



04:01 The 31st of January and, like every year, I cannot not be at the best party that there is!
I get my car and bit by bit I get to where everybody is ready to enjoy themselves.

04:23 This year I find a place to park straight away, and the fact that my car is not all that big is a help...e then, ready steady go.....I've caught up with the others that were already there for the BANDII GIANEE , and away they go BANDII GIANEE, cioè bandire gennaio!

Have you heard what a great sound there eas!
Tin cans, boxes, pots and pans, aluminium strainers that were dragged down the street.

This big party that we have, with all that great noise,sends away the cold of the winter months. That's the party's called the party of the bandii gianee!

The grandparents of our grandparents used to celebrate this. It's a tradition that needs to be kept alive. There we go! Here's to the wonderful old traditions!

04:10 Every little boy and girl has come with cans and pots and pans tied to pieces of string. There are so many great things to look at...

04:17 sound of police whistles

- 04:20 Away we go! The policeman blows his whistle, and we all start off together, a parade through the village streets.
You should hear the racket!
- 04:36 Hip hip hooray, bandire January is so amusing, the more din you make and the happier everybody is!
- 04:47 All my friends are here!
I've also met some kids who are in the "bandii gianee" for the first time. I'm sure they'll come back next year to send January away again, off we go. They'll come back because that's the way traditions are kept alive!
- 05:07 What a racket we made, and I ran so much from can to can that I've shaken everything up, but it doesn't matter because that's how you do the "bandii gianee".
- 05:18 And now it's time for everybody to go back home.
- 05:23 Bye! We've arranged to meet each other next year, on the same day, the 31st of January, at the bandii gianee, to chase away winter. If winter is sent packing with lots of noise then spring will be warm and the earth will produce lots of corn, hay fruit and vegetables!
- 05:37 Here I am, on my way home.... With a million aches and pains!