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Celebrating Culture, Art, and Tradition around the World

← Carnival, Rio De Janeiro, Brazil

Rio de Janeiro's Carnival is famous for its colourful parades and incredible, surging energy. Millions of people travel to the city each year to take part in the celebrations. And with good reason. The grandiosity of Carnival is not just about the elaborate costumes and floats, but about something far more amazing. It's about celebrating culture, art, and tradition. Dancing in the streets and eating yummy food are all part of this amazing and excellent celebration.



Diwali, India →



If you've never celebrated Diwali, it's an experience like no other! Diwali is a five-day festival in India and is also known as the Festival of Lights. It celebrates the victory of good over evil, light over darkness, and knowledge over ignorance. During this festival, people assemble for prayer and attend special ceremonies, purchase gifts for their loved ones, decorate their homes with lights and exchange sweets with family and friends. Not to be missed!

← Songkran, Thailand

One of the most popular festivals in the world, is Songkran in Thailand. This is a three-day celebration for the Thai New Year, which takes place in April every year. What makes it special is that during this festival, people throw water at each other and spray scented water in honor of cleansing, purification, and blessings. You can experience Songkran here in Kowloon City every April. Go and join in the big water celebration.



Cherry Blossom Festival, Japan →



The Cherry Blossom Festival is an important part of Japan's culture. During the festival people often hold hanami parties – picnics under the blooming trees – which have been part of Japanese culture since ancient times. People gather with friends and family to admire the beauty of the cherry blossom and enjoy deliciously prepared food, while viewing traditional entertainment such as traditional music and dance performances. This is a very popular celebration in Japan!

Chinese Tradition and Cultural Day

On the 7th of March T.Y.C.Y. held our Chinese Tradition and Cultural Day. We all celebrated Chinese culture with many activities, prizes, markets and food. It was a great success! Thank you to all our teachers and parent volunteers for their hard work and dedication. All the students had a great day celebrating Chinese culture.



Chinese Cultural Dresses



Qipao



Hanfu



Tang



Zhongshan

The Qipao evolved from the Manchu women's changpao of the Qing Dynasty (1644-1912). The Manchu ethnic people were also called the Qi people by the Han people, hence their long gown was named qipao. This traditional dress is very popular for celebrations around China.

The Hanfu is the oldest of China's traditional clothes from the Han dynasty. Legend traces it back to over 4,000 years ago when Huangdi's consort, Leizu, made cloth with silk. It was constantly improved throughout several dynasties. It is a very beautiful dress.

The Tang suit, often refers to a type of modern Chinese jacket rather than the Tang Dynasty's clothing (AD 618 - 907). The Tang dynasty is one of the most prosperous times in Chinese history. People usually use the word Tang to refer to traditional Chinese culture.

The modern Chinese tunic suit is a style of male attire originally known in China as the Zhongshan suit and later as the Mao Suit. The four pockets represented the four virtues of the Chinese culture, propriety, justice, honesty and wisdom. Many leaders choose to wear this historic suit.

Can you solve these Fairytale Riddles??

1 Robin Hood



Hello, I'm Robin Hood. I live with my band of brothers in the forest and we rob from the rich and give to the poor. The evil king and his pesky Sheriff are always trying to catch me. I am very good at shooting my weapon. Can you guess what my weapon is?

2 Cinderella



My name is Cinderella and I live with my evil step-mother. They make my life very hard. I went to a ball one evening and met the handsome prince. I had to leave early and then I left something behind. The prince found it and used it to find me. Can you guess what it is?

3 Peter Pan



I'm Peter Pan. I'm a free-spirited and mischievous young boy who can fly and never grows up. I live on the island of Neverland as the leader of the Lost Boys. My enemy is a pirate with a hook for a hand. Can you guess who he is?

4 Hansel and Gretel



We are brother and sister. We followed a trail of sweets and found a house made of candy. There, an evil lady captured us and tried to cook us in her cooking pot. We escaped and she fell in and cooked herself. Can you guess who the evil lady is?

Jack and the Beanstalk 5

I'm Jack and I love magic. I planted some magic beans and a beanstalk grew into the sky. I climbed up and met a very bad person. He was huge and roared like a lion. I took his golden harp and magic hen. Can you guess who the bad person is?



Evil Witch



Mean Giant



Bow and Arrow



Glass Slipper



Angry Pirate

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T.Y.C.Y. Drama Club



I am a new member of the drama team. I was so excited about it when I was invited by the teachers. The drama coach from outside the school is hilarious. The atmosphere of learning he creates is so good that I can't wait to attend every class. I would like to tell my fellow schoolmates some tips. If you want to get a great result in your auditions, you need to act naturally and always remember to smile to the audience. Leung Ting Yi, Denise (6A)



T.Y.C.Y. Choral Speaking Team



Hi, everyone, I'm Jarvis from Class 6A. I think being part of the Choral Speaking team was an interesting experience in my primary school life. At first, the training was very hard but after that it became easier. Our teachers always encouraged us to try our best. I have learnt that no matter what problem I face, I have to keep going.

Ho Lok Him, Jarvis 6A

Hello everyone., I am Cola from Class 6A. I am in the Choral Speaking Team. The Choral Speaking Competition was on 30th November. We are the champions! After coming in 1st place, I've learnt that 'practice makes perfect'. Even if we were not good at something at first, after practicing, we can have good results! Never give up and try your best.

Lo Hoi Lok, Cola 6A

Last year, I had the opportunity to join the Coral-Speaking Team, and it turned out to be an amazing experience. Three teachers and 50 students worked diligently together to learn and preform the poem 'The Story of Little Suck-a-Thumb'. Our teamwork and dedication, with the guidance of our teachers helped us achieve first place, which was an incredibly rewarding experience.

Lee Hee Tung, Hazel 6A