



Interesting Facts About April Fool's Day

When did it start?

As much as we love to celebrate Fools day, we don't know when and how it got started! There are several theories, but none of them is a perfect or confirmed one. If the human were that perfect, we would not have a fool's day right? ☺

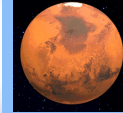


Fools are the ones who don't know about calendar change!

The most famous of all the theories is that it got into our lives when Pope changed the calendar in France according to the Roman one. The people who knew nothing about the change continued celebrating New Year's start on April 1st, and the ones who knew about it started calling them fools and thus started April Fool's Day! So, if the ancient days had strong communication system like us and if Pope announced the change in a news channel, maybe we wouldn't be able to fool our friends today!

A trip to Mars!

A travel site once announced on April first that it's offering a trip to Mars for a specified period! A trip to the angry red planet is appealing, but the announcement date would have been checked if not the authenticity!



BBC, you nailed it! - BBC April Fools Day 1976

In 1976, BBC announced that on that day the gravity of earth would be reduced by a certain level and whoever jumped in the air would lightly float in the air! People who hadn't noticed the date might have jumped to realize that mother earth cannot lose its attraction and that's where BBC's mission might have been accomplished.

BBC nailed it again! - BBC April Fools Day 2008

In 2008, BBC again telecasted news saying penguins in Antarctica started flying. It's not just that! It stated that those penguins had flown to South America's tropical rainforests. Dear BBC, we love your sense of humor!

Wicked sense of humor? Learn from the older times!

According to Scotland history, they used to call the April fool's Day as 'Hunt the Gawk Day.' Gawk means a fool. A person is sent to deliver a message to another by someone who wants to fool the messenger. The message used to convey the receiver to send another similar message to someone else by the foolish messenger. The game used to continue until the messenger realized that he is being fooled.

Fools mail! - Gmail

Google launched Gmail on the eve of April fool's day, and everyone thought that it was a prank due to its unbelievably good features! But the company really launched the mail king of today!



Flour-Throwing-Day!

flour eggs throwing festival

In some countries, people throw flour at each other as the part of festivities.

Royal fool's day!

The Korean royal family is allowed to lie and play pranks on April first.

A day to cleanse your mind!

Other beliefs say that it came as a day of laughter and celebrating life by throwing away evil thoughts!

A two days celebration! - Kick me

In Scotland, people celebrate two days as fools' days! The second is called "Taily day," in which people play pranks only using one's back part. That is they stick papers saying, "Kick me" and so on to one's back and enjoy! This drama is endless, isn't it?



Tragic Fools day in history!

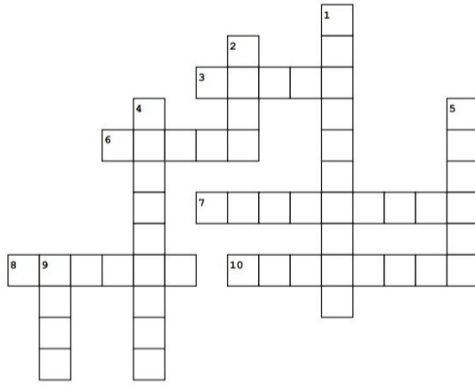
In 1945, the weather broadcast department announced a tsunami in Pacific Island on April first and since the many thought that it was a prank, they didn't mind the announcement and what to say next? The big tragedy hit!!

April Fish! - April Fool Fish prank

The most famous prank by the French, the originators of Fool's day is to stick a paper fish on someone's body without their knowledge and to shout "April Fish." Sounds so childish and exciting and fun right?? These French people know how to make people look stupid!



Indian Festivals



Across

3. A Punjabi folk festival, celebrating the passing of the winter solstice.
6. A bracelet commonly given out between family members during the festival of Raksha Bandhan.
7. A celebration of the goddess Durga, which usually occurs in September or October. This clue is 2 words long.
8. Tamil harvest festival usually celebrated in January. It is celebrated by making a dish of the same name.
10. A nine-night long festival celebrating the Devi, usually happening in Fall.

Down

1. Annual festival celebrating Shiva and his heavenly dance.
2. Spring Festival where people throw colors at each other.
4. A festival celebrating the sun god Surya, which usually happens in January.
5. Indian Festival of Lights celebrating the return of Rama usually held in Fall.
9. Malayali harvest festival, usually celebrated in August or September.

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Picture of the Month



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The wolf howling in the painting symbolizes how speaking up and not being afraid to state your opinion can open up new opportunities. The white space in the painting is the new opportunities that were brought into light. The howling of the wolf is connected to the white space. The sunset outside of the white space is what we are limited to when we are afraid to speak our opinions.



Indian Students Association (ISA) at ISU organized an Indoor Badminton Tournament. The event was supported by ICA and the Ames Convention & Visitors Bureau Community Grant Program. A total of 24 teams participated in the event. Great job Team ISA on executing a wonderful, well organized in-person event!



GET INVOLVED AND GROW

Are you someone who loves all things green?

Do you enjoy an active and diverse local community?

Have you always wanted to grow flowers, herbs and vegetables But worry you might not have the proverbial 'green thumb'?



HERE IS YOUR OPPORTUNITY!

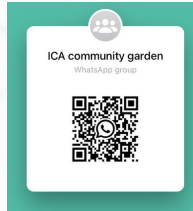


ICA has secured a plot at the Ames Community Garden !

Scan the QR code to join the group on WhatsApp and learn more.

WHEN:

May - October 2021



WHERE:

Squaw Creek
Community Garden
S. Maple Ave, Ames

Ek lafz tha jhoka tha ya lamha Zara sa tha..
Mana Meri shameez ka Kona thoda Jala sa tha..
Utha Ke pyaar se sanjoya tha sabhi tukdo ko maine..
Mera kirdaar tha...magar Mera apna Zara sa tha..
Mila tha ma se kabhi to papa ne kabhi maang liya..
Sapno pe mere ikhtiyaar sabka mila jula sa tha..
Koshish karo bahut phir bhi samjh nahi sakte..
Bas ek thappad nahi Jo hila Gaya buniyaad..
Dafan sanso mein meri ye zalzala kabhi ka tha.
(inspired by the main character in movie "Thappad").

By: Anuj Sharma





Announcements

- Please share children's artworks, recipes, poems or any informational articles to be published in our next ICA Newsletter. The published entry will win a \$25 reward. Send entries at contactus@icaiowa.org.
- Dr. Raman's Blog: Dr. Raman has started a bi-weekly blog to bring cheer to his readers in this time of pandemic chaos and political turmoil. If you would like to subscribe to this blog, please send a message to vvrsps@rit.edu.

Upcoming Events

- **ICA Youth Club Story Time with Aarya Sharma**
When: April 17th @ 4 pm - 5 pm (Virtual Event)
Topic: Rani Lakshmi Bai
- **Antakshari Night**
When: April 24th, 2021 @ 3 pm - 5pm
Where: Big Bluestem Shelter, Moore Memorial Park

Resources

- ohfact.com/interesting-facts-about-april-fools-day/
- coralspringstalk.com
- kidsplayandcreate.com
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