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1st - Aizen festival in Osaka

10th - National Sumo Tournament Starts

19th - End of rainy season

24th - Tobata Gion Yamagasa Festival

Hakata Gion Yamakasa

18th - Sea Day - National Holiday

23rd - Kihoku Lantern Festival

24th - Hita Gion Festival

As a group, we decided to celebrate Japan as our first edition of The Global Gazette. It was really important that we represented a community that we cared about, one that maybe we know a little bit about but one that we could all do with being a bit more aware of.

This, however, is not the first time that The West Bridgford School has celebrated Japan in all its glory. Some years ago, the school celebrated Japan as one of our Celebration Days with food in the canteen, origami classes, karate demonstrations, we wrote Haikus and we created an origami crane display that Ms Williams stitched together and created herself!

Maybe we'll see Japan as one of our Celebration Days in the not too distant future but in the meantime please enjoy our information, exposition and activities all about: Japan! *By Mr Andrews*



Japan

Capital	Tokyo
Population	126 million
Currency	Yen ¥
National Dish	Curry-rice (Kare-Raisu)
National Flower	Cherry Blossoms

Yoko Ono

Yoko Ono is a multimedia artist, singer, songwriter and peace activist from Japan. She was born in 1933 and is the widow of John Lennon. She lived in Tokyo until 1953, when she moved with her family to New York. Ono attended a school called Gakushuin, which she graduated from in 1951, and later went on to study poetry, English literature and music composition. Some of her artwork includes *Cloud Piece*, *Play it by Trust* and *Wish Tree*. Her art stands out because it's interactive, meaning viewers are invited to contribute to the artwork in some way.

"Art is like breathing for me. If I don't do it, I start to choke." - Yoko Ono

Ono and Lennon decided to release a band called the Plastic Ono Band, so they no longer had to go under the name of the Beatles and so they could release some of their newer work. Some of the songs from this band include *Well Well Well*, *Why and Bad Dancer*. Ono also protested alongside John Lennon, as they both wished to promote peace. After John Lennon's death, Ono worked on different things. She has donated to various charities, which she thought had similar beliefs to her about peace. Ono was blamed for the Beatles breaking up - she was labelled "the woman who broke up the Beatles" by the English press. However, this was refuted by Lennon, who explained that they had had problems long before Ono came on the scene. *By Holly and Lucy Campbell*



Japanese Cucumber Sushi



You will need:

- 4 Sushi seaweeds
- 6 cups of Prepared sushi rice
- Cucumber
- A bamboo mat
- A sharp knife



1. Fold your seaweed in half. Then cut down the middle. Place your seaweed on the bamboo mat.
2. Spread about 3/4 of a cup of sushi rice on top of your seaweed. Make sure you leave a gap on the top.
3. Cut up your vegetables into sticks
4. Place 1/8 of the cucumber horizontally on the rice. Make sure you put them on the middle of the rice.
5. Roll up the bamboo mat, pressing forward to shape the sushi into the cylinder. Then push on the bamboo mat firmly.
6. Unwrap the bamboo mat (or plastic wrap).
7. Repeat the process to make more rolls. Wipe your knife before slicing your sushi.

By Ruqayya Shiekh

To be honest at first, I had no intentions of learning Japanese, but after my dad got married a few years ago to my step-mother, I found out that her father was from Japan and her mother was from South Korea. After I found that out I was really interested in the culture and language, asked her to teach me. So, day after day she taught me more and more until I became really good, so that also kind of became a routine for me and I just got better and better each day and that's why/how I started learning Japanese.

I've enjoyed learning Japanese because of the culture and their food. It also allowed me to communicate better with my step-mum. But to be honest learning Japanese introduced me to anime. So, I just loved Japanese even more after watching anime.

By Talia Kurci

Japan & Britain



The relationship between Japan and England has been long and complexed. It began in the 1600s when William Adams arrived on Japanese shores. They made a formal alliance in 1902, although their relationship deteriorated rapidly in the 1930s and Japan declared war in 1941 lasting for the next 4 years. Their relationships then improved in the 1950s and now Japan is one of Britain's closest partners in Asia. The main religion in Japan is Buddhism, and the Nottingham Buddhism centre is a place of worship where you can pray, meditate, and listen to teachings from the Buddha.

Japanese traditions have enriched British lives and, luckily, in Nottingham we are blessed with some great restaurants that serve Japanese food. In West Bridgford, we have Uchi, which aims to "[serve] you modern crafted Japanese tapas and sushi" If you get the chance to go, we would definitely recommend ordering a Bento Box. Other traditional Japanese dishes include sushi, yozas and miso soup, and these can be found in many restaurants in Nottingham, such as Wagamama's, Yo-sushi and Kushi-Ya.

Along with great restaurants, we also have a selection of Asian and Japanese supermarkets, including Oriental Mart, Asiana HyperMarket, and Asiana Express, which offer a wide range of Japanese and Asian cuisine, such as Japanese groceries and sweets as well as ramen noodles.

For centuries Japan was a secluded island not in contact with many countries. When Japan opened its trade internationally in the middle of the 19th century, many traders wrote about the Japanese garden and soon, similar gardens were created in the UK. For example, in Nottingham, we have Pure Land (although temporarily closed), and the Japanese Water Gardens.

We hope our recommendations interest you, and that you take the chance to experience the wonderful Japanese culture in and around Nottingham. Enjoy!

By Arthur H, Flora B and Raha H-S.

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By Simran Sharma

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A Haiku:

"The Global Gazette
This time it's in
Japanese
Hope you enjoy it"

By Mayya Almahammed 7C