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Welcome to Tween Holiday Christmas and New Year 2024 Issue!

HELLO
friends

Welcome back to another one of our
Seasonal Magazines!

We hope you're enjoying this new
season of Winter and have done a fun
thing or two during the break!

In case you missed it in the last few
issues, our new website is up!

So check us out at
www.tweenholiday.com

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Christmas
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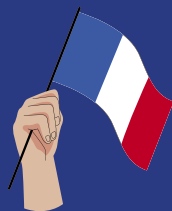
Christmas Traditions Around the World

Even though for most people Christmas is celebrated on 25th December with a Christmas tree, evening mass and presents from Santa, this isn't the case for everyone all around the world. Take a look at some Christmas traditions common in different countries.



Spain

In Spain, children hit a yule log called 'Tio de Nadal' so that the yule log can provide them with sweets and people usually attend evening masses on Christmas Eve.



France

French children often leave their shoes by the fireplace or under their Christmas tree for Father Christmas to fill with sweets.



Iceland

Family members give each other warm clothes because of the legend of a 'Christmas Cat' who takes anyone who is not wrapped up warm against the cold weather.



Brazil

People start celebrating Christmas at midnight with the unwrapping of gifts, large family meals and midnight masses at churches.

Canada

As it is usually snowy and cold on Christmas, Canadian children often wrap up in hats, scarves and gloves to go out tobogganing on snowy slopes!



Weird and Wacky Facts

Jingle Bells was originally a song made for Thanksgiving.



Santa was originally green not red.

Candy canes originated in Germany for children to eat during church services to keep them quiet.



Christmas pudding used to be a soup consisting of mutton, beef and spices.



MOANA 2 REVIEW

by Cam Cam

In Moana 2, Moana sets off on an ambitious mission which becomes more crucial to complete than ever once she gets disturbing news about what might happen if she does not succeed in her task. With a small crew consisting of a historian, a craftswoman, a farmer and some familiar faces including a pig and rooster and eventually Maui, she must learn to lead a team and save her island.



I rate Moana 2 **3.5 stars**

It's a good movie for the whole family, with suspense and action whilst celebrating Polynesian culture.



Recipes

Here at Tween Holiday we're back with another recipe.
This time it's gingerbread cookies!

Ingredients:

125g unsalted butter

150g brown sugar

125g honey

1 large egg

400g all purpose flour

1/2 tsp. salt

1/2 tsp. baking soda

1 tbsp. ground ginger

Spices of your choice

Recipe:

1. Mix together sugar, honey, egg and butter in a large bowl. You can use an electric hand mixer or a stand mixer to do this.
2. In a separate bowl sift together dry ingredients and then fold into wet ingredients
3. Transfer the dough onto a lightly floured piece of baking paper and roll into a rectangle
4. Place another piece of baking paper on top and put in the fridge to chill for over an hour
5. Once finished removed from fridge and prepare baking tray lined with baking paper and preheat the oven to 180°
6. Using cookie cutter cut out your shapes and place on top of already prepared baking tray. Then put in the oven to cook for 10-15 minutes. Once finished baking allow to cool and enjoy.



Movies to watch this season



In Sonic 3, Knuckles, Sonic and Tails must defeat a new and mysterious enemy called Shadow. However, Shadow has powers and abilities unlike any that the trio have ever seen before, causing them to make a surprising alliance. The cast includes some actors from the previous films and even the voice talents of Keanu Reeves as Shadow.



Movies to watch this season



Mufasa: The Lion King is a prequel which shows the hidden story of Mufasa's childhood and how he rose to the glory of becoming the King of the Pridelands despite a rocky start in life. This musical's score was composed by Dave Metzger and Nicholas Brittel, with the songs being written by Lin-Manuel Miranda.



THINGS TO DO- PAINTING ORNAMENTS

Over the Christmas break, if you start to feel a bit bored, try hand painting some Christmas ornaments.



Equipment:

- **Paintbrushes of different sizes and thicknesses**
- **Plain ornament**
- **Coloured paints of your choice**
- **Sturdy cardboard and ribbon (optional)**

Use your paintbrushes and your creativity to create different designs on your plain Christmas ornaments. The designs can be basic and simple or if you're feeling a bit more artistic you can make them more detailed and complex.



You can also make DIY Christmas ornaments from scratch using firm cardboard and ribbon. Cut the cardboard into any desired shape and then start to decorate using your paints. Once the design is finished and the paint has dried, poke a hole into the ornament using a sharp pencil and thread the ribbon into the hole, ready to be hung on your Christmas tree.



Christmas Wordsearch

O J C F J K I U J X N G L B E
M R Z C Y S N A N G E L S O G
N I N G H X H J Q I S V A U B
A K Q A P R T E E S N Q E E I
T M Q G M U I U P W O S A B L
I S S M U E D S R E W H T O K
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T I C N F H W N S N A Y S E H
Y S K L Q F H Y S M G S M S O
J E I I L D I K O E A Z U U T
X M N G V P Q N O N L R H S R
P E G H I P B C G Y O H Y K E
D N I T N C L H R E C Z N U E
G C W S S S R F Z J O S E P H

Christmas
Ornaments
Turkey
Angels
Mary
Jesus

Nativity
Stocking
Pudding
Tinsel
Wisemen

Stuffing
Sheperds
Joseph
Snow
Lights

Star
Tree



DIARY OF A DELIVERY ELF



Property of
Benjamin Balonius Bolts



Name: Benjamin Balonius Bolts



DIARY OF A DELIVERY ELF

18th December 2024

Quick recap. My name is Benny Bolts, I am 19 years old in elf years and I am a delivery elf from the North Pole. Actually, I was supposed to be a builder elf, you know, the kind that slaves away all year making toys for the children who barely behave anyway but manage to get away with it, since Santa's nice! Building runs in the family. You could probably tell since my last name is Bolts and if you didn't, well now you know. My brother's a builder elf, my sister's a builder elf, my parents are builder elves, my cousins, uncles, grandparents, great-grandparents, I could go on, but main takeaway, they're all builder elves. But I wanted to be different. You see, I don't exactly have the work ethic to build toys for spoiled children all year long and then get 1 week off over Christmas to bandage my sore hands and talk about how all kids want nowadays are robots and gizmos and stuff. I wanted to travel the world by Santa's side; I wanted to be a delivery elf! So the second I finished elf school, I applied to St Nicholas's Institute for Delivery Elves and within a few months I was accepted. My parents didn't approve of me becoming a delivery elf because apparently one of Dad's old friends was taken by a bald eagle whilst he was delivering gifts in Michigan (which I think still sounds better than working non-stop for a whole year), but nobody could disagree with the fact that it was a good choice for me to join delivery elf school after I graduated a year early with flying colours. Turns out I'm a natural at geography and know a thing or two about repairing a broken sleigh, so now, instead of having to wait another year until my first trip around the world with Santa like all my other classmates, I get to go next week! I can't wait to go to Michigan and prove to my parents that not every elf that sets foot there gets taken by bald eagles...



Name: Benjamin Balonius Bolts



DIARY OF AN EX-DELIVERY ELF

21:47 AEDT, 24th December 2024

I'm currently in Melbourne, Australia wearing a Christmas jumper, big leather boots, fitted trousers and a red overcoat. I think I was a bit too excited to prove my family wrong about Michigan that I didn't realise that it's currently summer in Australia...

I'm sweating, I have to keep fixing the engine because it keeps overheating and all my colleagues are at the beach having fun in their swimming costumes teasing me to come into the water for a dip. They look so foolish. And we can't leave yet as Santa isn't back... which is partially my fault. He had to do the rest of my list because I refused to give gifts to a child who thought that elves didn't do anything and that Santa was the true hero when it came to delivering Christmas presents. I ripped up his letter, fed it to Dasher and Rudolph and then refused to deliver any more gifts if that's how children really see elves. Santa wasn't pleased but being the kind-hearted person that he is, he decided to do the rest of my list for me. I don't even care about making it to Michigan anymore, I just want to go back home where the weather isn't completely unpredictable at the most inconvenient times. Maybe being a delivery elf just isn't for me. I wonder if they have any jobs in the letter sorting department...



Real footage of my colleagues slacking off work





Be Inspired

This is your personal thinking space.

What comes to your mind when you look at this photo?!

Let your mind run free!





Taking care of me

RELAXING
(BY ZIZI)

relax

Over the Christmas break, it is very important to take care of yourself and relax before the upcoming new year.

As this break is a short period of time where you can recharge before school starts again, try to make the most of it by doing various things that make you happy.

For example, if you like exercising you can try ice-skating or if you enjoy the outdoors you can go on winter walks in the mornings.

If you like being inside, you can arrange your room or your workspace before school starts again or watch some Christmas and winter themed movies.

For all aspiring bakers and chefs, check our recipe for gingerbread men and give it a go!



Answers to Wordsearch



Christmas

Ornaments

Turkey

Angels

Mary

Jesus

Nativity

Stocking

Pudding

Tinsel

Wisemen

Stuffing

Sheperds

Joseph

Snow

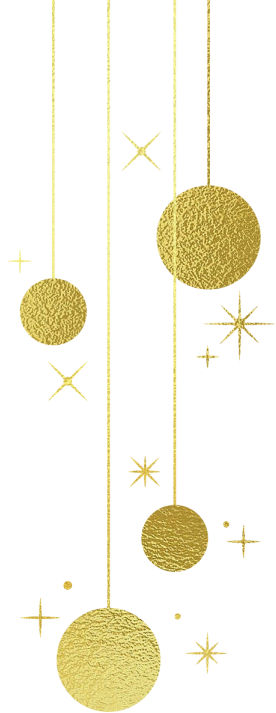
Lights

Star

Tree



Happy
New Year



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It is a common tradition for people to make a new year's resolution for the new year ahead. A resolution is often a goal that you would like to achieve or a system you would like to get into. Although it is not necessary to make a new year's resolution, it is always good to try and make a healthy resolution that is not too demanding but challenging enough to shape you into an even better person in the new year. On the right are some examples of resolutions that you can try:



NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS

by Zizi

➤ RESOLUTION 1

DRINK 2 LITRES OF WATER EVERYDAY



➤ RESOLUTION 2

COMPLETE OR MAKE A START ON HOMEWORK THE DAY IT IS ASSIGNED



➤ RESOLUTION 3

START PRACTISING A NEW SPORT.



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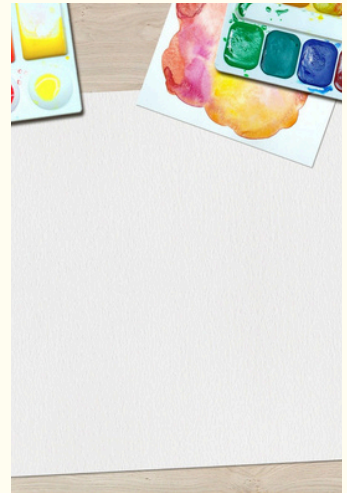
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