It's National Banana Day!

By: Hailey Sets

**HAPPY NATIONAL BANANA DAY!**

What’s National Banana Day?

National Banana Day is centered in Ireland, and was first celebrated in 2017. National Banana Day takes place on the 3rd Wednesday of April each year. This year, it occurs on April 20th!

Banana Fun Facts!

- The banana’s scientific name is *Musa Sapientum* and means “fruit of the wise men”
- Some cultures use banana fiber to make fabric
- Bananas may have been the first fruit on Earth

How do you preserve a banana for longer times?

Ideally, you want to store your bananas in a cool, dry place. You can also put them into the fridge as well. If your banana is already opening, you can sprinkle some lemon juice to keep it from browning.

Short Story

By: Maya Angela Cheng and Zoe Quintana

Room J33. That was the dorm Odette was assigned.

She grumbled, dragging herself out of her 7th period class—math.

Definitely not regular Greene, she thought.

Where even is the J-wing?

She pulled out her crumpled school map from underneath her school handbook. Below the regular campus map was a green paw print that read: Dorm stairwell located in the Multi-Purpose Room (MPR.) The dorm map is on the other side of this map.

Odette flipped the map to see the back. Sure enough, a detailed map of the student dorms spread across the piece of paper. The I-wing was to the left of the stairwell, while the J-wing was to the stairwell’s right.

Well, I know where the multi-purpose room is. That’s a relief, Odette noted mentally. Just then, she was shoved into a line of students.

“Keep in line, Ms. Kang,” her math teacher said blandly.

Odette turned to see him already examining the rest of the line.

She straightened her posture and continued to walk just like her peers—tall and without error.

School Events

By: Newspaper Club

With CAASPP testing going on this week and next week, the schedule is different.

We’re probably about to head to the dorms, Odette realized.

They passed by many classrooms, all of which seemed to lack something.

Artwork, posters, essays. These walls are so... blank. Odette tightened her grip on her belongings.

Walls that were usually brimming with student projects were now panels upon panels of plain, off-white paint.

Classroom doors were all uniform; none of them had posters with those cheeky motivational slogans that teachers seemed to love, charts, or pictures showing teachers’ personal tastes.

Everything was dull.

Creak; the door squeaked open, revealing Odette’s dorm.

The floor was made of wood and painted forest-green, and the walls were the same shade of white as the walls in the main building.

Sunlight poured into the room from a window just across the room. A door on the right seemed to lead into the bathroom, and wardrobes sat next to each of the beds, which were covered in green sheets.

The girl Odette had seen earlier, Ms. Campbell, was reading a book on the bed furthest from the door.

Ms. Campbell looked up at the sound of Odette shutting the door.

“Oh, you’re my roommate?” Ms. Campbell asked, getting up from her bed and placing her book on her wardrobe.

“You made a wish right? A wish to that wishing book everyone was talking about?” Jaye laughed dryly and closed her book.

Jaye pushed up her glasses and looked at Odette.

“So... uh, Jaye?” Odette glanced up at her roommate.

Jaye hummed in response, sitting down again to read her book.

“Don’t have any other roommates, so you can just choose one of those to be yours.”

Ms. Campbell nodded. “Nice to meet you, Odette. I’m Jaye. Jaye Campbell.”

She pointed to the other two beds in the room.

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She looked at Odette.

Jaye walked over to the bed beside Jaye’s. “I’ll choose this one.”

“Yeah, looks like it,” Odette replied. “I’m Odette Kang, nice to meet you.”

Ms. Campbell nodded. “Nice to meet you, Odette. I’m Jaye. Jaye Campbell.”

Jaye raised an eyebrow.

“Yeah, why?” Odette said.

“Alright, so,” Jaye began. “The way the book works is that it only grants your wish if you made it from the ‘goodness of your heart.’ If you don’t, you get sent here.”

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Genshin Impact version 2.7 will be delayed by weapon (it’s still good), Mistsplitter Reforged is long time, and Sayu is very viable in many. Razor has not been featured on a banner in a very 1-3 weeks due to the lockdown in Shanghai, where most of the game development takes place. To fill this time, it is rumored that there will be Xiao and Arataki Itto rerun banners. However, as we were wrong about the Wolf’s Gravestone, take this information with a grain of salt. Although Xiao will be appearing in 2.7, his rerun was very recent. However, this isn’t impossible as Hoyoverse has rerun Childe, or Tartaglia, frequently. It would make sense for Itto to have a rerun banner now, as his was about 5 versions ago.

**Jazz**

*By: Katrina Haggerty and Justin Yamamoto*

Jazz started with a recipe that began in America with many different ingredients. Jazz music is a big part of the culture in America. People played many new instruments in jazz.

An important ingredient to jazz was church music. Church music made changes to old music. Church music rewrote the old songs, and changed the beat and the tune. They used to call and respond. Workers sang songs during the long workday. Workers sang in fields, ships, and railroads. They worked to a steady beat, and made life a little easier. Immigrants added to jazz with ballroom dances. Ballroom dance music provided popular entertainment.

Ballads tell stories of heroes. The story is more important than the music. The story is often simple. Ballads became another recipe in jazz. African Americans who played ragtime became another ingredient in the jazz recipe. Africans help to make jazz. African and European music combined to make dance music. African Americans were important to the creation of jazz.

All the music came together in New Orleans. People from many places and cultures created America’s own style of music called jazz. In conclusion, all these groups of people living in America contributed to making jazz music by playing instruments that created a culture.

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With the Kamisato Ayaka banner coming out just yesterday, Genshin Impact version 2.6 has begun its second half. For those who don’t play Genshin, each version there are banners where certain characters are featured. Players can use primogems to try to get the character, and as one of the best main dps in the game, Ayaka’s banner is expected to have great success. Not only is Kamisato Ayaka a great character to pull, or try to get, for, the four stars, or less rare characters, on her banner are also great. Razor has not been featured on a banner in a very long time, and Sayu is very viable in many different teams. Rosaria can work well with Ayaka in freeze teams.

The weapon banner, with the Mistsplitter Reforged and The Unforged, is also great. The Unforged isn’t the best weapon (it’s still good), Mistsplitter Reforged is arguably one of the best swords and weapons in the game. Originally, many players thought that the Wolf’s Gravestone, one of the best claymores in Genshin Impact, would be featured along with Mistsplitter Reforged.

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