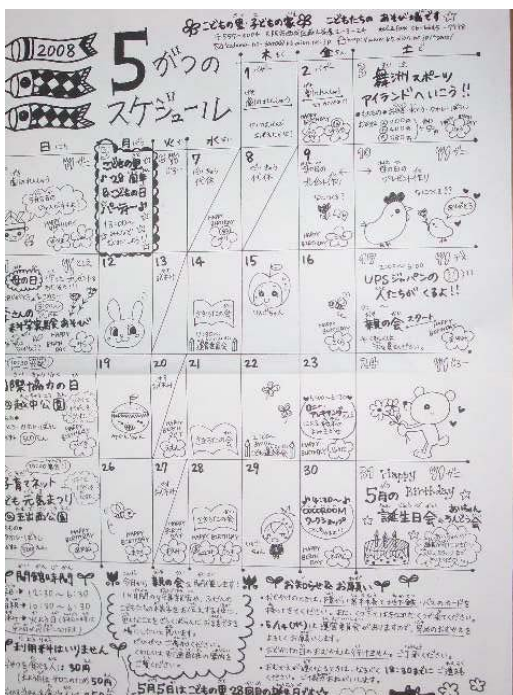




It is rainy season in Japan. I hope you are all staying dry! The good side is that the rain makes everything very green, and the hydrangeas are blooming!



In May, Popoki and members of Po-Kai, along with students from one of Ronni's classes visited a center for children in Osaka called "Kodomo-no-sato." Here is a report.



### Circle of POPOKI YUNOMAE RIKA

On the 23rd of May, we read *Popoki, What Color is Peace? Popoki's Peace Book 1* with the children at *Kodomo-no-sato* (Nishinari, Osaka). We sat on the floor in a big circle, and each person read one page. At the beginning, some children avoided reading because they were shy, but they gradually became able to read. Although the children are able to read the book because it has phonetic Japanese *kana* alongside the *kanji* (Chinese characters), it must have been difficult

for some of them to understand the meaning of some of the words (for example, 'peace' {*heiwa*}). However, they expressed their feelings without bitterness, and I feel there was a peaceful atmosphere. I think that the most important thing is to share the atmosphere and have many ideas, not to understand perfectly the meaning of the words. Every time I joined in a Popoki workshop, I got different ideas from it. This workshop is also gave me some different fun.

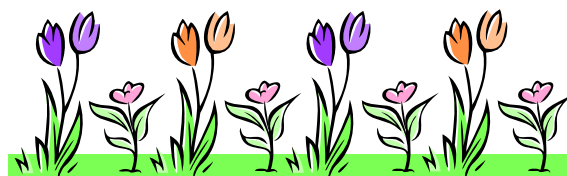


Everyone is engrossed in drawing Popoki's friends.



Some children drew more than one picture. Popoki has so many friends!

Photo: DATE Chinami

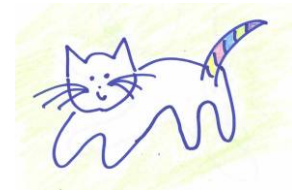


## Popoki Goods!

The postcards and stickers we made for the Article 9 Conference were a big hit at the Peace Studies Association of Japan conference recently. The other day, Mori-san made some sample Popoki buttons. What do you think of them? It might be nice to be able to take Popoki with you wherever you go.



# Popoki News



## • Third Printing on the Way!

Thanks to everyone's hard work, we have sold more than 3000 copies of *Popoki, What Color is Peace?* and have decided to print an additional 1200 copies. Thanks again to the Kobe YMCA for its continuing support! Popoki still wants new friends! Please help to him find them by introducing him to yours.

## • Popoki Posters!

Popoki is going to be on some posters! The Buraku Liberation Institute of Hyogo is making a poster exhibition celebrating the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights using illustrations by local artists. Popoki is going to be on four of them. Does this mean Ronni is an artist!? The collection should be available for use beginning some time this summer. If you have a chance, please use them.

## Popoki Appears in a Graduate School Class!



Recently, Ronni did a class on how to write an academic paper, using a handout she



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made entitled, "Popoki's Guide for Writing Papers." Popoki helped the students to choose a theme for their paper, and they then practiced using on-line resources to research their topic. Popoki would be happy to visit your classroom or workplace, too!



## • Now you can read 'Popoki News' on line!

Recently, Hidetoshi Arima, a friend of Popoki's and an employee of Cruise Japan Travel, stopped by Ronni's office. Thanks to his patient and excellent instruction, you can now access a number of back issues of 'Popoki News' on Popoki's website. Please have a look! <http://popoki.cruisejapan.com>



## Popoki translations

In preparation for our trip to Israel and Palestine, some of Popoki friends are working translations of his book into Arabic and Hebrew. Thank you!

Please join us!

## UPCOMING POPOKI EVENTS

- 7.4 Popoki at Kinki University
- **7.8 Po-Kai Kobe YMCA 19 :00- Everyone welcome.**
- 7.28-8-11 Popoki in Israel
- Early August : Popoki on sale at the 'Kyoto War Exhibit for Peace'
- 8.12 Workshop at the 5th Seminar for Multicultural Co-Existence through Education for International Understanding and Development Education. JICA Center, Hyogo.
- 8.16 Workshop at Youth Plaza Kobe East. (Hankyu Mikage, north side)
- 8.24 Popoki on sale at the 29th Kengaikyo Conference, Kobe.
- 9.6 Popoki at Kumamoto YMCA
- 9.13 Popoki at the Children's Museum, Pittsburgh (USA)
- 10.6-10 The 6th International Conference of Museums for Peace, Kyoto & Hiroshima [Information: 6peace-m@st.ritsumei.ac.jp](mailto:6peace-m@st.ritsumei.ac.jp)
- 10.16-18 Popoki at "Learning Democracy by Doing: Alternative Practices in Citizenship Learning and Participatory Democracy" Conference, Toronto (Canada)
- 11.16 29th Hyogo Prefecture Buraku Liberation Institute Conference. Lasse Hall, Kobe. Ronni will give a keynote, and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights 60th Anniversary Posters will be on display.



## Popoki in Print

- *Hyogo Buraku Kaiho*, 2008.6 (Summer). Buraku Liberation Research Institute of Hyogo. This will feature some of the Human Rights Posters.
- International Peace Research Association Peace Education Committee. PEC Newsletter, May, 2008
- Kansai Time Out, March 2008
- 'Gakuen no Mado' *Ryoso* 376, Kobe University Alumni Magazine, pp.17-18
- 'Volunteer he no Sasoi' Kobe University STYLE 2008 SPRING Vol.9 pp.9-10



# NEW!!!

## Popoki's Easy POGA

### Lesson 1

Have you ever heard of 'Poga?' It is Popoki's yoga, a healthy new way to relieve the stress of participating in Popoki's activities. Just follow the pictures and give it a try!

1. Stretch your spine and sit up straight while making yourself look thin.
2. Raise one hand. Be sure to keep your tail aligned.
3. Raise the other hand.
4. Now celebrate having successfully completed your first poga lesson.

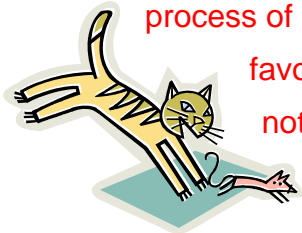
That was easy, wasn't it! Try practicing every day for at least 3 minutes. See you next month for lesson 2!



## What Popoki Means to Me

NAKAMA Tomoe

Popoki is a lovely cat. And, he is a cat that thinks. Disaster, poverty, and environmental pollution. Popoki watches the dirt of the world and asks people by his lovely eyes. "What is peace?" How can everybody find happiness? When we are careless, Popoki asks about it. I saw a thing called virtual water in TV the other day. I did not know how much water was used in the process of putting food in our mouths. It is peaceful that we can eat our favorite foods, but what happens where there are people who are not peaceful as a result? There are few things we can do, but we should do what we can. Popoki is watching.



## PLEASE HELP SUPPORT THE POPOKI PEACE PROJECT!



The Popoki Peace Project is a voluntary project which uses Popoki's peace book and DVD to promote peace through various activities such as peace camps, peace workshops, seminars and other activities including work on *Popoki's Peace Book 2. Popoki, What Color is Peace?* has been translated into Thai, Chinese, Korean, Khmer, Indonesian, Tetun and Bengali. Farsi, Lao, Swahili, Arabic and Hebrew translations are underway. If you would like to translate Popoki, or have a way to have the book sold at your local bookstore, please let us know.

### How to purchase *Popoki, What Color is Peace? Popoki's Peace Book 1* from outside of Japan



1. Go to your local Japanese bookstore: Kinokuniya, Maruzen, etc. (or their website)
2. In North America, thanks to a very satisfied customer, *Popoki, What Color is Peace? Popoki's Peace Book 1* can be ordered from Kinokuniya Bookstore in Los Angeles.

The bookstore is at [www.los\\_angeles@kinokuniya.com](mailto:www.los_angeles@kinokuniya.com) and the telephone number is 213.687.4480. The price is US\$20.00 plus tax.

### How to purchase *Popoki, What Color is Peace? Popoki's Peace Book 1* from inside Japan

There are various ways.

From the publisher, Epic: TEL: 078-241-7561 · FAX: 078-241-1918

From Amazon.co.jp or your local bookseller

From the Popoki Peace Project ([popokipeace.yahoo.co.jp](mailto:popokipeace.yahoo.co.jp))

**Contributions are always welcome!**

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<http://popoki.cruisejapan.com>

From within Japan, please use Popoki's Postal account.

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