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Life, Information, Fun, Times

History corner



On January 2nd, 1947 Mahatma Gandhi began his march for peace in East Bengal, one of his last significant protests.



On January 2nd, 1870 construction of the Brooklyn Bridge began, being the longest suspension bridge in the world at the time of its completion, in 1883.



On January 3rd, 1924 English explorer Howard Carter discovered the tomb of Tutankhamun, in the Valley of the Kings near Luxor, Egypt.



On January 5th, 1818 the first regular trans-Atlantic shipping service began between Liverpool and New York, known as the 'Black Ball Line'.

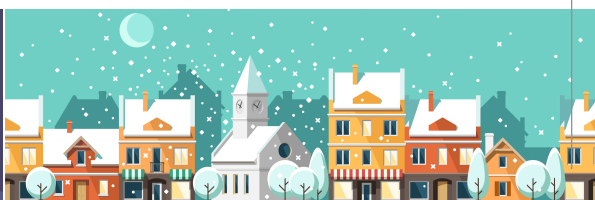
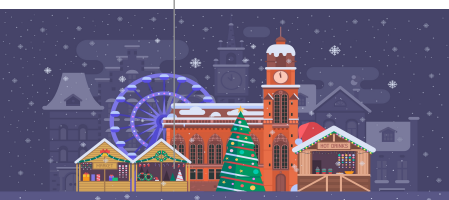


"We must always change, renew, rejuvenate ourselves; otherwise, we harden."
-Johann Wolfgang von Goethe.



'Cheers' in the languages of our teachers

1	Iechyd Da	Welsh	5	Felicidades	Portuguese
2	Salud!	Spanish	6	Fi sahitak	Arabic
3	Noroc!	Romanian	7	Santé!	French
4	Egészséget!	Hungarian	8	Şerefe	Turkish





Vocabulary corner

to cheer for (someone or something)

To vocally support or encourage

The whole school was there, cheering for their team.

To cheer on

To support or encourage

My sister always cheers me on, no matter what I decide to do.

To cheer up

To experience an improvement in mood

That movie always cheers me up when I'm sad.

of good cheer

filled with happiness and optimism

Decorating your house will bring good cheer and comfort.

New Year's traditions around the world



Scotland – First footing

Known among the Scottish as Hogmanay, the tradition says that it is good luck if the first person who enters your house after midnight on New Year's Day is a dark-haired man.

Greece – Eating Pomegranate

To the Greeks, pomegranate is abundance, life and good fortune.

On New Year's Eve they smash a pomegranate on the front door of the house and the number of seeds that fall out equals the amount of good luck they will have in the New Year.

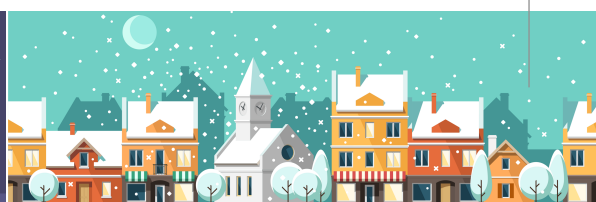
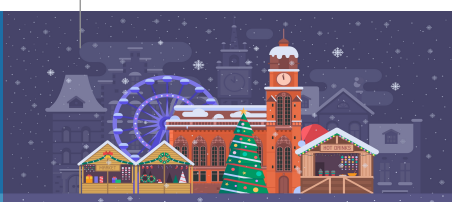


Colombia – Carrying Empty Suitcases

In line with Columbians love of traveling, as their New Year's tradition they carry around empty suitcases, with the hope that the coming year will be full of travels for them.

Estonia – Eating 12 meals

A perfect tradition for foodies: Estonians believe that eating 7, 9 and 12 meals on New Year's Eve will bring them good luck. Also, the food left on the plates is said to be served to the deceased family members.





The chronological order in which countries enter the New Year depends on their time zone but

Did You Know?

The first inhabited country to ring in the New Year on December 31st, 7:00pm JST

Kiribati



The last inhabited country to ring in the New Year on January 1st, 7:45 pm JST



Niue

And in between...



Australia



Philippines



Dubai



Paris



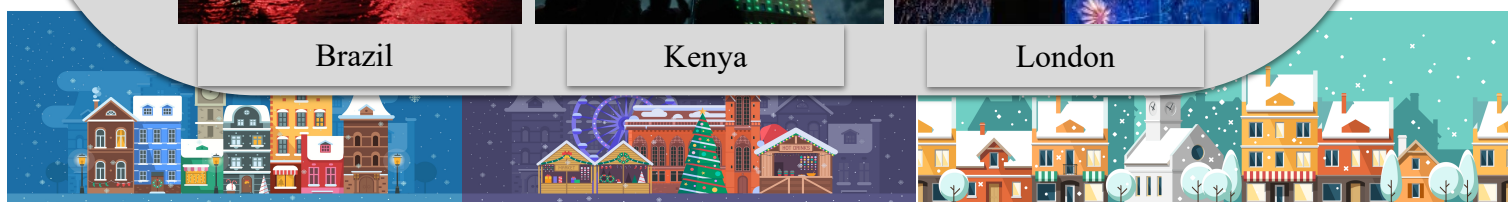
Brazil



Kenya

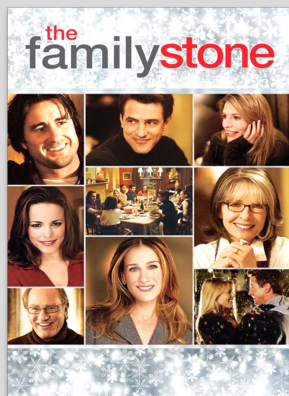


London





Moviz corner



This 2005 comedy-drama tells the bitter-sweet story of a holiday family reunion. Bitter because of the declining health of the matriarch and sweet because of the siblings' dynamic. The cozy festive setting, family traditions and warmth of the characters is only disturbed by one thing: the unwelcomed and unliked fiancée.

The family makes it their mission to scare off the intruder, discovering themselves in the process



Thank you for your support for Ukraine. Since we started last April, we have raised over 500,000 yen.



Special!

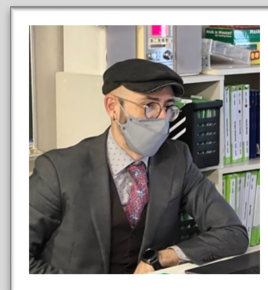
We have a very special item in our new year auction. Slyly, signed by the Carp team! A big thank you to the Carp for this donation!



A huge 'thank you' to Yukie from our Saturday morning class for making the cranes in the Ukrainian colors. Doesn't it look beautiful?

This & That

We have a new teacher starting in January. His name is Milo. If you see him around, please say 'Hello'



Thank you to everyone who joined us for our Christmas event. We tasted some traditional Christmas food and enjoyed chatting with the teachers.



Enjoy the year of the Black Water Rabbit!

