

THE **Oomph!** DIGEST



15th November – Walt Disney Art School created (1932)

In 1932, Walter Disney developed his School of Arts to train other animators. From 1932, the School of Arts flourished, all under the supervision of Donald Graham. His craftsmanship and mentoring of students propelled the Disney artists into creating Walt's dreams of feature-length cartoons. In 1937, the world got to experience the magic and wonder of the Walt Disney artists through the infamous feature 'Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs.' Why not enjoy the film this week?

16th November – Touch Tone telephone introduced (1963)

Winding and waiting was no more in 1963, when the magic of the touchtone phone was introduced. Research showed that people found it quicker on the push-button rather than the rotary dial. This, combined with the forward thinking 1960s meant that this new style of communicating was on trend.

17th November – Suez Canal Opens (1869)



The Suez Canal is an artificial sea-level waterway located in Egypt, it joins the Mediterranean Sea to the red sea through the Isthmus Suez.

Work began on digging a canal in the region in the 2nd Millennium BC. It may have joined the Nile with the Red Sea. Ancient artefacts also show that many canals were also dug, which historians have interpreted as early trading routes.

It wasn't until 1854 that works began on the canal in earnest. It took more than 10 years to excavate the canal and more than 1.5 million workers toiled. Despite much conflict and turmoil, the canal is still operating today with thousands of ships passing through monthly.

18th November – Steely Dan's 'Do it again' released (1972)



'Do It Again', a song written by Walter and Donald Fagen and performed by the American rock group, Steely Dan. When released in 1972, it landed on their debut album release 'Can't Buy a Thrill'. 'Do it again' reached number 6 in the US charts in 1973 making this their second highest charting single.

Guinness World record Day

In 1951, an argument began between two hunters. They disagreed about which bird flew the fastest. To settle the argument, the pair scoured reference books but were unable to find what they were looking for. One of the men, Sir Hugo Beaver, saw this as a business opportunity. He began compiling lists of 'records.' The public were so taken by this that they began writing to Sir Hugo about new records that they had embarked on! And so, 'The Book of World Records' was born.

20th November – Pelé scored his 1,000th goal (1969)



Pelé began his career at the age of 15. He was regarded as the greatest footballer of all time throughout his career. In 1999, he was voted World Player of the Century by the International Federation of Football History statistics.

Pelé is seen to be the most successful goal-scorer in the league, scoring 1281 goals in 1363 games including unofficial friendlies and tour games. A modern-day legend, Pelé is still a hero throughout the world.

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Imagination Day



'Imagination Day' gives us space for creative thinking, flexibility and a little bit of fun.

When we are stuck in a rut and the glass is half empty, a little imagination is often all you need to blow out the storm clouds. Add a new spice to your dinner, join a book group, or start some sketching. Sometimes, it's the small changes that make a big difference.

Music to listen to this week:

- ✓ **Mary Poppins**
Spoonful of Sugar
- ✓ **Peter, Paul and Mary**
Trying to Win 2
- ✓ **The Beatles**
Hard Day's Night
- ✓ **Steely Dan**
Do It Again
- ✓ **Charlie and the Chocolate Factory (Douglas Hodge)**
Imagination



The perfect accompaniment to a cup of tea...

Why not spark up a conversation around:
Record Breakers!

Get acquainted: Make name badges and say hello

Get chatting: What's the weather like today?
Which articles did you enjoy reading this week in The Digest?

Get singing: Enjoy a singalong to 'Imagination'

Get Playing: Soft ball catch. Say a name of a fruit before passing the ball to someone in the group.

Get thinking:

- ✔ Why do we admire record breakers?
- ✔ Would you rather be a record goal scorer or a record vegetable grower?
- ✔ Who deserves a medal were you live?

Keep up the conversation: What record could you attempt where you live?

Digest Quiz

1. What was Walt Disney's First animation film?

- A) Mikey Mouse
- B) Snow White and the seven dwarfs
- C) Donald Duck

2. Which two Seas does the Suez Canal join?

- A) Red Sea and the Mediterranean
- B) Ionian and the Mediterranean
- C) Red Sea and the Asian Sea

3. When were touch toned phones introduced?

- A) 1953
- B) 1963
- C) 1973

4. In what year was Pele voted the player of the century?

- A) 1989
- B) 1999
- C) 2000

5. What is the definition of imagination?

- A) Is it dreaming about something you would like to strive for.
- B) Is it an idea that may never happen.
- C) Is it an action that forms a new idea of external objects not present to the senses.