



February

Jliper's Footprints



Omedetou ! Congratulations!

I want to congratulate all of the Jlipers for being such superb learners and a fun team to be with this month! It's hard to tell just how much has been absorbed by the children during the month of February. Yet I've heard from all the families how the Jlipers have been singing the songs we've learned or are making funny Darumasan faces and so it seems the lessons at school are coming to life at home, which is exactly what I wish for!

The theme of Bakemono really kicked into the children's imagination, and they all head-dived into learning this month!

First hand experiences such as throwing beans at the onis, rolling the luck-bringing sushi, creating the original bakemono book to be treasured, and bumping into a Kappa statue in the way to the Children's Hall has all come together to establish a strong connection with Japanese culture within each child.

We also had a fantastic time at the Children's Hall. Happily, our trip began with a surprise sighting of a Kappa. The trampoline was a treat, and we had the gym all to ourselves! Check out the photo of Aya sensei trying to ride a Unicycle!

We had an amazing time with the Big Bug's former Jlip children who spent an entire morning with us making Tako/Kite and using Tako(octopus) 's ink to do calligraphy. The older children acted as mentors to the younger ones, showing them how they write their own names beautifully. This impressed our Jlipers.

We ended our marvelous month with the Ohinasama Celebration. We painted our faces white like the hina dolls with dotted eyebrows and - oh- how the children enjoyed this oddball activity! Jlipers are so adventurous!

Please see the last page of this Newsletter to grasp what a blast we truly had that day ! Well done everyone!

Have a lovely holiday, and see you soon!!!

Warmest regards, Aya and Meg Sensei.



Eto Animal children !



Ohinasama Girls...



Aoife got a new sister!
Her name is Saoirse.
Congratulations !



Charlize joined us briefly
and now she is going to
America. Good Luck !

Reading Time

The former Jlipers left us the big and great Bakemono Book for us with the photos of all the ex-Jlipers in it.



Japanese Time

The third of February was one busy day, as we threw mame at Oni and rolled a Ehou maki sushi to bring us a good luck !



The children received the amount of mame beans according to their age plus one more.



Art Time

We worked over many days to complete our Bakemono Book! The children kept their enthusiasm and learnt to handle glue stick really well!



Our book was so big we had to work on it on the floor! You can see the children's intense focus and concentration just by looking at their backs.



Our last project was Ohinasama making.

Circle Time

This month we learnt many songs which will continue to be the Jlipers' favourites for sure! Daruma san funny face game was perfect for making bakemono faces, too!



The children enjoyed playing Jyanken Pon using our large props. They are really starting to get the hang of it!



We have adopted a cat as a JLIP pet. Her name is Tama chan, also known as Isabela. Jlipers are thrilled to have her!



Helping Time!



Being a good eater is a great help to your mummies and daddies! Look how some children try to eat with ohashi/chopsticks!



Special Visitors!

The Big Bug's former JLIpers came down and joined us for a morning. We had a blast! Take a look what a busy morning it was.



First, we did the Japanese calligraphy and wrote our name to put on the kite.



Aren't the children's strokes free and powerful!!!??



More with Special Visitors!

Next, we fashioned the Tako / kites and gave them chopsticks skeletons. **Fish it will fly!!**



At the end, we had some fun in the gym together !! Thank you for sharing your time with us, Big Bugs!





Megu Kappa



Isabela Oni



Aya Tengu



Riona Tengu

The children LOVED the Bakemono theme !
They dressed as their favourite bakemono.... !! We hope that the children are enjoying their very own Bakemono Book at home. Have they read it to you yet? Sing along , Enjoy!



Aoife Oni

Tenga, Kappa, Obake, and Oni!!!



Andrew Oni



Sadie Kappa



Linda Oni



Sofia Kappa



Aanya Oni



Madeline Kappa



Charlize Obake



oscar Oni



Elie Tengu

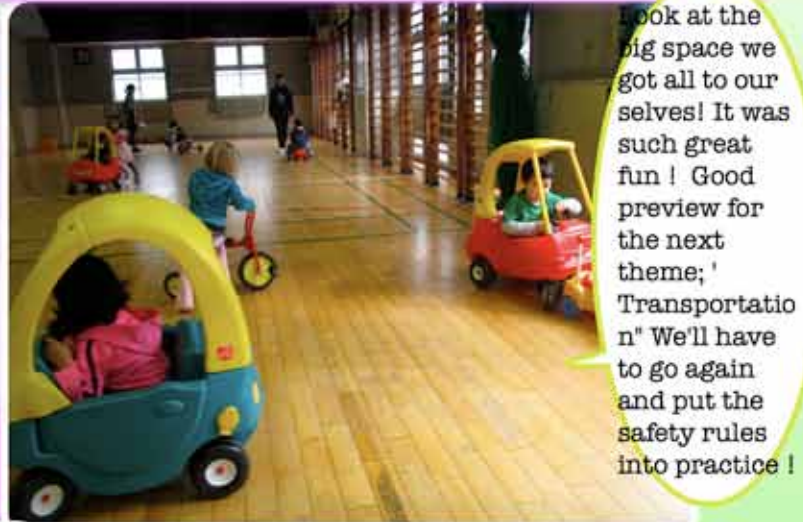
Outdoor Time



We cannot wait to go and play! Look what we spied at the shop! The Kappa !!



Look at Aya Sensei on a unicycle !



Look at the big space we got all to our selves! It was such great fun ! Good preview for the next theme; 'Transportation' We'll have to go again and put the safety rules into practice !



Jlipers were having fun together, and didn't have a single quarrel or fuss! They said polite greetings to the staff members, "Arigatougozaimashita!"



מפגש בנותגן Outdoor Fun!



Trampoline is a rare treat, isn't it!!

רפף? טפ? נח-שיפ?



The children came up with the most fascinating games !



Ohina sama Fever!!!!

