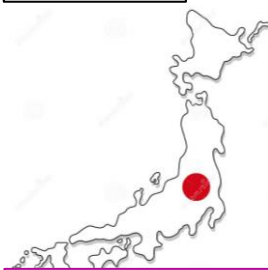




International Bulletin 6



This month we are learning all about...

Japan!



Fact File

- **Continent:** Asia
- **Capital City:** Tokyo
- **Population:** 126 million approx. (2022)
- Japan is a string of islands. There are **four main islands:** Hokkaido, Honshu, Shikoku and Kyushu. There are **nearly 4,000** smaller islands, too!
- Japan is the only country in the world with a **reigning emperor**, Naruhito
- Almost four-fifths of Japan is covered with mountains. The highest peak and most famous mountain is **Mount Fuji**, considered sacred by many Japanese
- Japanese, or *Nihongo*, is **spoken by approx. 128 million people** worldwide. There are three styles of writing the symbols
- The traditional meal to eat on Christmas Eve is **KFC!** 
- In Japan, you can often see **deer** roaming the parks

Theme of the month:

Cherry Blossom Season

Hanami means “flower viewing” in Japanese. Enjoying flowers is an old Japanese custom. Cherry blossoms are the most popular, though they are only there for a week or two. The flowers bloom in late March and early April.

Click [here](#) to watch it in action!

Challenge:



Next time you are out and about, keep your eyes peeled for cherry blossom trees! Maybe you, too, can experience *hanami*...

Meet the staff: Pine-san (Mr Pine)



Favourite food: Lamb kleftiko

Languages spoken: French, Spanish, German and a bit of Italian

Favourite place: Rhine Valley, Germany

What sparked your love of languages? On holiday aged 5 when I learned the word for ‘stars’ in Spanish

This month try to answer the register in

Japanese! Reply with:

Ohayō

(it sounds a lot like the US state Ohio - click [here](#) for pronunciation)

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