



Welcome

Hello, readers and welcome to the first issue of FKIS English Newsletter! We hope you will find the newsletter educational and enjoyable as it is filled with educational information, language knowledge and fun games. Happy reading!

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Lucky Food to Eat at Chinese New Year

Chinese New Year is over. Did you enjoy the lucky food at Chinese New Year? Do you know the symbolism behind the lucky food? Ready... Go!

- ① Sesame balls are a classic Chinese dessert. It is round and golden in colour. It represents **money and getting rich.** (煎堆碌碌金銀滿屋)
- ② Lotus seeds represents **having a lot of children** (年生貴子) and a **healthy family.**
- ③ A crispy triangle is shaped like a gold ingot  and symbolizes **money and gold.**
- ④ This is a container with six to eight boxes filled with melon seeds, dried or candied fruits, and candies. It represents **having a lot of things** (‘全’盒).
- ⑤ In Chinese, “fish” (魚) sounds like “surplus” (餘), so eating fish stands for **“always have more than you wish for”.** It also symbolizes **a good beginning and end in the new year.**
- ⑥ The round shape of a rice ball and sounds are associated with **being together in a family** “tangyuan” (團團圓圓).
- ⑦ Eating and displaying tangerines is believed to **bring good luck and fortune** (大吉大利).
- ⑧ Nian Gao sounds like “getting higher year by year”. The higher you are, the better your business becomes. So it symbolizes **achieving new heights in the coming year** (年‘高’).

⑧ Glutinous Rice Cake

/ Nian Gao 年糕

⑦ Tangerines

/ Good Fortune Fruit

柑桔

① Sesame Balls

/ Jian Dui 煎堆

⑥ Sweet Rice Balls

/ Tang Yuan 湯圓

② Lotus seeds

蓮子

⑤ Fish 魚

③ Crispy Triangles

/ Yau Gok 油角

④ Tray of Togetherness

/ Chinese New Year Candy Box 全盒

Do you want to know other special festivals in different countries? Let's go!

Fabulous Cultural Festivals Around the World

Diwali - India

Diwali is an Indian festival. People call it the 'Festival of Lights'. It is celebrated in November. Shimmering lanterns appear in cities all over the country. Besides, there are beautiful fireworks shows at night.

Kodomo no Hi - Japan

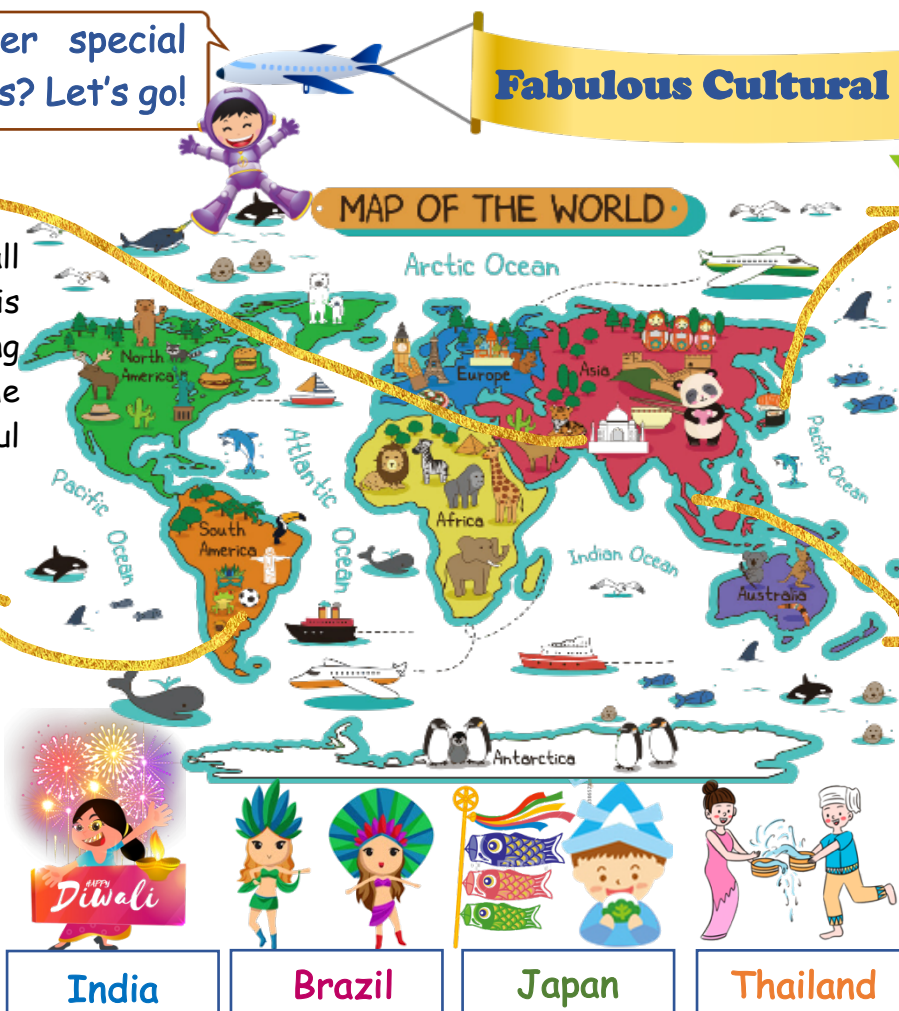
Kodomo no Hi is the children's day in Japan. It is on 5th May. On that day, families raise the koinobori, which are carp-shaped windsock to bring luck and good fortune to their children. Children eat rice cakes wrapped in oak leaves and sweet dumplings wrapped in bamboo leaves.

Carnival - Brazil

Carnival is the most popular festival in Brazil. This party is a way of living it up and having fun before Easter. It lasts for four day and four nights. People wear costumes and join in many exciting activities such as street parades, bands and dances in the streets.

Songkran - Thailand

Songkran is also called the Water Festival. It is held in April. It celebrates the traditional New Year in the Thai calendar. People usually visit family and friends. They also spray water at one another because they think that water will wash away bad luck.



India



Brazil



Japan



Thailand

Spot the Difference

Can you spot and circle the differences? Study the pictures and search for SIX differences.



Word Search

Do you still remember the fabulous festivals we talk about today? Try find and circle the words.



DIWALI	M	U	C	L	N	S	Z	J	Q	C	T	T	E	V	E
INDIA	O	U	R	K	O	D	O	M	O	N	O	H	I	E	N
SONGKRAN	F	H	N	U	J	S	M	N	I	T	C	J	I	T	R
THAILAND	V	S	O	F	H	T	C	M	G	T	R	A	Y	B	Z
CARNIVAL	S	S	Z	F	Q	H	F	L	G	K	W	X	P	G	X
BRAZIL	K	Q	O	B	R	A	Z	I	L	Z	R	K	K	F	K
KODOMO NO HI	T	P	Y	B	J	I	I	N	D	I	A	A	X	C	J
JAPAN	Q	W	N	W	Y	L	T	R	X	L	D	C	N	C	A
	O	D	E	N	R	A	B	X	H	T	V	A	J	Z	P
	C	T	O	K	U	N	M	Y	F	N	R	R	W	T	A
	E	X	A	J	M	D	X	P	P	I	O	N	I	S	N
	Q	W	P	X	Q	K	S	G	Q	K	L	I	W	C	X
	P	F	U	D	I	W	A	L	I	W	M	V	U	U	O
	Z	G	Q	W	T	J	X	H	U	G	W	A	A	M	Y
	E	C	L	V	S	E	K	L	Q	X	H	L	S	J	N

Crossword Puzzle

Look at the pictures and put their names into the puzzle.



English Idioms

Miss Zan has introduced some idioms to us in the morning assembly. Let's revise them together.

01 a piece of cake - very easy to do

I'm good at cycling. It is a piece of cake!



02 hit the books - to study very hard

I have an exam tomorrow. I have to hit the books.



03 at a snail's pace - very slowly

Hurry up! Don't move at a snail's pace!



04 over the moon - very happy

Ben has got an A in the test. He is over the moon!



05 a heart of gold - kind and caring

Sam has a heart of gold. He always cares about me.



06 rain cats and dogs - rain very heavily

We can't go out to play because it is raining cats and dogs.



Acrostic Poem

F is for Fun, lively company

K is for Keen, abounding with enthusiasm

I is for Inventive, full of creative ideas

S is for Sincere, a calming quality

Can you write another acrostic poem by using FKIS? Try it!

Try using them in your daily conversation and writings!

