

1/18/2016 (#31 this year)

Hey, welcome back. Did you have a good vacation? Mine was eventful¹. I am very excited about the New Year and I'm looking forward to seeing all of you again. 2016 is going to be an amazing² year. You are all going to do and try so many new things and I hope you are excited too. It is also a leap year³. That means the year is divisible by 4⁴ and February will have 29 days instead of⁵ 28. Do any of you have a birthday on the 29th of February? If you do, come and see me on that day and I'll buy you an ice cream! Have a wonderful year.

Something You Didn't Know (Leap Years)

1. A leap year is necessary⁶ because it takes 365.2422 days for the Earth to orbit the sun⁷. If we didn't have a leap year our days would slowly go out of sync⁸ with the seasons⁹.
2. Before Julius Caesar¹⁰ the year was 355 days long and there was an extra 22 day month once every two years. This didn't work and festivals (like our Christmas) ended up¹¹ in the wrong seasons. Caesar told his astronomer¹², Sosigenes, to fix¹³ it, and he invented¹⁴ our current¹⁵ system.
3. We know that if a year is divisible by 4 it is a leap year, but that isn't completely¹⁶ true. A year is 365.2422 days, not 365.25. That means even a leap year system goes out of sync. So, we need to lose 3 leap year days every 400 years. If a year is divisible by 100 but not by 400, then it is not a leap year. For example, 2000 is but 1900, 1800 and 1700 are not.

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| BUFFET | FATHER TIME | MIDNIGHT | SINGING |
| CELEBRATE | FEAST | MUSIC | STREAMERS |
| CHAMPAGNE | FESTIVITIES | NEW YEARS DAY | THIRTY FIRST |
| CONFETTI | FIREWORKS | NEW YEARS EVE | TIARAS |
| DANCE | FIRST OF JANUARY | NOISEMAKERS | WINE |
| DAY ONE | FRIENDS | OCCASION | YEAR IN REVIEW |

Last Week's Answers



Announcements

To be honest, I have left my diary at school, so I can't remember. There is an opening assembly, and some ski classes, and maybe some other things.

News

David Bowie and Alan Rickman Both Die at 69

This news was going to concentrate¹⁷ on the death¹⁸ of David Bowie last week. He is a legend¹⁹ and his death was a great shock²⁰. But then, as I was typing, Alan Rickman died, and he is one of my favorite actors so I need to²¹ write about him as well. This was a very sad week. I'm hoping that you will have all heard of David Bowie but I am certain²² you will know Alan Rickman.



David Bowie died at the age of 69, last week. He was a singer and he was hugely successful²³ in every decade²⁴ since the 1960s. He constantly²⁵ reinvented himself²⁶. He was loved by many generations²⁷ and his music will live on long after him. If you have never heard of him, then please, do yourself a favor²⁸ and spend thirty minutes on youtube.



Alan Rickman also died at the age of 69. He was a wonderful actor and generally²⁹ played villains³⁰ but he was also excellent³¹ as a sympathetic hero³². You may not know his name but you will definitely³³ know the character he played in the Harry Potter movie series. They will both be missed.



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