

Fuji Festival - Annual Report 2019



The vision of the Fuji Festival is to expand horizons of learners through Japanese culture and language. It is a big wide world and it's their world to explore.



MANGA

A professional manga artist Emily Katagiri visited P7 students on 27th September and 4th October to teach them manga drawing in sessions designed by educational consultant Jennifer McKay. The intention was to see if manga drawing could increase learner's emotional awareness and specifically, their ability to express themselves. We aimed to improve the learning environment in the class as well as benefit students long-term. It was a challenge at first but the educational consultant Jennifer McKay was able to

advise on the best approach and the second session went more smoothly. A range of manga drawing skills were learnt over two day visits to all classes in P7 of Dedridge Primary School.



JAPANESE LANGUAGE LESSONS

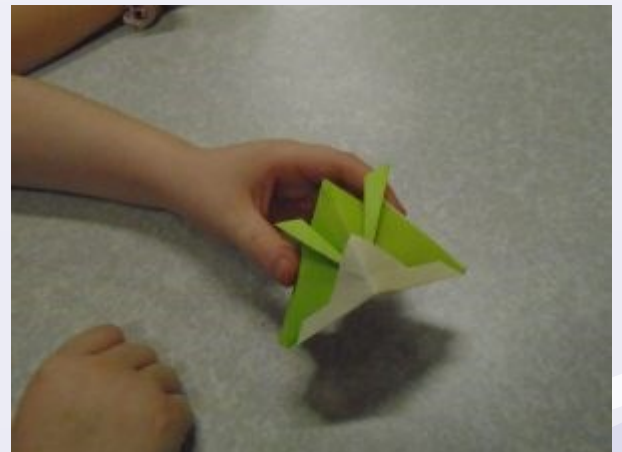
Staff from the education and culture section of the Japanese Consulate in Edinburgh visited Dedridge Primary School and taught basic Japanese and introduced Japanese culture.

MULTI-ACTIVITY DAY WITH KARATE,

MANGA, SUSHI, TOYS AND CALIGRAPHY

On 7th November, volunteers from the Japan Exchange Teaching Alumni Association were joined by The Japan Karate Federation, educational consultant Jennifer McKay and other volunteers from the Japanese diaspora in Edinburgh and a 9 year old origami teacher. Sushi was provided by Edinburgh restaurant Andamiro. Japanese toys were provided by The Japanese Consulate in Edinburgh.

The day was designed by educational consultant Jennifer McKay . P5 students from St Ninian's Roman Catholic School and Dedridge Primary School joined together in small groups to experience each activity in turn. Learners rotated around karate, manga, drama, origami, calligraphy and toys. After a morning of activity, learners tried sushi. In the afternoon, activities were undertaken by more P5s.



A SERIES OF VISITS

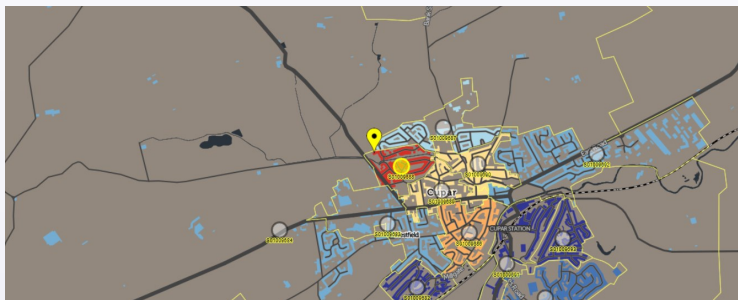
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- TAIKO DRUMMING DEMONSTRATION
- MULTI-ACTIVITY DAY WITH KARATE, MANGA, DRAMA, SUSHI, TOYS AND CALIGRAPHY



Our first event of the year was taiko drumming on 26th September at Kilmaron special educational needs school in Cupar. Children with special educational needs were also bussed in from a nearby main-stream school. The taiko teacher from Tsuchiguno Daiko was incredibly sensitive in making sure the noise was just at the right level to meet the needs of the the various students. It was an intense and very moving experience and I left with my heart full of admiration for the teachers and nurses who care for these students every day.

Kilmaron Special Educational Needs School, St Ninians and Dedridge Primary Schools are in the most deprived 20% areas of Scotland, according to the Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation.

Kilmaron Special Educational Needs School. Source SIMD 2016



St Ninians and Dedridge Primary Schools. Source SIMD 2016



REUSABLE MATERIALS ONLINE

Our ambition is to make materials available online, so that teachers, JETAA and learners can run their own Japanese themed events. We are making videos of our events and intend to present them on an online platform by March 2020.



Behind the Scenes Volunteers

This year we were assisted by three volunteers from the Japan Exchange Alumni Association on the administration of Fuji Events. Two volunteers completed funding applications and another carried out finance administration. We are grateful for their efforts behind the scenes, without which none of the activities in this report would have been possible.



FUNDERS

We would like to thank our generous funders, The Sasakawa Foundation, The Japan Society of Scotland, The Japanese Government. We would also like to thank The Japanese Consulate in Edinburgh for their generous support.

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

Although activities are still in progress this year, below is the estimated final year position as at 26/02/2020.



INCOME

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| Sasakawa Foundation | £1,000 |
| Japan Society for Scotland | £1,000 |
| JETAA Funding from The Japanese Government | £2,000 |
| Total | £4,000 |

EXPENSES

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| Educational consultant fees and website development | £2,454 |
| Other Fees (karate, taiko, manga artist etc.) | £1,186 |
| Sushi | £220 |
| Stationary and games | £92 |
| Volunteer expenses (travel, etc.) | £48 |
| Total | £4,000 |