

Kei-Sho Chronicle –

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End of Term 2

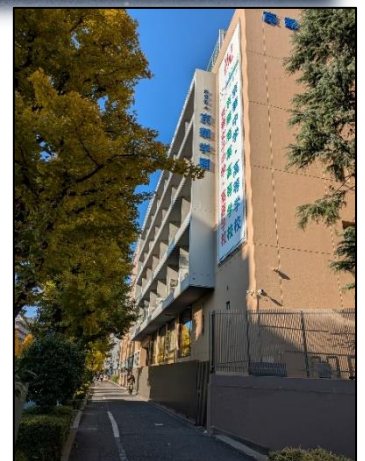
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Hello everyone! We have reached December, and the end of term 2 here at Kei-Sho. It's been a long, but eventful, couple of months. Term 2 has been marked with many big events, but now that we are at its end, it is time to look back on the term, and forward to the holidays. Do you have any plans for the holidays?

End of Term 2:

The cold weather of winter has started to set in, and along with it came the yellowing leaves of autumn. With December comes the end of the calendar year, and term 2 at Kei-Sho. Classes finished early in the month and were followed by the end of term tests. While us teachers had more work to do, students only had to come in a couple of more times before the closing ceremony on the 20th and the official start of the winter vacation. The ceremony itself was simple, with a speech from the principal, some awards, and a reminder to students to be careful during the holidays.



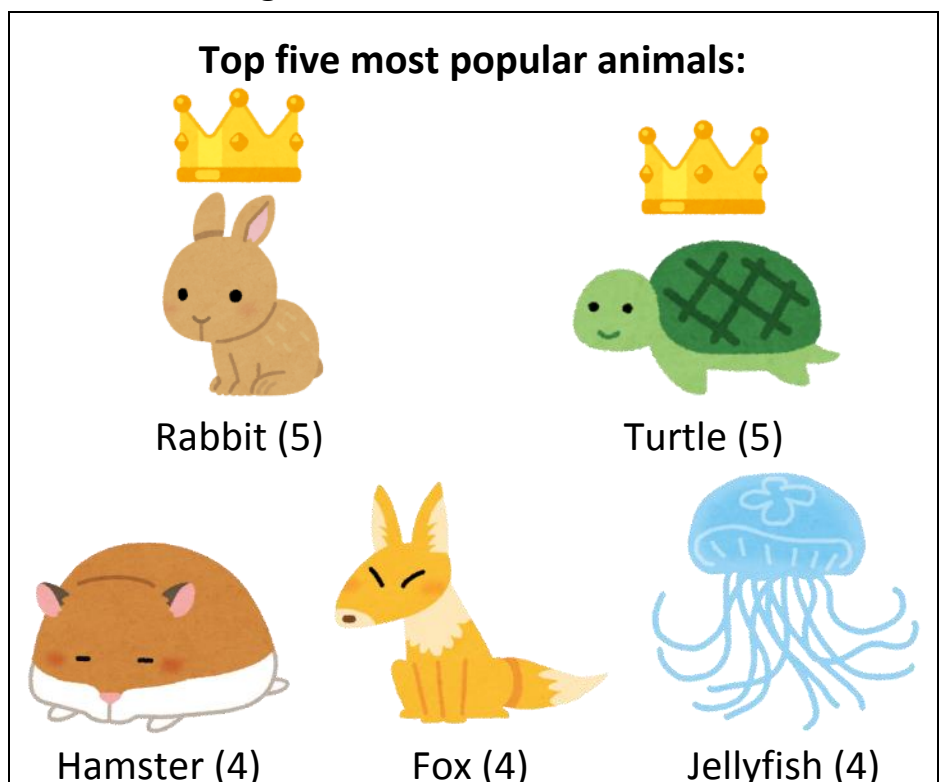
With the end of term 2, our 3rd year students are almost finished with their time at Kei-Sho. Almost all of them have decided their paths for the future, and our now just waiting until graduation. Of course, our 1st and 2nd year students are no doubt excited for the winter holidays after 3 months of non-stop school. I plan on making the most of the vacation by going back to Australia to spend Christmas and New Years with my family. **What will you be doing over the winter holidays?** **-Llew**

With Brendan's first term at Kei-Sho coming to an end, he wrote a little summary about our 2nd year English Logic and Expression class presentations.

English Class Presentations: The Second-Year Students' Favourite Pets

Recently in English class, the second-year students prepared speeches to introduce an animal they would like to have as a pet. However, they were not allowed to choose a dog or cat, so the students needed to be creative! They explained the advantages and disadvantages of their chosen animals.

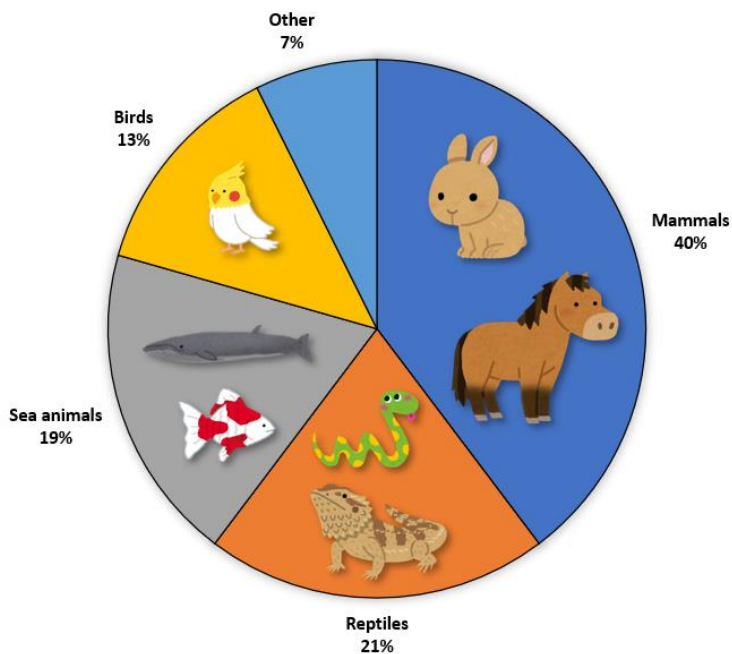
After listening to the speeches, I have collected a few statistics that you might find interesting. Read on to see what animals the students consider to be their dream pet!



Most popular types of animals:

Mammals (for example, rabbits, hedgehogs and hamsters) were the most popular type of animal to have as a pet. It seems like a lot of students wanted a warm animal that you can hold.

Type of animal	M	F	Total
Mammals	16	11	27
Reptiles	13	1	14
Sea animals	9	4	13
Birds	4	5	9
Other	4	1	5
Total	46	22	68



Big and Small

The biggest animal chosen as a pet was a whale. You're going to need a big tank! The smallest was the microscopic tardigrade (クマムシ).



20 metres



0.0005 metres



Most Dangerous

I was surprised that some of the students chose rather dangerous animals, for example, lions, bears, and even Godzilla!



Advantages and Disadvantages

The students had many different things to say about the advantages and disadvantages of keeping their chosen animal as a pet.

For the advantages, the animal's cuteness seemed to be the most popular point. Of course, you want a pet that can be a good companion! On the other hand, the most common disadvantages had to do with the pet being too noisy or making a mess. Cleaning up after a pet can be a real chore!



Advantages



Disadvantages



Do you agree with what the second-year students had to say about their dream pet? Could you ever see yourself owning a lion, or a tardigrade?

-Brendan