



English Corner



November 2022

1. BONFIRE NIGHT

In the UK, Bonfire Night (also known as Guy Fawkes Night) is a special day in honour of a historic event. It's celebrated on 5th November and the sky at night is filled with colour.



The history:

In 1605 English Catholics were really angry because King James I wasn't treating them well. In November 1605 a few men had a plan to blow up the Houses of Parliament in London. An explosion was planned for 5 November (on that day the king was due to open Parliament). The leader of the group was called Guy Fawkes and the plan was known as the 'Gunpowder Plot'. The group put 36 barrels of gunpowder in the Houses of Parliament and waited for the king to arrive. However, the plan didn't succeed. The gunpowder was found by the police and all the men who were involved in the plot got caught. King James ordered the people of England to have a bonfire night on the night of 5 November in order to celebrate his survival.



Bonfires and fireworks.

On 5 November all over Britain there are firework displays and bonfires with models of Guy Fawkes, which are burned on the fire. The Guy is made of old clothes which are filled with newspapers. The fireworks are a reminder of the gunpowder which was hidden in the cellar of Parliament.

Food for Bonfire Night.

November is often a cold month in England, so on Bonfire Night people wear scarves, gloves and hats. They need some warm food to keep them hot too. Typical Bonfire Night food is hot baked potatoes filled with butter and cheese. There are also marshmallows and toffee apples. In the north of England people eat special type of cake called parkin.



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2. Poppy Day

A holiday celebrated in countries in honor of fallen soldiers in wars. On this day, at 11 a.m., honor to the fallen is given in the form of two minutes of silence.

The holiday commemorates the signing of the armistice ending World War I.

This day is also called Poppy Day, due to the custom of wearing poppies pinned to clothes on this day as a sign of remembrance. These poppies are free and financed by the king (once by the queen).

This day is also celebrated in Canada, Australia, New Zealand and Belgium.



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3. Must see!

As the Christmas is coming soon, I would like to recommend you my favourite festive movie! "Love actually" is a Christmas-themed romantic comedy, with many well known British actors like: Emma Thompson, Hugh Grant, Colin Firth and Keira Knightley. It takes place in winter London and it's mainly about love and love stories of many people. It is must have to watch during your Christmas break, with warm tea and some comfort food.



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4. Thanksgiving Day

For sure you have heard about "The Thanksgiving Day". But do you know what it exactly is? Where and how is it celebrated? In this article I will try to give you answers for these questions.

The Thanksgiving Day is a national day in America. Its history comes back to year 1620. In this time first European villagers came to America to make a colony. They settled in New England. The colony was named Plymouth. After one year of living there, they organized huge feast in thanks for a bountiful harvest. Native Americans took part in the celebrations. This day became the symbol of unity, brotherhood and gratitude to God for gifts and protection.



Nowadays, in the fourth Thursday of November Americans celebrate The Thanksgiving Day. A tradition is to eat festive dinner with family. In the table there must be a turkey and other traditional meals and drinks such as: pecan pie (cake made of pumpkin and nuts), mashed potatoes or apple cider. After the feast there comes wishbone. It's a turkey's bone which is connected with another tradition. Two people each grab a side and break the bone apart while making a wish. Whoever breaks off the larger part of the wishbone will have his wish granted. Every year there is also a parade on the New York streets, called Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade, where we can see balloons, artists and other attractions.



Useful words and phrases, connected with Thanksgiving Day:

stuffed turkey – nadziewany indyk

corn – kukurydza

cranberry sauce – sos żurawinowy

mashed potatoes – tłuczone ziemniaki

pumpkin pie – ciasto dyniowe

national holiday – święto narodowe

parade – parada

feast – uczta

harvest – żniwa

gratitude – wdzięczność

wishbone – kostka życzeń

Thanksgiving dinner – obiad w Święto Dziękczynienia

Happy Thanksgiving Day – Radosnego Święta Dziękczynienia

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5. St Andrew's Day

Saint Andrew's Day marks the beginning of the traditional advent devotion of the Saint Andrew Christmas Novena.

Saint Andrew's Day has been a national holiday in

Romania since 2015.



Useful words:

Key – klucz

Wax – воск

Candle - świeca

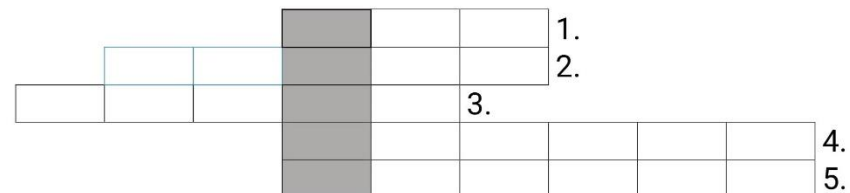
Omen - wróżba

Boots – buty

Hearts with names – serca z imionami



St. Andrew's quiz

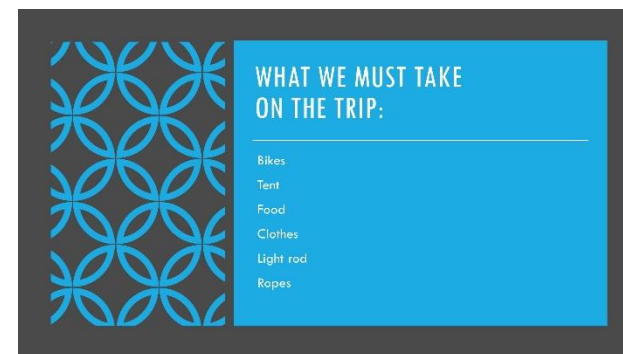


1. something from which the candle is made.
2. In english "święty"
3. otherwise shoes
4. a fire burns on it
5. with names

Password: _____ - wiedźma

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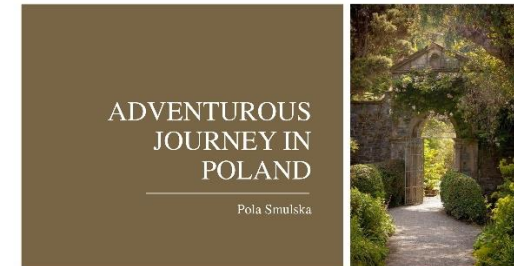
6. Experience full of adventure.





Authors: Stefan Dykto, Aleksander Karpacki

7. Adventurous journey in Poland.




PLAN

1. where to go – beautiful Owls Mountains
2. how to make the journey – a train and horses
3. what to visit – castles, forests, ruins ...
4. our wonderful expedition – climbing the mountain called Wielka Sowa
5. what to take – a preparation for our expedition
6. our project focus – Tolkiens fantasy books

WHERE TO GO




We will visit as beautiful as flowers Owls Mountains in Poland. The Owls Mountains are the oldest part of Sudety with wonderful trailways.




HOW TO MAKE A JOURNEY

From our city to The Owl Mountains we can travel by a train. Then we will ride horses and hike on foot.





WHAT TO VISIT

We will visit some beautiful, historical or nature places like Książ castle, dragon's lair, Bystrzyckie lake or fortress called Srebrna Góra.



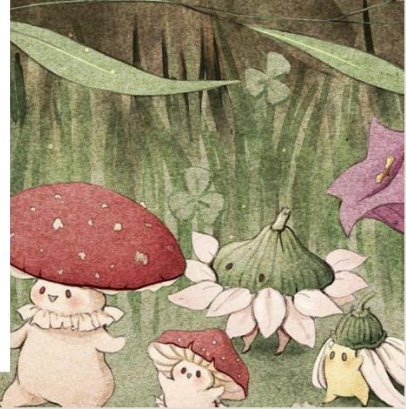

OUR WONDERFUL EXPEDITION

For our expedition we will hike to the top of Wielka Sowa. It's the highest mountain in the Owl Mountains. It's 1015 metres high. On the top there is such beautiful views.

WHAT TO TAKE

For our magic expedition we must take some comfy clothes and boots, a raincoat, a backpack, sandwiches and flask with hot tea, a map and camera to do photos of beautiful views.



OUR PROJECT FOCUS



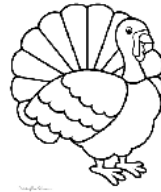

On our journey we will study about Tolkiens fantasy books. For me a such beautiful place as Owls Mountains associate with fantasy world full of castles and mysterious forests. That's why I chose this topic. We will ride horses, hike to the top of mountains, visit historical castles and spend time with nature. What's more we will also learn classic dance, try fencing and make fantasy creatures costumes.

Author: Pola Smulska

8. Task – circle the correct word and colour:



CANDY CANDLE



TURKEY CHICKEN



FIREWORKS BONFIRE



FORTUNE TELLER WITCH



POTATO CORN



KEY WAX