstan¹¹ is last with one bronze. And Britain? My country? Nothing.



Regino Hernandez – Spain - snowboard cross

Nothing. Not a single medal. In fact, until yesterday's curling, I hadn't even seen the British flag. Even Spain has a bronze medal! Spain doesn't have any snow! It's always hot there! And yet they have a bronze medal!! What's up Britain? Get your act together¹²!! Britain used to have a famous ski jumper. He entered the 1988 Winter Olympics. He came last. His name is Eddie "The Eagle" Edwards.

He held the UK ski jumping record¹³. But, at the time, he was the only ski jumper in the UK. He became very popular in the UK because he did his best, even though he didn't stand a chance¹⁴. The Olympic Committee¹⁵ changed the rules after that Olympics to stop people like Eddie competing. That's a shame¹⁶. And, a movie has just been released about him. So, go on England!! Win a gold medal! You have one week left!!



1.Entrance tests 入学試験 **2.Upset** 落ち込む **3.Behavior** 行動 **4.Old hand** ベテラン **5.In awe of** ~を畏怖して **6.Hold** 行う **7.Southern Hemisphere** 南半球 **8.Host** 大会を主催する **9.Compete** 参加する **10.Lead** 勝っている **11.Kazakhstan** カザフスタン共和国 **12.Get your act together** 責任を持って効果的に行動できるようにする. **13.Record** 記録 **14.Stand a chance** 希望である **15.Olympic Committee** オリンピック委員会 **16.Shame** 残念

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Strange World Records

Yusuke Yamaguchi of Japan holds the Guinness World Record for the fastest time to eat an onion. On the 31st December, 2013, he ate a raw onion in 29.56 seconds. I don't know how many of you have tried to eat raw onion, but it is incredibly difficult. To eat a whole raw onion is extremely difficult. If you would like to try and beat the record then you can contact the Guinness company directly. They will send a representative out to time your attempt. However, I must warn you, eating that much raw onion is very likely to make you sick, so you shouldn't attempt this record unless you have a bucket nearby. Good luck and always do your best!



It always seems impossible until it's done.

Nelson Mandela

If you put your mind to it, you can do anything. The only thing that stops us is thinking that we can't do it. We think things are impossible. Follow Mr. Mandela's advice. Start.

★ Amazing People

Ester Ledecka is from the Czech Republic. She is a professional snowboarder. She won a gold medal in the snowboarding slalom at the PyeongChang Winter Olympics last week. That makes her incredible. What makes her awesome? She then went on to win the gold medal in the skiing slalom as well!! There are very few people who can win gold in one discipline, let alone two! Ms. Ledecka was quite surprised when she realized she had finished faster than everybody else. She was born in Prague and she started skiing when she was four years old. She took up snowboarding later on. She is still only 22, so I think we are going to see her in the next winter Olympics, and probably the one after that as well. I think she is going to win at least four more gold medals.



★ From the English Lounge ★

New Games!

The English Lounge has some new board games arriving over the next few weeks. Mousetrap, Monopoly, The Game of Life and Clue to start with. Come along and play some games in English. Your English will get better. But, more than that, you'll have a lot of fun.

We would love to hear your ideas about the English Lounge. Come and tell Peter what you would like us to do. It is your room. We want to hear what you want to do. Come and watch the movie on Tuesday. The more English you listen to, the better your English will get.



New words: world record 世界記録 representative 代表者 the Czech Republic チェコ共和国 slalom スラローム discipline 専門 board game ボードゲーム put your mind to ... 気持ちをしっかり持つ