

Global Café



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Making friends from around the world in Kyotanabe



* "Hello! How are you?" in Spanish

**¡Hola! ¿Cómo estás?*

In October the Kyotanabe International Association hosted a welcome party event to welcome new foreign residents to the area. The association members kindly prepared a Spanish feast for the attendees which included traditional dishes such as paella (a rice dish that usually contains meat or fish and vegetables), and tortilla (a potato omelette).

Held annually, this event provides a fantastic opportunity for the association members and foreign residents to get to know one another, learn about each other's home countries and exchange stories of their experiences of living in Kyotanabe.

After the lunch, we were served *matcha* (green tea) with *wagashi* (Japanese sweets) and then invited to have a go at whisking the tea ourselves. Whisking matcha is surprisingly tricky! After learning that you should whisk in an "m" shape motion however, I managed to get it to reach a light and bubbly consistency, similar to the tea I drank before.

The wonderful hospitality of the association members, great conversation and new friendships made for a fantastic day!



What is pannage?



In the autumn season, it is not unusual to see pigs roaming around the New Forest National Park in Hampshire, U.K.

Acorns that fall onto the forest floor around this time of year are poisonous to the New Forest ponies. To protect the animals, farmers in the area release their pigs into the wild to eat up all the acorns.

This is known as "pannage" and typically lasts from mid-September till the beginning of November.

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This month there was an event known as *hoiku no tsudoï* – a festival for local kindergarten students. Taking place annually, the Kyotanabe ALTs (Assistant Language Teachers) and CIR also got involved and run a stand.

Using the famous storybook by American author Eric Carle, "The Very Hungry Caterpillar" as our theme, we read the storybook aloud to the children and held some simple craft activities.

We also taught everyone how to say different colours in English and of course "caterpillar" and "butterfly", which all turned out beautifully!

It was great to see everyone enjoying themselves and have such a great turn out. Thank you for visiting our stand!



This month as part of the Doshisha University Clover Festival, I helped out at a "World Craft-Making Event" put on by SIED Atelier. Read next month's issue to find out what we made!