

CrossTalk

CROSSROADS Language Studio's Newsletter, April 2009

WHAT GOES AROUND, COMES AROUND - 1

This month and next month, we are going to look at two interesting, but *true*, stories that illustrate just how strange and meaningful life can be.

STORY # 1, the story of farmer Fleming: Fleming was a poor Scottish farmer. One day while toiling in his field, he heard cries for help coming from a nearby bog. He dropped everything and ran until he came to the bog. There, stuck in the muck up to his waist, was a young boy. Fleming, of course, got the boy out, thus saving him from a slow, but certain, death.

The next day, a fancy carriage pulled up outside of farmer Fleming's house. An elegantly dressed nobleman stepped out and after greeting Fleming, proceeded to sincerely thank the farmer for saving his son's life. He then offered Fleming a cash reward. Fleming, being a down-to-earth kind of man, and not a little proud, refused the reward saying that he had done nothing more than any other ordinary, decent person would have done.

The nobleman insisted, but Fleming continued to refuse the money the nobleman was offering.

At some point during their conversation, the farmer's son came into view and the nobleman hit on an idea. As Fleming would not accept any money as a reward, he proposed a solution.

Waving in the direction of the boy, the nobleman asked Fleming if that was his son. Fleming proudly acknowledged that the boy was.

"OK", said the nobleman, "I'll make you a deal. Let me provide him with the same level of education I will give to my own son." The nobleman deduced that if the boy was anything like his father, the education would not go to waste.

So farmer Fleming's son went to the very best schools and finally graduated from St. Mary's Hospital Medical School in London. Latter, he became world renown as the discoverer of penicillin. His name was Sir Alexander Fleming,

Years latter, as an adult, the same nobleman's son was stricken with pneumonia and, again, his life was saved, this time by..., penicillin!

And, who was the nobleman? His name was Lord Randolph Churchill. His son, Sir Winston Churchill!



Churchill at
age 10



Net News

NET LESSONS: Are you too busy to come to CROSSROADS?... Try our *lessons on the Internet!* It's CROSSROADS in your home or office! You get CROSSROADS' great teachers, teaching programs, even classmates, *on-line!* Call for details: **089 9217595**

NET SITE OF THE MONTH:

Go here for a short biography of Churchill:

<http://homepage.eircom.net/~finnegam/war/churchill.htm>

NET NOTEBOOK: Don't forget to take a look at the Internet activity notebook in our open-house. You'll find games, news and English learning sites.

Some Thoughts for the Month



Joshua Says: What a great party we had on “Performance Night” last month! I think it was the best we have had since moving to Okaido. I very much want to congratulate the students who performed their plays for us, thank Emilie’s friend, Haruka, for bring along her trumpet and playing for us, Alessio’s Italian pasta was excellent, and we will definitely be doing the karaoke again! What a night! To all students and their friends who came, “thanks very much, you made it a night to remember!” Check out the photos on P3.

Junko Says: Do you come to Crossroads on a bicycle or motorbike? I hope you do not leave them outside in Okaido! The City’s “bike Police” are going to start carting off bikes parked in and around Okaido, and Ropeway, without warning! They will take them to Okaido Bike Park and keep them there for three days. To get your bike back you will have to go the Bike Park to retrieve it, and pay 100 yen for each day it is kept there! Boy! These are hard times! So, please make sure you bike is left somewhere safe!!



Alessio Says: Hi everybody! I’ve just had my first party at Crossroads. Simply great! I had so much fun! And I was very happy for my students who performed so well! All of them were also happy and satisfied. And then wine, music, trumpet show, karaoke, many people...so much fun! I’m already looking forward to the next one. But...ehm...just one question...did you like my pasta???)

Greg Says: April begins with a day of pranks. Years ago in Sydney there was excitement that a Jumbo (jumbo jet!!!) was going to be flown under the iconic harbor bridge. The thought of a jet flying out of the sky and scraping along the water to fit under the bridge drew thousands of onlookers to the water. As a Jumbo Jet circled above the excitement grew as people were looking up.....at the same time a barge floated under the bridge with an elephant! People realized at that time it was April 1.



Emilie Dit: Le mois de mars a été un mois heureux sur tous les plans. J’ai accompli plusieurs choses qui me tenaient à coeur, et cela m’a apporté beaucoup de satisfaction. Par exemple, j’ai souffert pendant deux mois du tendon d’Achille, mais à partir du début du mois, la douleur a disparu, et j’ai pu participer in extremis au Marathon de Tokyo. J’ai réalisé mon rêve, celui de courir le Marathon à trente ans, dix ans après celui de New York. Une expérience exceptionnelle qu’il ne fallait pas manquer.

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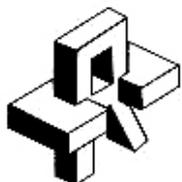
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MOTHER & CHILD

(マザー&チャイルド)

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