

The weather is becoming warmer, and I can hear the birds singing in the morning. The cherry blossoms finally bloomed, and it was beautiful. I have never seen cherry blossoms before, so I was very excited to see them. I enjoyed seeing many photos of the graduated students in their new uniforms surrounded by friends under the cherry blossoms. I hope they will have bright futures.

This month, we got to welcome many new students to Konan JHS. I was so excited to see all the new first year students. Many of them are still very small, and I look forward to seeing them in classes. It was very funny seeing them try

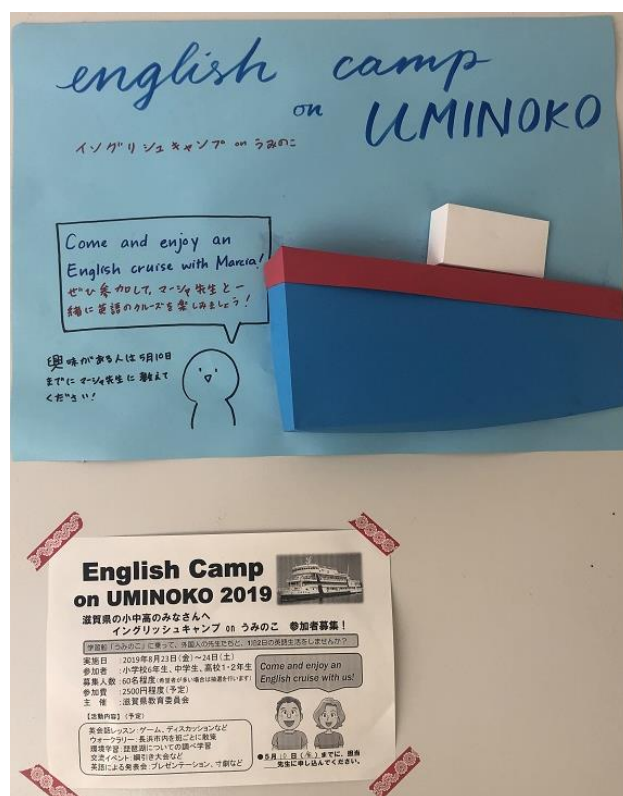


to ride their bikes out the gate. Because there is a small hill and their bags are too heavy, many of them could not ride their bikes up the hill at first. Instead, they had to walk their bikes. But, they are now getting used to riding their bikes, and they have no trouble going up the hill!



It has been a long time since I had to introduce myself, and I was nervous going to the first year classes for the first time. But, the students were so cute that all my nerves went away. One class was very interested in knowing the names of all my family members. After one class, two boys tiptoed up to me and whispered, "Do you have a boyfriend?" I wonder why they couldn't ask me during class when they could ask me anything.

The clubs grew a lot because the first year students joined. I came to Konan JHS after the third years had to stop their club activities, so I have never seen the clubs have so many members. Many students joined the basketball club, so I am very happy! The club teachers had introductions, and because I am not officially a part of the basketball club, I did not think I would introduce myself. So, I was very surprised but happy when one of the teachers asked me to introduce myself. Because I was surprised, I had not thought of much to say. Hopefully, I will be able to talk to the students more during club in the future.



It has been a very busy and exciting month, and so many new faces have come to Konan JHS. I haven't learned everyone's names yet, but I am still working on it! Let's enjoy the new school year together!

