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## School exchange

12 p.m.(J) – 8 hrs = 4 a.m.(A)

A number of school exchange activities took place again this winter! Since Austria adjusts its time to daylight savings time at the end of October, the time difference between Austria and Japan increased from seven hours to eight hours. To give an example: when it is 12:00 noon in Japan, the clock in Austria is showing 4:00 a.m.!

Unfortunately, this complicates the organizing of the exchange sessions a little bit, because when the first unit starts at 8:00 a.m. in Austrian schools, it is already 4:00 p.m. in Japan which is the time to go home for Japanese students. But thanks to the cooperation of schools from both countries, we managed to arrange exchange some sessions!

4 p.m (J) – 8 hrs = 8 a.m. (A)

### Nasushiobara-Nishi Elementary School × Otto-Glöckel Elementary School

On November 9<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> graders from Nish Elementary School and 3<sup>rd</sup> graders from Otto-Glöckel-Elementary School participated in an online musical exchange!

After introducing each other’s schools, Nishi ES performed their school song and two pieces with tone chimes, whereas Otto-Glöckel ES sang two songs with guitar accompaniment by their teacher. The Austrian school chose their songs that fit their international community and diversity in class they are proud of which was very interesting for Nishi-ES. During the final Q&A session, the Japanese students learned that baseball is hardly played in Austria and the students of Otto-Glöckel ES were taught when one makes a circle with both arms over their head, it means “yes” or “ok” in Japan. ☺



We introduced our school in English!



We explained what kind of instrument tone chimes are to the Otto-Glöckel-ES





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Have a look at more photos of the exchange!



Higashi-Nasuno-Junior High School × Kreuzschwestern School Linz

The online musical exchange on Decemeber 21<sup>st</sup> between Higashi-Nasusno-JHS and Kreuzschwestern School was also a great success! The two schools have been exchanging letters too and since the letters from the Japanese students just arrived in Austria before the exchange session, the Austrian kids answered us five letters on spot. The rest of the letters in reply are already on their way to Japan and we cannot wait to read them!

Afterwards, the students of Higashi-Nasuno-JHS sang “Jingle Bells” together dressed as Santa Clouse, followed by a fascinating performance by the Austrian students who played chance music on several marimbas. To perform chance music, they rolled a dice two times to first decide which instrument they are going to play and then to determine how many times they have to repeat the melody designated to the instrument they play. The music is different each time it is played, so it is always a surprise for both the performers and the audience.

Students from both schools learned a lot of new things thanks to this fun exchange!



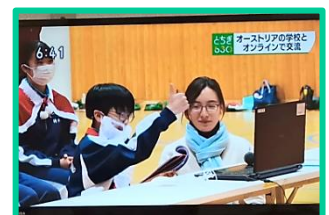
The Austrian kids are rehearsing their chance music performance.



Letters with seasonal questions from Higashi-Nasuno JHS



They are writing their letters in reply!



We were on TV!





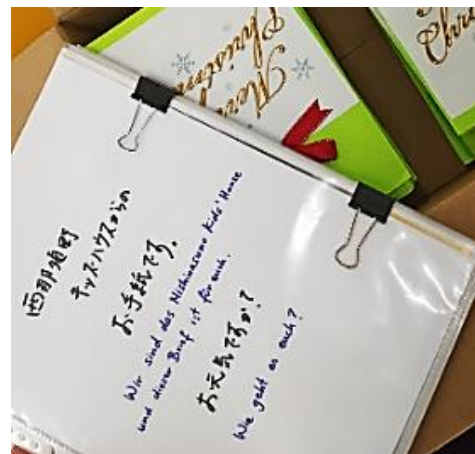
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Nishi-Nasuno Kid's House × Kreuzschwestern Kindergarten

Right before Christmas, we successfully sent Christmas cards handmade by children of Nishi-Nasuno Kid's House, as well as photos of the kindergarten's activities and daily life to Austria! The children of Kreuzschwestern Kindergarten were overjoyed to receive the letters from Nishi-Nasuno Kid's House. We are looking forward to receiving the letters of reply from Austria!



The Austrian kids were thrilled to see what arrived from Japan.



## “2023 World Festival” – Nasushiobara International Association’s 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary



The cookies “Link” were inspired by the Austrian Linzer Torte

On October 28<sup>th</sup>, the 2023 World Festival was held in Kuroiso to commemorate the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Nasushiobara International Association! Among the food stalls and music performances from various countries, we also sold sweets called “Link” at the Austrian stall, “Link” are cookies developed by some students of the Nasu-Takuyo High School inspired by the Austrian Linzer Torte.



Three students from the Nasu-Takuyo-HS and Ms. Sato helped me selling the cookies!



▲ Gnome figures

## Linz’s Christmas markets

In December, even if the days are short, the glittering Christmas markets set a light in people’s hearts and bring them together. In Linz, there are two markets located at both ends of the main street. One is set up on the main square near the Danube River and the other in the park in front of the Linz Opera House near the station. There are many other markets in the province of Upper Austria, of which Linz is the heart of.

Have a look at other Christmas markets all over Austria!



The Christmas market at Hauptplatz (Main Square) in Linz



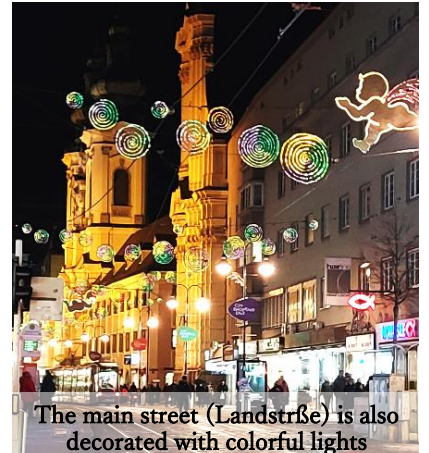
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Roasted caramelized nuts are a big part of the Christmas market traditions. You cannot resist the sweet smell of them.



Sausages are a must at Christmas markets



The main street (Landstraße) is also decorated with colorful lights



In case you were too busy to bake cookies at home, this stall for handmade cookies is the right spot for you.



The typical Austrian Lebkuchen cookies



Spice Candles are also very popular

## Tell us, Yukari!

When I was in middle- and high school, I used to do Gymnastics quite a lot. I trained around three times a week at a Gymnastics club and participated in some competitions. Once or twice a year I would take part in acrobatic Gymnastic shows too but since it was just a hobby, like playing the violin, the competitions shows were on amateur levels. Nevertheless, it was still a lot of fun!



## Quiz

In Austria, there a drink that people crave to drink after skiing or during a break at a ski restaurant. What is it?

A : Warm milk B : Milk tea C : Coffee D : Hot cocoa

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Answer: D. Drinking sweet, hot cocoa after working out in the cold is an energizing way to recharge your body. Many adults have fond memories of drinking cocoa as a child.