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Kiwi Corner



Recently in my 1st grade Logic & Expression classes, the fruit “durian” has come up in the textbook several times. Having been to the beautiful countries of Singapore and Malaysia, I have tried this delicacy many times, and have even come to love it, despite its unique aroma. However, this made me think about strange foods found here in Japan, and around



Durian fruit.

the world, which is what this month’s Kiwi Corner article will be about.



Firstly, in **Japan**, you have the pufferfish, or *fugu*. This fish can be deadly poisonous to humans due to the poisons found throughout its body. This means that it must be carefully prepared to remove toxic parts and to avoid contaminating the meat. Because of this, only specially trained chefs who have practiced for several years and taken a difficult exam can prepare this unique dish.

Have you ever tried *fugu*?



In **France**, on the other hand, there is the famous dish *cuisse de grenouille*, or frogs’ legs. Eaten for over a thousand years, they have become part of the national diet of France. Roughly 4,000 tonnes of frog legs are consumed every year in France. They are often said to taste like chicken because of their mild flavor, with a texture most similar to chicken wings.



Frogs legs served with slices of baguette.

In **New Zealand**, we have a food spread called Marmite. It is usually spread on bread like jam, and it looks like it is made of chocolate as it is a dark brown colour. However, it is very salty as it is made from yeast extract (酵母エキス), so many visitors to New Zealand are surprised when they try to eat it. In my opinion, the best way to eat it is to toast some bread, spread some butter first, spread a small amount of Marmite evenly over the butter, and then



Marmite on warm toast. Yum!

add some cheese before grilling it in a toaster oven. Delicious! It is so loved

in New Zealand that after a big earthquake damaged the Marmite factory in 2011, it became a national crisis as Marmite stocks in supermarkets ran out! Would you want to try any of these interesting foods? Let me know!

Now that it is the rainy season, I want to introduce a nice song to listen to on rainy Sunday mornings. You can listen to it here: <https://youtu.be/S2Cti12XBw4>

(Liam Campbell)

Lauren's Newsletter



Let's go to the Fair!

One of my favorite events in my hometown is the summer county fair! Every year, my friends and family would go to the San Diego County Fair and enjoy the food, attractions, art, concerts, and more. The fair has something for everyone!



The logo and theme for the 2023 San Diego County Fair.

Food and Drinks

This year, there are new food and drinks along with some of everyone's favorite classics. Here are a few of the fair foods that are popular and new:

1. Fried S'more: Graham cracker, marshmallow, and chocolate fried in batter



2. Kettle corn: Popcorn cooked with sugar, salt, and oil. It's sweet, salty, and delicious!



3. Chicken and rice in a pineapple. Yum!



Attractions and games

At the fair, there is an area just with games and rides! People buy tickets to go on the ferris wheel and play one of many games such as ring toss to win

One of the many rides at the fair.

a prize.



A picture of the games and rides at the fair at night.

Animals

Lastly, one of my favorite areas of the fair is the animal zone! There are goats, pigs, sheep, and more. They also have a petting zoo where people can pet and feed some of the cute animals at the fair. Besides this, there is a place where children can ride a



Children riding horses at the fair.

horse. They even have a pig race!



A pig race at the fair. How fun!

From flower contests to fried foods, the fair is a great place for entertainment for all. I hope you get to experience the San Diego County Fair one day!

Your Friendly Neighborhood ALT,
(Lauren Taylor)

This month, I would like to share a song that always makes me think of summer. Enjoy!

