



# International Links News

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## ***Forthcoming Events with an International Dimension***

Looking for an International Theme for your school assembly or for Citizenship or PSHCE lessons?

Why not make it Global and International?

**Berlin Wall Opening Day (Germany) (Nov 9)**

**Remembrance Day (Nov 11)  
Armistice (France)**

**World Peace Day (November 17)**

**Universal Children's Day (November 20)**



After the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child was adopted in 1989, the UN General Assembly recommended that all countries choose a day to promote children's welfare.

**World Television Day (November 21)**

**International Education Week (November 28)**

**St Andrew's Day (November 30)**



**World AIDS Day (December 1)**

AIDS is perhaps the most serious public health problem of our times. First discovered in the 1980's, AIDS is thought to have spread extensively in the 1970's. All in all, about 33.4 million people in the world are infected with HIV today. The United Nations General Assembly in 1988 declared AIDS to be a Global Pandemic and they passed a resolution making 1<sup>st</sup> December World Aids Day. It was decided that this day should be a time for the peoples of the United Nations to appreciate, understand and acknowledge the danger that AIDS poses to humanity and the extent to which it had spread all over the world. This day was also meant to call on the peoples of the United Nations to show solidarity, support and sympathy for the many victims of AIDS worldwide.

**The International Day for the Abolition of Slavery (December 2)**



**<http://www.antislavery.org/homepage/antislavery/modern.htm>**

## International Day of Disabled Persons (3 December)

International Day of Disabled Persons aims to promote an understanding of disability issues and give support for the dignity, rights and well-being of persons with disabilities. It also seeks to increase awareness of gains to be derived from the integration of persons with disabilities in every aspect of political, social, economic and cultural life. The theme of the Day is based on the goal of full and equal enjoyment of human rights and participation in society by persons with disabilities, established by the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons, adopted by the General Assembly in 1982.

## Human Rights Day (December 10)

Winter Solstice (December 21)  
World Peace Day



Christmas Eve (December 24)

Christmas Day (December 25)

St Stephen's Day (December 26)  
Boxing Day  
Channukah

New Year's Eve (December 31)

Orthodox Christmas (January 7)

Orthodox New Year (January 14)

Martin Luther King Day (January 20)

Robert Burns Day (January 25)

Holocaust Memorial Day (January 27)

Chinese New Year (January 29)



## Want to know more about the euro?

Great resource explaining everything you ever needed to know about the euro.



<http://www.ecb.int/bc/html/index.en.html>

## World Population Information

Great data base of all sorts of statistical information for any kind of school projects. American based but still lots of great information including a population clock where pupils can watch the worlds population increase by the second!

<http://www.census.gov/ipc/www/idb/>



## Want a map or a flag of a country?

Go to....  
With country details and quick facts and figures including the climate, current weather forecast and time.

<http://www.graphicmaps.com/webimage/flags/flagcnty.htm>

## Want to know more about a country and its culture and customs?

Basic information where you have to subscribe to get the full benefit but still lots of info...  
Go to....

<http://www.countryreports.org/anthems/nationalAnthems.aspx>

## Want to teach about the UN countries?

### Visit the United Nations Cyber School Bus

<http://cyberschoolbus.un.org/>

Fantastic resource with basic information about countries; introduction to the UN; UN News Centre and Webcast.....quizzes and games and lots more.



The United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) recently released a new publication:

### The Musketeers Conquer the Net – a teen guide to getting online.

The book follows the adventures of four teenagers who, thanks to the Internet, maintain contact while separated by thousands of kilometres. Their adventures and misadventures while surfing on the Net will illustrate how youth can use the World Wide Web in a safe and fun manner. Written for teenagers, the book is partly based on a true story.

[http://www.unece.org/highlights/internet\\_guide/0331371\\_ECE\\_ANG.pdf](http://www.unece.org/highlights/internet_guide/0331371_ECE_ANG.pdf)

This new teen guide to the Internet is available in English, French, Russian and Spanish from:

E-mail: [info.ece@unece.org](mailto:info.ece@unece.org)

Web site: <http://www.unece.org/>

### Funding for your international work

DFID Global School Partnerships provides grants to schools that are using a school partnership as a means for embedding a global dimension within their curricular. Grants are available for partnerships involving a UK school and a school in more than 100 eligible Southern countries. Two types of grants are available: Reciprocal visit grant and Global curriculum project grants. **Web link** - DFID Global School Partnerships grants:

[www.britishcouncil.org/globalschools-grants.htm](http://www.britishcouncil.org/globalschools-grants.htm)

## Useful Primary Languages Websites for FREE resources

[www.wsgfl.org.uk](http://www.wsgfl.org.uk) (curriculum – mfl – ks2)

- Classroom command posters in French and German
- Le château hanté (The Haunted Castle) as shown by Elaine Minett at the PMFL conference
- Pack of French cross-curricular ideas (numbers, sounds, literacy, classroom language, cultural awareness)

<http://www.teachingideas.co.uk/foreignlanguages/contents.htm>

<http://www.primaryresources.co.uk/mfl/mfl.htm>

<http://www.sunderlandschools.org/mfl-sunderland/resources.htm>

<http://www.mflresources.org.uk/>



### Euro Activities

A 28-page booklet from **Eurodesk** with ideas to support European activities in the classroom.

<http://www.eurodesk.org.uk/docs/EuroActivities.pdf>

**EuroActivities**

### Developing the global dimension in the school curriculum, 2005

This booklet is downloadable and can be found on this website....

<http://www.globalgateway.org.uk>

It is helpful to any teacher planning lessons and offers subject by subject guidance with examples.





## Recent Initiatives

Congratulations to the 10 West Sussex schools who were recently awarded the full International School Award. The Award is for schools who have demonstrated a thorough, whole school commitment to developing an international ethos which permeates a significant range of curriculum areas and age ranges and have collaborative activities with an overseas partner school. The scheme is managed by the British Council on behalf of the DCSF and is highlighted in their international strategy as 'a major prize for excellence in this field'. Over 1000 schools across the country have this prize for international excellence and there is a commitment to greatly extending this to ensure that many more schools take advantage of the range of international schemes and funding opportunities.

The successful schools were.....

- Ashington CofE First School
- Camelsdale First School
- Davison CE High School for Girls
- Imberhorne School
- Lindfield Primary School
- Oathall Community College
- Plaistow and Kirford Primary School
- Rydon Community College
- St Mary and St Paul CofE First School
- Yapton CofE Primary School



The keynote speaker was George Alagiah who spoke passionately about the need to promote true multiculturalism across UK schools and his own personal 'international journey' being born and educated in Sri Lanka, Ghana and England and how these contrasting cultural and educational aspects in his life have shaped his thinking and commitment to raising the profile of intercultural dialogue between all citizens.

## Coming soon.....

### Travelling Ted competition.

As a school all you need is a soft toy and pupils who are willing to take him on holiday. Follow the journey of your teddy in different countries and make a record his travels.

The competition will start in the Spring Term and be open to children of all ages.

Details will be sent to schools in January.



**HELP! We need you to tell us about your international work so that it can be celebrated across the county.....**

Please send any reports you wish to share about international work or projects run in your school. Send to [admin@millais.w-sussex.sch.uk](mailto:admin@millais.w-sussex.sch.uk) by Dec 14<sup>th</sup> for the next issue.