

Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 1016

Hi, everyone! Welcome back to PR Junior.

I will read aloud an email from Jenny to Karen. Take a listen.

Hi Karen. How are you?

I was sick, so I couldn't go to school for three days. But I'll be back tomorrow. We have a science test on Friday. I already read the textbook. Can I borrow your science notebook?

Let's look at the response email from Karen next time.

That's all for today. See you!

Dictation Contest (PR 1, 中級) No. 1016

Hello, everyone! Welcome back to PR1!

Today we'll continue on the story about Kazuki and Andrew!

He couldn't imagine eating rice with milk as a sweet and said, 'It looks like okayu, rice porridge.

I can see rice grains in it."

Everyone tried it. Some liked it, but others stopped eating it. Satoshi was one of them.

He said, "I like pudding, but this is different from the pudding I usually eat. It's difficult for me to enjoy it. It tastes strange to me. I'm sorry."

Both Satoshi and Jack were sad. Satoshi thought for a while and said, "Ms. Suzuki, may I bring a different kind of yokan next time? It'll be easier for Jack to enjoy."

She agreed and Jack said, "I'll try it, Satoshi. I'll bring another rice pudding, too. I hope you like it."

That's all for today. See you guys next time!

Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 1016

Hey, guys! How are you doing?

Hope you're all still staying healthy and safe.

Now, have any of you heard of the film *Oppenheimer*? It's been talked about a lot all over the world, not just because it's the latest big-production movie by Christopher Nolan – and apparently a very good one – but because of the whole “Barbenheimer” thing, where the *Barbie* movie and *Oppenheimer* were released at the same time and both performed very well. It hasn't been talked about that much here in Japan due to the massively delayed release, but that's a whole different story. For now, let's hear about how well it did at the BAFTAS. Take a listen:

Atom bomb epic *Oppenheimer* won seven prizes, including best picture, director, and actor, at the 77th British Academy Film Awards ceremony in London on February 18th, cementing its front-runner status for the Oscars in March. Gothic fantasia *Poor Things* took five prizes and Holocaust drama *The Zone of Interest* won three. British-born filmmaker Christopher Nolan won his first best director BAFTA for *Oppenheimer*, and Irish performer Cillian Murphy won the best actor prize for playing physicist J. Robert Oppenheimer, the father of the atomic bomb. Murphy said he was grateful to play such a “colossally knotty, complex character.

Ah, well it clearly did very well at the BAFTAS, then, and – spoiler alert – it also did well at the Oscars, even taking home the big prize of Best Picture. It's clearly a pretty good movie, then, and one I'm definitely looking forward to seeing now that it's finally out here in Japan! Are you gonna see it too? Let me know, okay?

Alright, guys, well, until next time – and as always – study hard, stay safe, and I'll see you soon.