

We all know I love numbers. You also know there are many great numbers shown on digital clocks every day, many of them being palindromes. But what are the VERY best digits? The creme de la creme? The diamonds in the rough? The golden numbers? The must haves? 10th place isn't essential viewing, but it will certainly get you in the mood for what's to come. But before that, I'll mention what I believe is the worst time of the day or at least one of them. That is...

06:25:44

So, no one likes being called a 'zero' so the first number sucks; six is associated with the devil obviously; the two and the five aren't related to the prior numbers in any way, and you can't truly say the time is filled with variety at very least, as the four gets repeated. Luckily I basically never see that time as I'm snug in bed.

Ok, here comes tenth place. Here comes something to really look out for...

10th

11:00:11

Yes, this is a two digit palindrome and such numbers aren't TOO rare, but note how zeros and ones are immediately next to each other in the numberbet. (I know that's not a real word, but you can work out its meaning). That's in contrast to times such as 22:00:22 or 11:55:11. It doesn't get any closer does it, and that's what's cool.

9th

14:44:41

Four fours in a row and a palindrome, too? Very rare stuff. Yes, you get the time 04:44:40 as well, but as explained the zero has negative connotations, and only hardcore partiers/those work late shifts/those woken up by messed up dreams will ever see it.

8th

12:33:21

Usually three digit clock palindromes aren't anything special because you get so many of them in a day, but this one is different. It goes up in appealing steps, it hangs around for a bit, then it gracefully goes down to where it started. A number of elegance, charisma and logic too.

7th

10:00:01

What makes this better than tenth place? Good question. Well, it follows the start of a new hour by just one second, doesn't it? A new hour and then a palindrome? If you witness that on a clock, you'll get a high that lasts twice the amount of time as almost

any other number!

6th

10:00:00

Ah ten. A great number that brings to mind the excellent and highly sought after phrase 'ten out of ten'. Maybe the time '10:00:10' would be better as that kind of looks like ten out of ten? No, it's not a palindrome. To be fair though, if you've been reading enough of this site, you'll know it is a pseudo palindrome. Not THAT bad.

5th

12:34:32

Like 8th place, but it goes a step further. Sure this one isn't truly symmetrical, but with just a short stretch of the imagination, it can be. In fact, using your imagination is often encouraged isn't it? This time will be a hit with school teachers, I'm sure.

4th

11:22:33

Do YOU like the numbers one, two and three? Well, you get two lots of them here, in a neat order as well. 12:31:23 is a good time as well at least in theory, but it just doesn't look right to me. It looks messy.

3rd

11:11:11

'We're number one! We're number one! We're number one! We're number one!
We're number on! We're number one! We're number one!'

2nd

00:00:00

What can be better than chanting something like that six times? Well, 00:00:00! Not just an excellent moment lasting a sweet second, but the start of a new day! That's the only time in 24 hours that happens, too! As there are 86,400 seconds in a day, that's a one in 86,400 event! Not advanced maths sure, but certainly thrilling.

Before we move onto first place, here's a bonus time...

12:13:14

The musicians out there will know what I mean when I call this a 'pedal tone' time. If you're curious and can't be bothered to do any Googling, an example of a pedal tone is where you play a note, play a higher note, go back to the first one, play another

note, go back to the first one, etc. So you can see the similarities there.

Ok, here comes first! No actually before that, as this is a special event, let's have a short interview with the Dominant Egg. See how he's doing...

Simon: Hi! How are you feeling?

DE: Not bad, I've made friends with David 'Ten Ants' Tennant after that whole eating eggs confusion.

Simon: Oh that's great news.

DE: Yeah. We're going go karting together soon, it should be lots of fun.

Simon: Oh definitely. Aren't you worried about crashing? Even a small bump could crack you, surely?

DE: That's what helmets are for.

Simon: I suppose. I'm having trouble picturing your riding a go kart. I can imagine you wearing a very small helmet, but gloves? How does that work?

DE: Someone attaches the gloves on a stick to my helmet and I move the gloves with the power of my mind.

Simon: Really?? How will you work the pedals?

DE: Shoes on a stick, attached to my helmet.

Simon: I don't mean to sound disrespectful, but that is a funny image.

DE: How so?

Simon: Oh never mind. I'm sure you weigh a whole lot less than David. That will give you a huge advantage.

DE: Exactly why I booked the karts in the first place.

Simon: Ahhhhh.

DE: Plus I love speed.

Simon: What's your favourite time on the list so far? Have you given it a read?

DE: 00:00:00 is a damn fine time.

Simon: And that was a damn fine rhyme!

DE: :)

Simon: Ok, here comes the best time of the whole day!!

DE: Woooo!

1st

12:34:56

Who'd have thought the best time in the list wouldn't be a palindrome?? Those who REALLY like sexy numbers will want to keep their eyes peeled for 12:34:56.7. Blink and you'll miss it, but you can just about catch it and that's cool. Sadly observing 12:34:56:789 will be impossible for almost everybody, but I'm sure there's someone out there who can train himself to witness it. By that I mean there's a guy who can slice BBs that are fired at him in half with a sword. I'm just saying people can do some crazy things. And seeing ALL of the number in a perfect order on a special clock? Wow.

Ok, that's all from me! I'm glad the Dominant Egg is feeling better, as we all are, let's wish him luck on the race course! And of course, respect goes out to the staff for dressing him up properly. It sounds very complicated. Bye!