



RESSNEWS

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Dress Up!

Save the date December 22, we will be having a Christmas themed day in our school.



Dress up however you want, can be formal or comfortable it is totally up to you!

St. Nicholas Day



St. Nicholas Day, celebrated on December 6th, is a cherished holiday in various parts of the world. This event celebrates the life and generosity of Saint Nicholas, a Christian saint praised for his acts of kindness and charity.

St. Nicholas, also known as Nikolaos of Myra, lived during the 4th century in what is now Turkey. He was admired for his selflessness and dedication to helping the poor and the helpless. Legend has it that he was a secret gift-giver, often leaving coins or treats in the shoes of those in need. His most famous act was rescuing three sisters from a life of poverty by anonymously providing them with money and assets, saving them from being sold into servitude.

This spirit of generosity and benevolence associated with St. Nicholas is the foundation of the modern-day Santa Claus. Over time, his image evolved into the beloved figure we recognize today—a cheerful, rotund man in a red suit, flying around the world on a sleigh pulled by reindeer, delivering gifts to children on Christmas Eve.

On St. Nicholas Day, various traditions are upheld in different cultures. Children leave their shoes out on the evening of December 5th, eagerly awaiting gifts or sweets left by St. Nicholas. In some regions, people dress up as St. Nicholas, visiting homes, schools, or public spaces, distributing small presents or candy to children.

The celebration of St. Nicholas Day serves as a reminder of the importance of generosity and kindness toward others, particularly those less fortunate. It's a day to reflect on the joy of giving without expecting anything in return, echoing the spirit of the holiday season.

In essence, St. Nicholas Day honors a figure whose legacy of kindness and compassion continues to inspire acts of goodwill, especially during the festive period, fostering a sense of warmth, empathy, and sharing within communities worldwide.

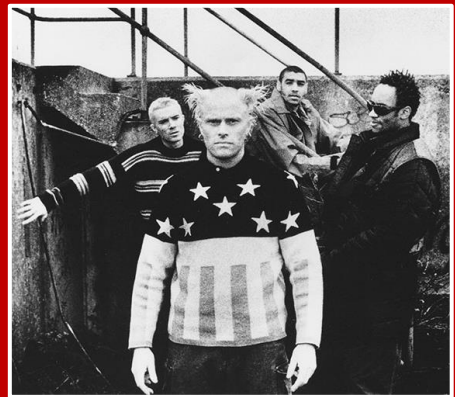
What to do during December?

Visit art galleries

- DOX centrum současného umění
- NaFILM národní filmové muzeum
- Kunsthalle Praha
- Pragovka Gallery

Go to a concert or two

- Hozier - 6.12.2023
- The Prodigy - 7.12.2023



Watch movies in the cinemas

- Saltburn (1.12.) – An Oxford student found himself a rich friend and decided to spend summer in his family's gigantic estate.
- The Bikeriders (1.12.) – The rise of a Midwestern motorcycle club and its members.
- Eileen (8.12) – Carol 2.0
- Wonka (14.12.) – How Willy Wonka became the character that we know today.
- The Iron Claw (22.12.) – True story about the Von Erich brothers (wrestlers).
- All of Us Strangers (22.12) – With Paul Mescal and Andrew Scott.
- Ferrari (25.12.) – Cars and races.





Origin of Christmas

The Christian Foundation

At its core, Christmas celebrates the birth of Jesus Christ. Early Christians selected December 25th, strategically aligning it with the Roman festival of Saturnalia. This ingenious integration of traditions marked the inception of a new era.



The Winter Solstice: Symbolism of Hope

December 21st or 22nd, the winter solstice. It signifies the transition from darkness to light.

Jesus' birth became a beacon of hope, promising warmth and renewal during the coldest season.

Shepherds, Angels, and Wise Men

In the Gospels, we find the timeless story of Jesus' birth in Bethlehem. Angels delivered the news to humble shepherds, while wise men embarked on a journey bearing gifts of profound significance. These narratives echo through the ages, emphasizing the universal themes of wonder and generosity.



A Unifying Celebration

As we gather with loved ones, let's reflect on the universal message of Christmas - a call for love, unity, and renewal. This festive season reminds us that, regardless of faith or culture, we all share in the spirit of hope and goodwill.



CHRISTMAS QUIZ



CHRISTMAS ALL AROUND THE WORLD

Japan

- KFC for dinner
- Christmas is not a national holiday



Austria

- Krampus hunt for naughty children

Greece

- decorating boats



Caracas (capital of Venezuela)

- roller skating on their way to Mass on Christmas morning

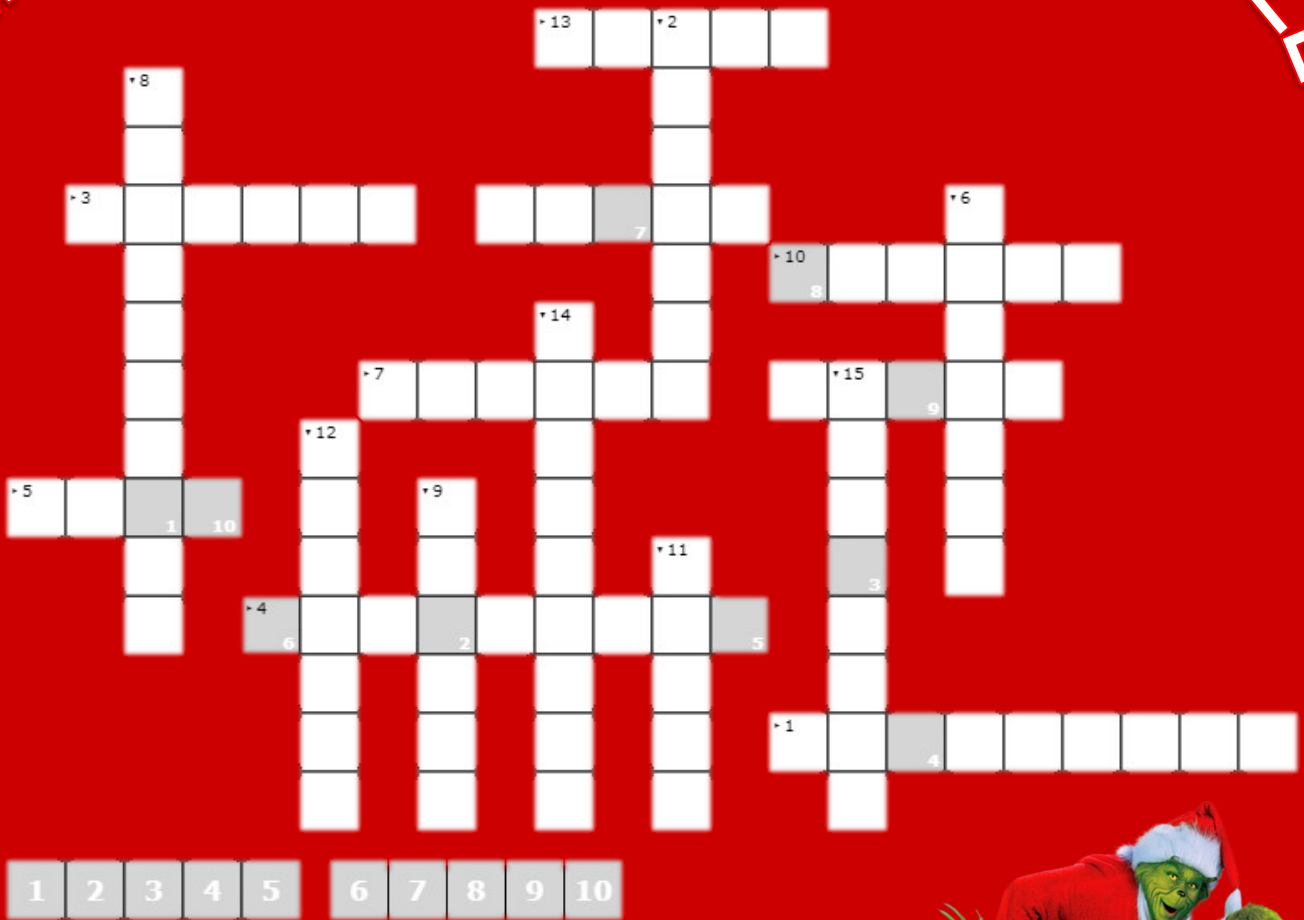


Iceland

- presents from 13 different Santa Clauses (Yule Lads)



CHRISTMAS CROSSWORD PUZZLE



1. Where was baby Jesus born?
2. Which country did eggnog originate from?
3. What popular Christmas song was actually written for Thanksgiving?
4. What was the first company that used Santa Claus in advertising?
5. What are you supposed to do when you find yourself under the mistletoe?
6. Which country started the tradition of putting up a Christmas tree?
7. Which famous US political figure and celebrity makes a cameo in Home Alone 2?
8. How many gifts did Dudley receive in the first Harry Potter movie? (number in words)
9. What fruit is traditionally put inside a Christmas stocking?
10. What's the name of the period leading up to Christmas?
11. Who helps Santa make toys?
12. Which reindeer has a red nose?
13. What color is the Grinch?
14. If you are born on Christmas day, what is your star sign?
15. Which animal pulls Santa's sleigh?





Merry Christmas everyone!
remeber that you are loved
and cherish this special time
with your loved ones

