

Young Voices Concert



Did You Know?

Young voices...

- Is the **largest** school choir concert in the world.
- Has been around since 1996.

Which (if you do the maths) is 27 years!

Many children in Years 3 to 6 have taken part in the singing concert (Young voices) on Monday the 5th of January 2024. The event took place in the Manchester Area, so Sherwood hopes you sang your HEARTS OUT!

What is Young Voices?

Over 150,000 children participated in this exciting event meant for young people to develop their skills and understanding the meaning of music.

Who is the founder?

David Lewis is the founder of World Choirs and Young Voices - the latter itself has involved 2.5 million young people over the world.



In the Half Term Holidays...

Shrove Tuesday

Shrove Tuesday is also known as Pancake day. On this day, in Olney (England), they hold a Pancake Race. The reason behind this is...

A housewife in Olney was so busy making pancakes, that she heard the Church bells ringing - the church bells ringing means they are ready for service. The housewife had a frying pan



and tossed a pancake in the air. She caught it and tossed another one. This is how the Pancake Race started. Participants must wear a scarf and carry a frying pan. Pancake Races are held in many parts of the world. Pancake day, Ash Wednesday, is the last day of Shrove Tuesday, which is the day before Lent. Christians confess their sins and ask for forgiveness for sins they have committed. This year, Shrove Tuesday is on the 13th of February.

To make a pancake, click [here](#) for an easy recipe.



Ash Wednesday

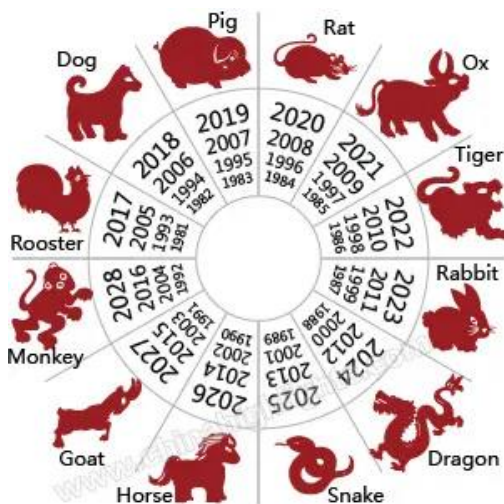
Ash Wednesday is the start of Lent. It follows Shrove Tuesday. Lent is a period which lasts 6 weeks and it ends at Easter time. Ash Wednesday is a holy day of praying and fasting observed by Catholics, Lutherans, Moravians, Anglicans, Methodists and Nazarenes. Many people prepare a Lenten calendar to cross out the days of Lent that pass by.

Ash Wednesday reminds the Christians of the sufferings Jesus went through when he crossed the desert with no food or water for 40 days. Churches put ash on Christian's foreheads in the shape of the cross. They collect ash by burning palm leaves from palm trees. They have a Good Friday meal where Christians avoid eating meat and traditionally eat fish. In Ireland, Ash Wednesday is a non-smoking day. This day was chosen because it perfectly goes with the theme of giving up a luxury for Lent. This year, Ash Wednesday is on the 14th of February.

Why do people celebrate Chinese New Year?

Long ago in China the Emperor hosted a race, where 13 animals were to race each other. The first 12 finishers would have a year named after them.

All the animals lined up at the water's edge. The cat and rat, who were good friends, were both scared as they were bad swimmers so they asked the ox if he could help them. When they were nearly there, the rat pushed the cat into the water and jumped headfirst into the finish line. The ox came second. When the ox finished, the tiger pounced behind giving him the third year. The next animal surprised the Emperor as the tiny rabbit had jumped across the stones in the river. The Emperor gave him the fourth year. The dragon flew in to claim a rightful fifth place. The snake hopped on the horse and stole sixth place and the horse had to be satisfied with seventh. The next three animals worked together to get eight, ninth and tenth place - the goat, monkey and rooster respectively. The next animal took a bath and came eleventh - the dog. Then the boar came last because of his meal and nap. THE RACE WAS OFFICIALLY OVER, or was it? After all of this, the cat crawled out of the river but was too late to claim a spot. Which animal are you?



Chinese New Year

How do people celebrate?

On the 10th February, at midnight, families will set off noisy fireworks. Friends will visit people's homes and do a season greet to share their love and remind people of the New Year. It's a time to worship ancestors, exorcise evil spirits and pray for good harvest. Today it's celebrated also by Chinese communities outside the country. Lion dance, dragon dance, temple fairs, flower market shopping and so on are just a few of these rich and colourful activities.

Symbols

People visit China Town to celebrate the Chinese New Year with traditional dances and food. People say the Dragon Dance is a must-see. Each symbol represents something. The symbols are the animals that took part in the race. Red lanterns and red envelopes are significant Chinese New Year symbols associated with these meanings. Red lanterns are hung in homes and streets, illuminating the atmosphere with a festive glow. They are believed to ward off bad luck and guide good fortune into households.



Traditional Foods

Traditional Lunar New Year foods include longevity noodles, a whole steamed fish for abundance, sticky rice balls for togetherness, and more. Above, you'll find some of those lucky foods, along with other traditional dishes like dumplings and rice cakes.

Spotlight on...

Sir Tom Finney

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This is a page is all about Sir Tom Finney, the second 'let's put the spotlight on...' house mascot. He is our blue house role model. This is all going to be about Sir Tom Finney through his life. From the moment he was born, to the moment WW2 was happening, and to the last moments of his life. Did You Know that Sir Tom Finney was knighted by the Queen?

Childhood

Sir Tom Finney was born on St Michael's Road on the 5th April 1922, to parents Maggie and Alf. He had one brother called Joe and four sisters called Madge, Peggy, Doris and Eadith. His dad (Alf) worked for the government on the climate! Sadly, a tragedy struck for his family when his mum (Maggie) died and they had to move away to stop thinking about it. Soon he moved to a different house in Deepdale. It was hard. Like his dad, Sir Tom Finney was a keen footballer and supported Preston as well.

Career

Sir Tom Finney is best known for his career in football since he played for Preston. But did you know he was not always a footballer? His first profession was plumbing. Finney's nick name was 'the Preston Plumber'. This was his profession from 1940 to 1990. It was his own business and was quite successful. He then saw Preston North End were doing football trials and his dad (Alf Finney) booked him a trial and he got in. He played as a winger or centre forward. He went on to play for England 76 times. Sir Tom Finney scored about 210 goals during his career; he became an inspiration to many young players.



Legacy

All of Sir Tom Finney's games won him the title (widely) of England's best player. In 1988, he was knighted by the Queen for dedicating his life to the city of Preston and doing charitable work; he also was never booked, sent off or even 'spoken to' by the referee.

Finney is remembered by Preston greatly and several things are named after this great role model. These are: Sir Tom Finney Football Club; Sir Tom Finney Soccer Centre; The Splash (a fountain that mimics a famous pose of Finney on a very rainy match); Sir Tom Finney Stadium; Sir Tom Finney Way; Sir Tom Finney High School; and Sir Tom Finney Sports Centre.