

Yusuhara a Home from Home: 25. English Camp in Yusuhara 2023

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August was an interesting month it saw the return of full summer festivals for the first time in many years but the tail end also held my first experience with an English camp. The start of the second semester for junior high school students in the 8th grade began differently to other students. Rather than settling in and preparing for upcoming tests they joined an English camp for two days curated and ran by an outside English teaching company, of which I was excited to join!

There was quite a buzz around this English camp. Students were showing genuine enthusiasm for the days events, teachers and staff from around town were in attendance and even a TV crew turned up. The two days were full of lessons which culminated in the finale; a group presentation/skit of an original idea created by the students. Each of the eight groups were phenomenal drawing on the lessons of the 2 days and that of their English classes at school. Every moment of the camp was jam-packed with content and English. I am so proud of all the students for not only performing so well but being able to follow along with a volume of English most have never experienced before. I hope this excitement follows through to English classes at school!

Lastly I would like to extend my thanks to the organizers and the teachers of the camp William and Gerry who were both fantastic and showed new techniques that I can use in the future.



A fantastic shot: 8th grade students with certificates and English teachers William and Gerry!