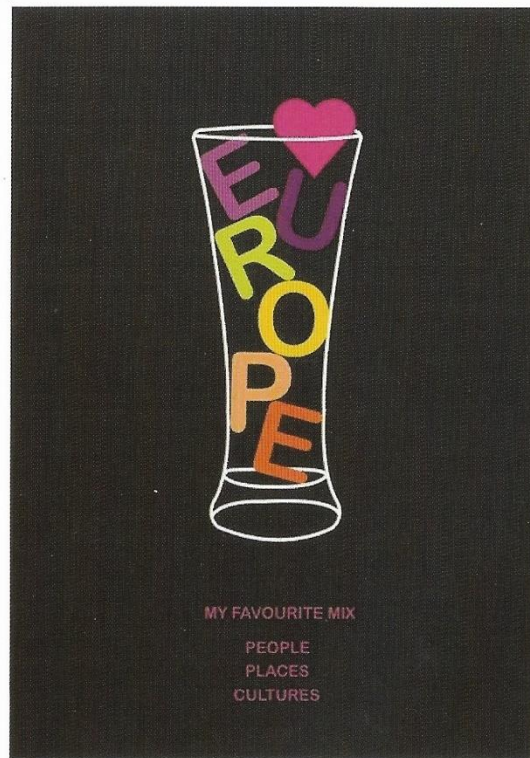


CELEBRATING EUROPE DAY WITH PRIMARY SCHOOL CHILDREN



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Activities to celebrate Europe Day in your school

This booklet is intended to provide some ideas for teachers of primary school children with a range of activities to highlight Europe Day - 9 May. It also includes links to further resources on the internet and a calendar of significant European and international dates.

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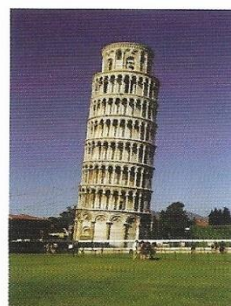
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Individual Activities

Write a short story about Europe, what does it mean to you, which country would you like to know more about and why



Make models of European landmarks

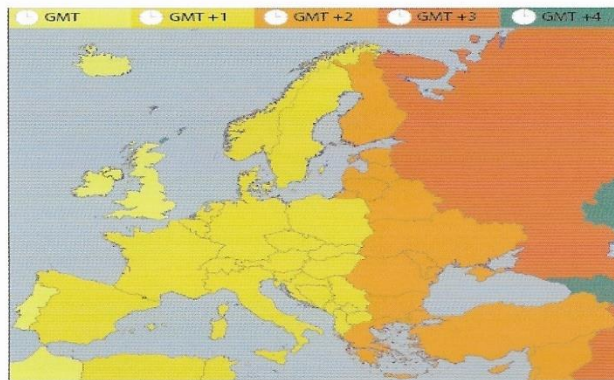


Individual Activities

Learn how to count in other languages

Learn simple day to day words

Look at differing time zones and weather patterns



Design a poster for a European country

Design your own European flag



Create a comic with the EU as the main topic

Group Activities



Start a European map marking the children's holiday destinations. What was different from home?



Video conference with children in another European country



Calculate distances from your school to different European capitals

Play maths games using the Euro

Look at packaging - is it made in Europe and where?



Check the newspapers for European news

Produce a collage with scenes from across Europe, using postcards, food labels, brochures and recipes



Group Activities

Decorate each classroom as a different country

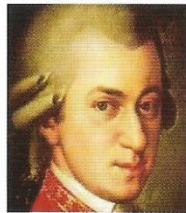
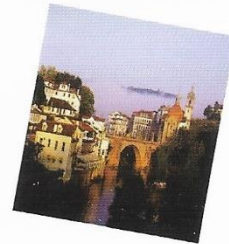


Look at European football teams – who is in the Champions League ?



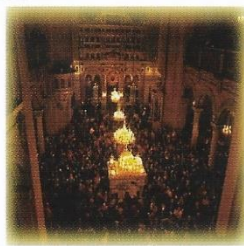
Learn about how the other member states celebrate traditional events ;

Christmas in Germany, 14th July in France, Easter in Greece/Spain, Guy Fawkes in UK, St. Stephen's Day in Hungary, Midsummer's day in Estonia, St. Patrick's Day in Ireland, Boxing Day in Finland



Listen to the music of great classical composers and find out where they lived and where they performed : Handel is German, but lived in Italy and in England. How about Mozart ?

Create a European icon memo game. Cut out pictures of well known European landmarks or personalities, photocopy and use as pairs of cards in a memory game



Group Activities

Create a Europe notice board/display

Sing popular songs in different languages and translations ; like Silent Night/Stille Nacht



Sing traditional songs from other countries

Learn the national anthems of other EU member states

Find out about popular singers in other member states : who is popular today in France ? What does he/she sing ?

Guess who is the leader ? Learn about the President/King/Queen/Prime Minister of other member states, ask questions and create riddles so other pupils can guess who they are

Children could pinpoint on map of the EU the countries where they have already been to and what they found was different from the UK, what they liked, what they disliked



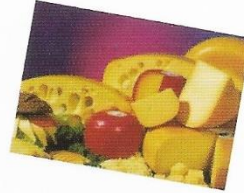
Chinese whispers learn a simple sentence in a foreign language, sit in a circle, whisper it to your neighbour and pass it on

Design a time line of European history to be displayed in the classroom. Children could look for information and pictures to illustrate the time line

School Activities



Set up a European café in school using Euros or arrange a European lunch provided by the canteen or school children



Children could dress in the colours of the flag of different European countries



Email children in a partner school asking them how they are celebrating Europe Day



Art from across Europe

Gaudi in Spain,
Impressionism
from France,
Van Gogh
from the
Netherlands

Invite foreign nationals to speak in class or assembly



School Activities



What do other Europeans eat for breakfast ? Prepare a European breakfast at school



Label parts of the school in different languages



Act out scenes from classic theatre plays



Organise a market or festival with European traditions, food or dances



Create theme posters: e.g. design a poster with animals and write the name of the animals in different languages

Hold a "Question of Europe" quiz

Ask children from European backgrounds in the class to talk about their experiences – what do they find different about living in the UK, what do they like, what do they dislike ?

Internet Resources

Why not invite an MEP to speak at your school? Diaries permitting, MEPs are keen to undertake this sort of activity and do so regularly. Monday mornings, Thursday afternoons and Fridays are normally best, to fit in with the parliamentary timetable. You should contact MEPs directly to arrange this. Full details can be found at: www.europarl.org.uk/uk_meps/MembersMain.htm

EURO ACADEMY ONLINE

EuroAcademy is a website created and run by the UK Office of the European Parliament for the benefit of teachers and pupils who are studying the European Union and the European Parliament in secondary schools. <http://euroacademyonline.eu/>

EUROPARL TV

The European Parliament has an online TV channel with a dedicated section for children and young people www.europarltv.europa.eu/youngEurope.aspx.

COMPETITIONS & QUIZZES

The Scottish European Educational Trust (SEET) can provide Euro-quizzes by email for primary & secondary schools. SEET also runs a very successful inter-school quiz- for pupils aged 11-12, run in conjunction with local authorities. The final each year is held in the Scottish Parliament. www.seet.uk.com/

The European Parliament Office in Scotland runs an annual Calendar Competition for Scottish primary school pupils, offering them the chance to illustrate a European Parliament calendar. For more details, email epedinburgh@europarl.europa.eu

GIVEAWAYS

The European Parliament UK Office has a limited number of giveaways - including EU bookmarks, rulers, maps, wallcharts and a flag game. To order some of these, email epLondon@europarl.europa.eu or epedinburgh@europarl.europa.eu

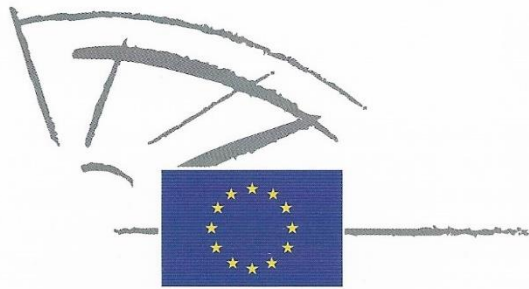
OTHER RESOURCES

Young Scot is a national portal aimed at young people in Scotland. The Europe channel is a useful resource for young people and schools on the topic of Europe: <http://www.youngscot.org/Europe>

The European Commission site also has a 'Teachers Corner' with teaching materials for all age groups: http://europa.eu/teachers-corner/index_en.htm as well as a series of EU slides http://europa.eu/abc/euslides/index_en.htm

Special Dates

8 January	World Literary Day
11 January	International Thank-You Day
21 February	International Mother Language Day
8 March	International Women's Day
11 March	European Day for the Victims of Terrorism
2 April	International Children's Book Day
22 April	Earth Day
3 May	World Press Freedom Day
9 May	Europe Day
Last Tuesday of May	European Neighbours' Day
14 June	World Blood Donor Day
20 June	World Refugee Day
Last week in June	Green Week
23 August	International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and its abolition
8 September	International Literacy Day
15 September	International Day of Democracy
22 September	World car-free Day
26 September	European Day of Languages
17 October	International Day for the Eradication of Poverty
24 October	United Nations Day
17 November	World Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease Day
5 December	International Volunteers Day
10 December	Human Rights Day



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