

What's happening in the news this week?



Let's have a look at this week's poster!

18th - 24th December 2023

Are decorations an important part of celebrations?





Let's look at this week's story

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Learn more about this week's story [here](#).
Watch this week's useful video [here](#).
This week's Virtual Picture News [here](#).

How does it make me feel?



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This week's story looks at events related to ...





Read the information below all about the decorations found on Twinklepike Way.

What was Twinklepike Way?

Twinklepike Way was the name given to a cul-de-sac of houses in York, where for the past 20 years, the residents lit up their homes with brightly coloured festive decorations – the street's real name is Twinpike Way!

People came from around the UK to visit the street where they had a collection box to raise money for charity. The event has supported St Leonard's Hospice, the Yorkshire Air Ambulance, and several other charities over the past 20 years.

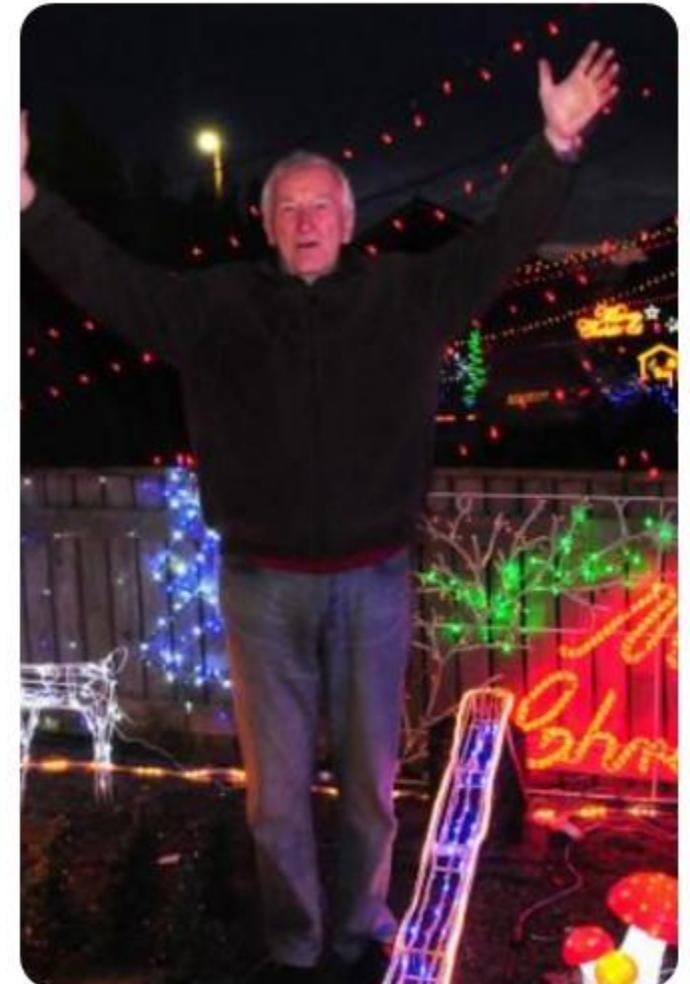
What will happen to the decorations?

The residents have said all the decorations belonging to the houses will be donated to charity.

After the group announced their decision online, hundreds of people commented to thank the residents for all their hard work over the years.

Most of us are pensioners now, and it's also due to other problems including electricity charges and the closure of the Haxby bank and the cost of replacing decorations. It was time to call it a day. Thanks to all those who have made it a success for more than 20 years.

Twinklepike Way resident Alan Reed, age 78, explained why last year was the final year of the festive lights.
Source: Twinklepike Way Facebook page.



**Share your thoughts on the neighbourhood fundraising project.
Would you have liked to visit it if it was in your local area?**



Look at the resource below, which shows some examples of different decorations people might use during a celebration.



Candles



Banners and bunting



Flowers



Lights



Pictures



Ornaments



Balloons

**Which is your favourite?
Are there any you do not like?
Does everyone agree?**

Resource
two



Look at the resource below, which lists some examples of how a celebration can be marked.

A special meal - a takeaway, favourite homemade meal or eating out.



A film evening with popcorn!

An award or certificate.

A special service or gathering of people.

A day out doing a fun activity.

A present or gift.

A party or planned event with music, parades, competitions etc.

Decorations.

Fireworks.

Singing a special song or sharing a special story.



Dressing in special clothing.

Having a day off work or school.

**Have you ever celebrated in any of these ways?
Can you think of any other ways to mark a celebration?**



These people are celebrating.

What might they be celebrating?
How are they marking the celebration?
Have you ever celebrated this way?

Are decorations an important part of celebrations?



Reflection



Decorations can bring joy and excitement to many, often signalling the start of a special time.





Democracy

The residents of Twinpike Way collectively decided not to decorate their homes this year.

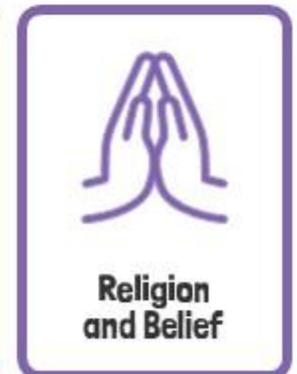
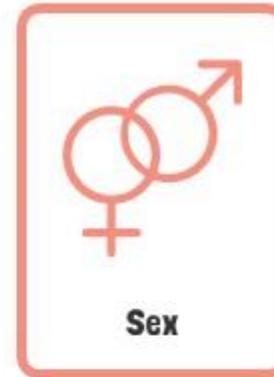
When making decisions with others, it is important to share your own thoughts, listen and show respect.

Protected Characteristics



Most of the residents of Twinpike Way are pensioners. Sometimes our age may impact the decisions we make in our lives.

We should never be treated unfairly because of our age.





UN Rights of a Child



Our thoughts, opinions and religion can influence the events or moments we celebrate. We can choose our thoughts, opinions and religion but this should not stop other people from enjoying their rights.



Useful vocabulary



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Can you use them in your writing this week?



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- Look at this week's poster image and talk about what you can see. Share your thoughts on the houses. Do you like the decorations?
- Thinking about your local area, are there homes decorated in a similar way? Can you think of other times in the year when decorations are used?
- Read the information found on the assembly resource and watch this week's useful video all about the decorations found on Twinklpike Way. Share your thoughts on the neighbourhood fundraising project. Would you have liked to visit if it was in your local area?
- Discuss how you think the people felt to hear the announcement that the lights were not going to be displayed this year. Do you think it would have been an easy decision for the residents to make? Can you understand why?
- Have you ever taken part in a community project like this, either in your neighbourhood or school? If so, how did you benefit from working alongside others?

Reflection

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KS1 focus

What are some of the different types of decorations used during celebrations?



- Make a list of times when someone might have a celebration e.g., a birthday, a good school report, scoring a goal in a match, a wedding. Have you ever taken part in a celebration? What was it? How did you celebrate?
- Sometimes people use decorations to help them celebrate! What is a decoration? Have you seen any decorations used during a celebration? What were they?
- Look at resource 1, which shows some examples of different decorations people might use during a celebration. Which is your favourite? Are there any you do not like? Does everyone agree?
- Why do you think people might choose to use decorations? Do you think decorations can make you feel joy and happiness? Have you ever seen a decoration that made you feel this way? What, where and when was it?
- Thinking of the decorations on resource 1 and others you have seen, are there any that you think people may display or keep up all year round? Which would be used for a celebration only?
- Discuss some of the things you might use to decorate your classroom, playground, garden, bedroom e.g., pictures, cushions, ornaments, fairy lights. Do you prefer these decorations to be there all the time or just when you celebrate?

Reflection

There are many different decorations people can use to help them celebrate. We can choose to decorate our own spaces with the ones that make us feel happy.



KS2 focus

What are some of the ways we can mark celebrations?



- Celebrations are special and enjoyable events or moments that are organised to mark an important occasion. Can you think of any occasions you have celebrated?
- Look at resource 2, which lists some examples of how a celebration can be marked. Have you ever celebrated in any of these ways? Can you think of any other ways to mark a celebration?
- Discuss the ways you like to celebrate. Does everyone agree? Are there some ways you would not find special and enjoyable?
- Focus on the people celebrating on resource 2. How are they celebrating? Have you ever celebrated something with a high five, a clap, a cheer, a jump in the air or a hug? Do you like to celebrate this way? How important do you think it is to celebrate like this?
- Make a list of events or moments you might have a celebration. For each, discuss how it could be celebrated. Do you think some celebrations are more important than others and need to be marked more lavishly?
- Think back to some of the events or moments you have celebrated. Who were you with? Do you think the celebration would have been as special or enjoyable without others to share it with?
- Do your values and beliefs affect what you choose to celebrate and how?

Reflection

Celebrations can be marked in a variety of different ways. Our beliefs and values are all different so what and how we celebrate will be different too.



KS2 follow-up ideas

Option 1

Discuss the different lights that can form part of a celebration e.g., candles, fireworks, decorations, light displays.

- How do you feel when you see special lights?
- Can you describe the contrasting darkness?

Use the concept of light and dark to create a piece of art. Think about:

- Will your light be a glimmer or will it be dazzling?
- What colour, size, shape will it be?
- What medium will it be? Paint, pastel, digital, collage?

Option 2

The festive light displays we often see at this time of year use electricity, which is a form of energy, to power them. Use this opportunity to explore electricity.

Think about:

- What do you already know about electricity? Can you name any items or appliances that run on energy?
- Which of these components is a bulb, wire, cell, switch?
- How can you use these to make a series circuit and light the bulb?
- How can you use the switch to open or close the circuit? What happens to the bulb when you do this?
- How can you make a bulb brighter or dimmer?
- Can you find out the recognised symbols that are used to represent the different components of a circuit?



KS1 follow-up ideas

Option 1

Design and make a paper decoration, which can be used to help you celebrate something. Use the designs below or an internet search for inspiration. Think about:

- What will you use your decoration to help you celebrate?
- Will you use coloured or plain paper?
- Will you add patterns to your paper?
- Will you use paint, crayons, chalks to add colour?
- How will you fold, cut, stick the paper?
- What resources will you need? Glue, scissors?



Option 2

Many people use string or fairy lights to decorate their homes, gardens and rooms. It is important to know the length of the place you plan to hang the lights so you know if they will fit! Make a list of some of the different places in your classroom that you could decorate with lights e.g., a windowsill, a table, the whiteboard, the width of the classroom.

- Is the table longer or shorter than the windowsill?
- Which is the shortest/longest?
- Can you order the places from shortest to longest?
- How could you measure these places so you can be sure?

Measure the length of each of your places using rulers/metre sticks or multilink/shoes/hands. Once you have your measurements, answer the questions above again!



This week's useful websites

This week's news story

www.bbc.com/news/uk-england-york-north-yorkshire-67521444

This week's useful video

The lights at Twinklepikeway
www.youtube.com/watch?v=QFABTGMcGA4

This week's Virtual Picture News

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Bobsleigh Bronze



Picture: Adele Nicoll and Kya Placide celebrate winning Bronze and in their 2-woman Bobsleigh.
Source: Adele Nicoll GB Athlete Facebook page.

Adele Nicoll and Kya Placide are celebrating winning Bronze for Great Britain in the 2-woman International Bobsleigh & Skeleton Federation (IBSF) Europe Cup in Lillehammer, Norway. Adele, a Commonwealth Games shot-putter, who has only started bobsleighbing in the last few years and has only this year learned how to pilot, commented that her athlete teammate, Kya, didn't even know what a bobsleigh was a year ago! The sliding sport of bobsleigh involves teams making timed runs down narrow, twisting, ice tracks. Team members run and push the

bobsleigh to start, then jump into their gravity-powered sleigh to race down the track as quickly as possible. 'It was our first ever two-woman race, and we got bronze!' Adele Nicoll said proudly about winning her first-ever bobsleigh medal, 'Not only did we podium, but we had the fastest push start on run two and top three on run one! I am so proud of what we have achieved. It takes a team to get results. Thank you to every single person who supports us.'

Have you ever thought of trying a new sport? If you have, what would you like to try?

Bedtime Bananas

The Sleep Charity has announced its five top tips for getting better quality sleep and bananas have been revealed as one of the best things to eat before bedtime to help you get a good night's rest. Research shows that eating fruit as part of the last meal of the day helps you to sleep well as it encourages the body to produce melatonin, a hormone that naturally increases whilst you sleep. Bananas are thought to be especially good as they contain high levels of magnesium and potassium, which help relax muscles, and amino acids, which lead to the production of brain-calming hormones. Be careful not to eat too much before you try to drift off though, as a large meal in the evening can hinder your sleep! Lisa Artis from The Sleep Charity explains why good sleep is



crucial for everyone saying, 'Sleep is hugely important to leading a healthier and happier life, and we want everyone to share that sentiment and understand the importance of sleep as part of a balanced and healthy lifestyle. Building a good sleep routine, and sticking to it, will help increase positivity and reduce levels of stress, meaning people can start the New Year feeling refreshed.' The other tips to follow include having some screen-free time, meditating, reading a book or taking a bath instead. Also mentioned was creating an 'ideal bedroom environment' to sleep well, which was described as tidy, cool, dark and quiet.

Can you share any more hints or tips that people can use to sleep better?



Picture: A person holding a banana (top right) and A bunch of bananas (above). **Source:** Canva.

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Chipping the Ball

It has been announced that the Adidas Fussballliebe, meaning 'love of football', will be the official match ball used at the men's Euro 2024. The ball will help referees give quicker offside and handball decisions. The 17th edition of the European football tournament will take place in Germany, from 14th June to 14th July 2024. The special ball will use a rechargeable motion sensor at its centre that can send real-time data to video officials. This will be able to tell officials exactly when the ball was touched but not by which part of the player's body. Video assistant referees (VAR), who aid the referee by watching video footage of the match and providing



Pictured: Euro 2024 trophy cup and the Adidas Fussballliebe football. **Source:** UEFA EURO 2024 Facebook page.

BALL HISTORY



Pictured: 40 years of football ball history. **Source:** UEFA EURO 2024 Facebook page.

advice to the referee, will then use this information, along with limb-tracking, technology to determine whether a handball has occurred. A spokesperson for UEFA (the governing body responsible for the European Championships), said that the Connected Ball Technology will be used for the first time in the tournament's history. 'Combining player position data with artificial intelligence (AI), the innovation contributes to UEFA's semi-automated offside technology and will be key to supporting faster in-match decisions,' said UEFA. 'The technology can also help VAR officials identify every individual touch of the ball, further reducing time spent resolving handball and penalty incidents.'

How would you try to make football fairer?

Last week's topic:

What is it like to live through an uncertain time?



I don't think I would like to live through an uncertain time, but I think if I did, I would learn from it and have more courage for the future.

Gemma

Really scary and worrying, you might even have to move country and learn a new language and you might not have friends.

Sam

Scary because living in an uncertain times is very unpredictable especially with a natural disaster. Even though scientists are finding out ways to discover when it could happen it's still not very accurate.

Marcus

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Things to talk about at home ...

- > Share your thoughts about the decorations in the poster image. Do you like to see homes with lots of decorations outside? Are there any in your local area?
- > Can you think of different times when you use decorations? Is there a particular time when you enjoy decorating your home or classroom?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

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