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FESTIVE
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Enjoy and Explore, Dream and Create Magazine





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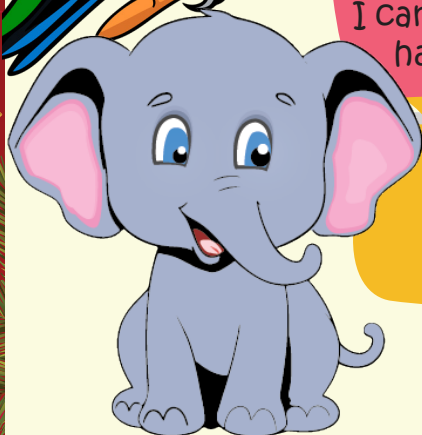


It December Already?

Yes, I cannot believe it, but I'm so excited because it's the festive season and the lights on the streets are pretty awesome .

Yeah, I am excited too.. Shajarians, are you excited too??

I can't wait to see what Team Shajara has prepared for us this month.



Well, let's not waste time and start our journey, and as usual our first stop is Lady K!



Hey Shajarians!

The holidays are here, and it's time to make the most of them! Whether you're catching up with friends, exploring new hobbies, or reflecting on the year, this special issue of Festive Fun with Team Shajara is packed with everything you need for a memorable season.

Inside, you'll find creative projects, inspiring stories, fun challenges, and real-life ways to give back to your community. So, let's make this festive season one to remember-----your way!

So... Happy Holidays, And Lets Meet In January.

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Oh a welcome note from the whole Team? This is awesome!

I know Right?? SO lets go into the Magazine I am so Excited



SHORT STORY

By Joe



In a small, snowy village, there was a smart girl named Amani. She loved asking questions and didn't believe everything people told her. One story she didn't believe was about Santa Claus. Every Christmas, her parents told her that Santa flew around the world in one night, giving gifts to good children. But Amani thought it sounded strange.

On Christmas Eve, Amani decided to stay awake and see for herself. She hid behind the couch and waited. At midnight, she heard footsteps. Slowly, she peeked out_and saw her parents putting gifts under the tree!

The next morning, Amani said, "I saw you last night! Santa isn't real! Why did you lie to me?"

Her mom sat down and said, "Amani, Santa is more than just a person. He's an idea_a way to make Christmas magical and fun."





Her dad added, "We didn't mean to lie. We wanted you to feel the magic of Christmas. But now that you're older, you deserve to know the truth."

Amani thought about it. She didn't like being lied to, but she understood why they told the story. That year, she helped her parents make Christmas magical for her little brother by telling him stories about Santa.

Amani realized the real magic of Christmas wasn't Santa—it was the love and joy her family shared. And that was better than any story.

CULTURAL SPOTLIGHT: PEOPLE AROUND THE WORLD CELEBRATE.



Japan:

Christmas is about friendship and fun. Teens enjoy fried chicken and exchange small gifts with friends.

Norway:

Families hide brooms to keep mischievous spirits away, while teens enjoy traditional treats like gingerbread.



South Africa:

Teens hit the beaches for festive picnics, enjoying summer sunshine and braais (barbecues).



Challenge:

Share a holiday tradition your family or community celebrates! You can put it on TikTok or any social media platform and tag #FestiveSeasonWithTeamShajara

CREATIVE CORNER

ART CRAFT DESIGN BOARD FOR THE NEW YEAR

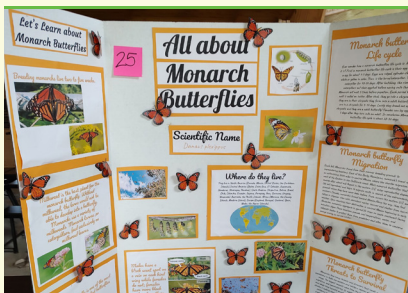
As much as the festive season is bright and fun, we all need to be prepared for next year, so what do you want to achieve in 2025??

Here is what you need:

Magazines, newspapers, or printed images

A poster board or notebook

Glue, markers, and stickers



Steps:

Reflect on what you want for the new year—your goals, dreams, and values.

Cut out images, words, or quotes that inspire you.

Arrange them on your board and stick them down.

Add personal touches with doodles, stickers, or glitter!

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DIY CRAFT: JAR OF GRATITUDE.

Create a jar filled with handwritten notes of things you're thankful for this year. Use it to reflect on positive moments when you need a boost!

HAVE FUN WITH RECIPES!

MOCKTAIL MAGIC: FESTIVE CRANBERRY SPRITZ

Ingredients:

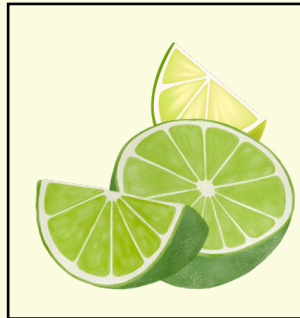
Sparkling Soda



Fresh Mint Leaves



Slices Of Lime



Cranberry Juice



Steps:

▶▶▶▶ Mix cranberry juice and sparkling water in a glass.

▶▶▶▶ Add a few lime slices and mint leaves for flavour.

▶▶▶▶ Serve with ice for a cool, festive drink.

Snack Hack: Chocolate Dipped Everything.

Take fruits like strawberries, bananas, or even pretzels and dip them in melted chocolate.

Add toppings like crushed nuts or sprinkles for a festive twist.



GAMEzone



By Daisy Njoroge

WOULD YOU RATHER _ HOLIDAY EDITION.

Would you rather get one amazing gift or ten small ones?

Would you rather spend the holidays at the beach or in the mountains?

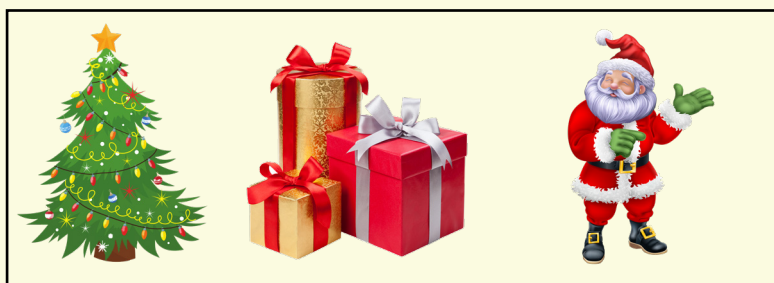
Would you rather give up your phone for a week or your favorite holiday food?

Holiday Emoji

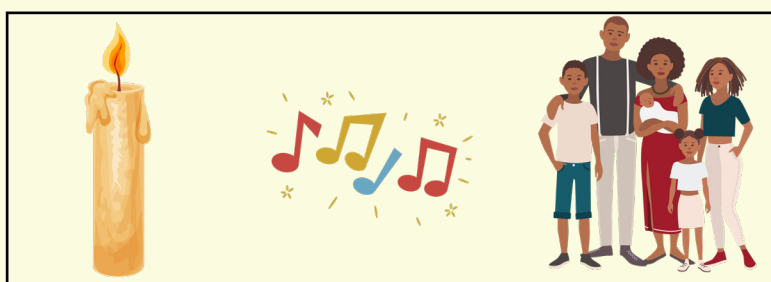
Decode these holiday traditions:



1



2



HOLIDAY

SELF-CARE



FOR YOUR MIND:

Start a journal to reflect on the year and your goals for the next one.

Spend 10 minutes meditating to recharge after social events.



FOR YOUR BODY:

Stay active with a festive playlist for home workouts or outdoor walks.

Balance treats with healthy meals to keep your energy up.



FOR YOUR RELATIONSHIPS:

Write a heartfelt note to a friend or family member to show gratitude.

Host a virtual or in-person hangout with games or a holiday movie marathon.



MOVIE REVIEW

By Karen Mwikhoma

MOANA 2

HAVE YOU WATCHED MOANA YET? WELL MOANA 2 IS HERE!

So if you're looking for a movie that feels like a holiday party on a tropical island, Moana 2 is here to deliver!

The sequel brings back Moana, Maui, and the ocean itself for another fun-filled adventure. This time, Moana is on a mission to unite her island with others, all while tackling wild storms, playful villains, and plenty of heartwarming moments.

The movie is packed with bright colors, catchy songs, and hilarious new characters, like Loto, the inventor, and Moni, the clever librarian. Even the mischievous coconut-armored Kakamora make a comeback, adding their usual chaos to the mix. And of course, Dwayne Johnson as Maui brings the laughs and epic moments you'd expect

The songs are upbeat and joyful, just like the festive season. One tune, Beyond, captures the excitement of exploring new horizons___which is___perfect for kicking off the New Year. And let's not forget the stunning animation, from sparkling waves to glowing sunsets, making it feel like a warm escape during the chilly holiday months. Moana 2 is a great family movie that reminds us of the magic of coming together and celebrating each other's differences____just like the holidays. It's full of laughs, heart, and a sprinkle of Disney magic. So grab some popcorn, gather your loved ones, and let Moana brighten your festive season

A movie poster for Disney's Moana 2. Moana is the central figure, shown from the waist up, holding a large wooden paddle in her right hand. She is wearing her traditional red and white patterned top and a white skirt. The background is a dark, textured surface with intricate Polynesian carvings. The water around her is a vibrant blue with white foam. The Disney logo is in its classic script, and the word 'MOANA' is in large, bold, white capital letters with a stylized 'O' that has a circular pattern inside. The overall tone is adventurous and festive.

Disney
MOANA

FUN FACTS

By Alice Njoki

THE SCIENCE OF SNOW:

Every snowflake has a unique design.



GLOBAL HOLIDAY MUSIC:

Did you know “Jingle Bells” was the first song played in space?



FESTIVE FOOD:

In Venezuela, families eat hallacas, this is dish made of cornmeal dough stuffed with meat and wrapped in banana leaves.



TALENT SHOWCASE QUIZ:

SPOTLIGHT ON CREATIVITY:





CHAMPION

By Asha Jamal

A champion doesn't rise from the gym,
But from something deep within,
Our dreams, our vision, or burning desire.
A lion never looks back when dogs bark,
So why listen to those who mock you?
Rise, and chase your dreams with fire.
You may seem a failure to the world,
But to yourself, you are a champion.
One in a million..so..don't ever forget that.



Education is the only true passport,
The future isn't reached by elevators.
Success calls for effort and we all have the tools.
To walk a thousand miles,
A single step must be taken.
Each day begins a new chapter.
They say destiny is unchangeable,
But you can shape the direction you walk.



Submit your art, photos, or written pieces and Team Shajara
will Tag you on our next Issue!

ACTS OF KINDNESS CHALLENGE

SMALL ACTIONS, BIG IMPACT:



Day 1:

Help a sibling or friend with their holiday tasks.

Day 7:

Donate clothes or toys you no longer use.



Day 15:

Compliment three people today.



Day 30:

Write thank-you notes to people who made your year better.

Share Your Stories! Post your acts of kindness with [#Totokindnesschallenge](#) to inspire others.

FUNNY SPOT

By Beniah



You can't try to wash your eyes with soap.



You can't count your hair.



You can't breathe through your nose with your tongue out.



Fools will try Number 3.



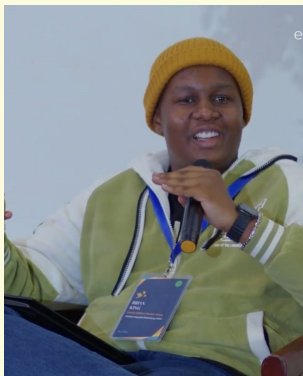
When you did number 3 you realised it's possible and now you look like a dog.



You can't breathe through your nose with your tongue out.



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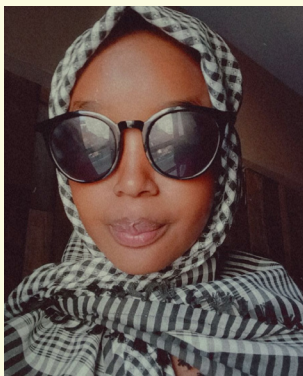
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