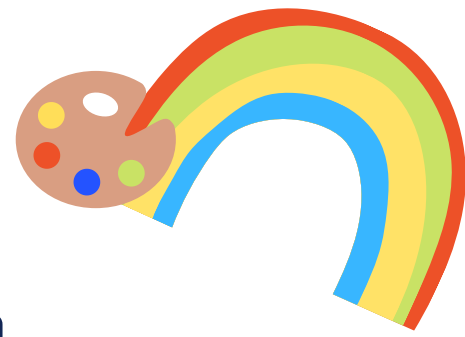


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# Thumbs Up It's Thursday!



## April Fools' Day



Can you spot all five joker's hats hidden in these pages?

Kingston's heritage is full of pranks and mischief!

Thomas Abbott was an expert china restorer who owned a shop in Kingston. He was known for breaking items into small pieces only to restore them and show off his skill.



To celebrate Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee in 1897, he created a crazy patchwork vase, then broke it into hundreds of pieces to restore.

Abbott held a competition for townspeople to guess the number of pieces the jug was made from. Kingston Museum has some great pictures of his staff dressed up as broken vases!



# Around the world



In France, people prank their friends by sticking paper fish on each other's backs. They call it 'poisson d'April', which means April fish!



In Scotland, April Fools' Day is celebrated for the first two days of April. The first day is for all kinds of pranks, but on the second (called Tailie day) people stick tails on one another.



In the UK, April Fools' Day is celebrated until noon. In 1957, BBC News pranked viewers with a story about a family harvesting spaghetti from their spaghetti tree. Spaghetti wasn't common then so people asked how to grow their own spaghetti trees!



In Germany, doughnuts called Berliners are filled with mustard on April Fools' Day, and pranksters watch as people bite into disgusting doughnuts!

Now it's your turn! Here are some friendly pranks you can try out at home...



Cut a fish out of a post it note or sticky label and stick it onto someone's back. See how long it takes for them to notice!

Swap cereal bags between cereal boxes, and wait to watch peoples' reactions

Make a 'tail' from paper and stick it to someone with sellotape, to celebrate 'Tailie Day'


Unroll a toilet roll and write a message for people to discover, and roll it back up again



# Can you guess?

Now you can test your knowledge with this April Fools' Day quiz! Can you guess the answers? They are hidden in this word search and the answers are at the bottom.

1. What month does this holiday take place during?
2. When does April Fool's Day normally end?
3. What holiday is celebrated the day after April Fools' Day in Scotland?
4. What activity normally takes place on April Fools' Day?
5. What sauce do people in Germany sometimes use in pranks?
6. What date does April Fools' Day take place on?



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