Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 1041

Hello, my PR Junior friends! Has school already begun for you? If so, I hope you're having a fun time learning with your friends!

School has started for me too. I often ride my bicycle from the train station to school, but I use the bus when it is raining. Last week, I found a bright pink bus that comes close to my school.

How do you get to school? I would love to know next time. See you!

Dictation Contest (PR1, 中級) No. 1041

Hello everyone, (and) welcome back to PR one.

Today, I'm going to share news about two businessmen in Italy who have pioneered the creation of pizza with insects.

Carlo Del Buono and Jose Cianni have turned farming crickets into a successful business venture in Italy. Nutrinsect, their startup, produces cricket flour, which is high in protein and environmentally friendly. Initially importing crickets, Cianni's farm now sustains itself, producing two tons of cricket flour monthly. Despite initial skepticism, Nutrinsect's products quickly sold out after Italy approved their use in food. Del Buono, a pizza maker, is experimenting with cricket pizza, adding a small portion of cricket powder to the dough. Although some are hesitant about trying cricket-based products, Del Buono remains optimistic and plans to introduce cricket pizza to his menu soon. That's all for today. See you next time.

Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 1041

Hey, everyone! Welcome back to the PR two dictation challenge! Today, we will be talking about the Navajo.

Eugene Crawford is a Navajo, a Native American; he cannot forget the day he and his friends were recruited for the United States military. Upon arrival at Camp Elliott, they were led to a classroom, which reminded him of the ones he had entered in boarding schools as a child. Those memories were far from pleasant.

"He could almost taste the harsh brown soap the teachers had forced him to use to wash his mouth out when he was caught speaking Navajo. His thoughts were interrupted when the door suddenly opened and an officer entered. The new recruits stood to attention. "At ease, gentlemen. Please be seated."

The first hour they spent in that building changed their lives forever, and the shock of what occurred is still felt by them to this day. They could never have imagined the project the military had recruited them for. Some of them believed that, had they known beforehand, they might not have joined up so eagerly. Navajo had been chosen as a code for secret messages because unless you were a Navajo, you'd never understand a word of it. Navajo is a complex language and a slight change in pronunciation can completely change the meaning of a message. The government's decision was wise - it turned out to be the only code the enemy never managed to break - but for the young Navajo soldiers, it was a nightmare. Thank you!