

This is my first English News of the new school year. Welcome back and welcome to our school for all of the new students. I think you are going to have a great time in this school. I know the school seems big and you get lost easily, but you will get used to¹ everything very quickly. It will only be a few weeks before you feel at home here. And there are so many things happening in April. You will be so busy. We have Rookie's Camp, the jhs midori no kyoushitsu, and, of course, the English play. That is happening this weekend! On Friday you are all going to be able to watch it in the auditorium²! I am very excited. And then the main performance is on Saturday. 5F will watch it then, and you can all come for a second time if you want! Have a great week!



15 differences!

Last week's answer



Something you didn't know about toilets

1. We all have easy access³ to a toilet, but there are many countries where more people have phones than toilets.
2. The average toilet uses 6 L of water per flush⁴. If you go to the toilet 10 times a day, that is 60 L per day, 21,900 L per year!
3. The first flushing toilet was invented in 1775 by Alexander Cummings.
4. Your toilet seat is actually cleaner and has fewer bacteria⁵ than your smartphone!
5. The highest toilet in the world is at Mount Everest Base Camp, 5,364 m ASL.
6. The toilet on the International Space Station cost NASA \$23 million.
7. A common nickname for the toilet is the "throne".

Men Who Stole Golden Toilet Found Guilty

This is a peculiar⁶ story. Five men were found guilty⁷ of theft⁸ in a British courtroom⁹ last week. The men were sentenced to 17 years in prison, but not just for the crime¹⁰ of stealing the golden toilet. They had committed many crimes over the last few years, including shooting someone. So, how did they steal a golden toilet? And why was there a golden toilet? The toilet was made by an Italian artist called Maurizio Cattelan. The artwork is called "America" and it is a fully functional¹¹ 18 karat golden toilet. It was displayed in America



before it was moved to the UK, where it was stolen. It was displayed in Blenheim Palace and many people queued to use the toilet every day. The thieves¹² waited until night and drove a car through the doors. They used sledgehammers to break the toilet up and then carried the pieces away. They melted the gold down and sold it. The toilet weighed 98 kg, which at today's gold prices is about 1,200,000,000 yen. The police caught the criminals because they were not very clever. They talked about the crime on SNS and posted pictures of bags full of money. They were arrested¹³ for this crime and



the police found many other crimes they had also committed. They are going to be in prison for a very long time. However, the police don't know where the money is. Maybe they buried it, like a pirate.

- 1.get used to 慣れる 2.auditorium 講堂 3.easy access to ~への簡単に手に入る 4.per flush 1 回の水洗ごとに 5.bacteria 細菌 6.peculiar 特有の 7.found guilty 有罪判決 8.theft 盗み 9.courtroom 法廷 10.crime 犯罪 11.fully functional 完全に機能する 12.theives どろぼ達 13.arrested 逮捕された



World record

Let's look at some animal records. Do you know what the fastest and the slowest animals are? Many people think the cheetah is the fastest animal, and it is the fastest on land, but there are other animals that are faster. A cheetah can run at a top speed of 130 km/h. They have a spine¹ like a spring, which helps them go so fast. There are birds that can go faster than that. The fastest bird is the peregrine falcon, which can reach 386 km/h when it dives. That is because it is so streamlined². The fastest fish is the sailfish, which can swim at 110 km/h. The slowest animal is the three-toed sloth³. They move at 24 meters per hour. The slowest bird is the Eurasian woodcock, which flies at 8 km/h. The slowest fish is the dwarf seahorse⁴. They move at about 1.5 meters per hour, which is very slow. I learned something because I didn't know that a seahorse was a fish.



“Do what you can, with what you have, where you are.” Theodore Roosevelt

An Interesting Fact

Strawberries are not berries. Bananas are berries!

Do you like strawberries? Do you like bananas? I expect that when you eat strawberries you think, “Wow! I really like these berries!” And when you eat a banana you think, “Wow! This fruit is yummy!” Well, strawberries are not berries. Strawberries are called aggregate⁵ fruits. That means, they are a number of fruits that have joined together. The red part of the strawberry is just there to hold together all of the fruits. Each little seed that you see on the side of the strawberry is actually a fruit. So, what about a banana? Well, a berry is a fruit that develops from a single flower with one ovary⁶ and contains several seeds. It also has a soft outer skin and no stone⁷. That means a banana is a berry because it comes from a single ovary, has seeds inside it, and the skin is soft. So, next time you are eating a banana, you have to stop and say to the person next to you, “Wow, I really love berries! What about you?”



- 1.spine 背骨 2.streamlined 流線型の 3.sloth ナマケモノ 4.seahorse タツノオトシゴ
5.aggregate 集合体 6.ovary 子房 7.stone 種