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Seasons of the year

Winter

Winter is the coldest season. The temperature is usually 15-20 degrees below zero. The rivers and lakes get frozen. It often snows in winter so the ground, trees and buildings are covered with tiny little things called snowflakes. The trees have no leaves. You can see few animals, insects and birds because the most of them went into hibernation or got away to the South. People wear heavy fur coats and boots. Though winter is very cold you can find it very funny and joyful. Children play hockey, snowballs and skate, make snowmen.

Unusual and funny winter’s holidays

December 25: Christmas

Christmas is a time for families, fun and festivities! A time of family gatherings and holiday meals. A time for Santa, stars, singing carols. A time for ornament, gifts, and twinkling lights. You can find children sending a letter to Santa, holidays postcards to friends and relatives, writing stories on Christmas, etc.

January 10: Roman Catholic Church Day

The Roman Catholic Church or Catholic Church is the Christian church in full communion with the Bishop of Rome, currently Pope Benedict XVI. It traces its origins to the original Christian community founded by Jesus and spread by Twelve Apostles, in particular Saint Peter. The Catholic Church is the largest Christian church, representing around half of all Christians, and is the largest organized body of any world religion. According to the Statistical Yearbook of the Church, the Catholic Church’s worldwide recorded membership at the end of 2005 was 1.114.966.000, approximately one-sixth of the world’s population. The worldwide Catholic Church is made up of one Western or Latin and 22 Eastern Catholic autonomous particular churches, all of which look to the Bishop of Rome, along or along with the College of Bishops, as their highest authority on earth for matters of faith, moral and church governance. It is divided into jurisdictional areas, usually on territorial basis. At the end of 2006, the total number of all these jurisdictional areas was 2.782.

February 1:Bubble Gum Day

For many years the custom of chewing gum has not only continued, but expended among the population of the world. This is probably because the chewing of gum is fun. It tastes good and continuously releases its pleasant flavor sensation over a long period of time with the total ingestion of only approximately 5 to 10 calories per portion. The chewing gum industry guards the purity and integrity of its products and annually invests a substantial share of its income in the thorough investigation of every ingredient and aspect of manufacture, as well as in research and development. These manufactures want their customers to continue enjoying one of the finest food product in the world.

February 2: Hedgehog Day

Hedgehog Day is said to be a German tradition, which the Germans got from the ancient Romans. Hedgehog Day is claimed to be a precursor to Groundhog Day, a minor holiday in North America on the second of February. On that day, groundhogs are said to emerge from their burrows. According to tradition, if they see their shadows, they return to their burrows and six more weeks of winter are to be expended. Groundhog Day is a transformation of a German predecessor, which relied not on groundhogs, but on hedgehogs. German immigrations to North America, finding no hedgehogs in their land, substituted groundhogs for hedgehogs.

season holiday

Spring

The bells of spring are ringing, The trees are green,

All ringing loud and gay; Blue skies are seen.

By hill and dale they are flinging Grey winter’s gone away

Sweet melody today. The golden sun

Greets everyone.

The world looks new and gay.

Spring is the most amazing and wealthy season of the year. It’s the time when nature wakes up after a long winter sleep, when days become longer and longer and the rays of the sun are warmer and warmer. Snow is gradually melting and as a result trees begin to show their first buds. Ice on the rivers also vanishes; water sparkles and renews its ability to reflect whatever you want. After a while flower time comes and everything starts blooming. That’s an unforgettable period of the season. It inspires everyone and makes each person stop, look around without any haste and admire every blade of spring grass, every flower, every bud and Nature upon the whole. Isn’t it fantastic?

Spring’s holidays

March 8: International Women’s Day

At that day we honour our mothers, teachers, sisters, wives and all women; we give them the flowers, small tokens of love; we say to them compliments and words of appreciation.

March 20: International Astrology Day

It is an annual holiday celebrated by astrologers and astrology enthusiasts. It is seen be astrologers as the beginning of the astrological year. It is the first full day of the astrological sign of Aries and thus marks the beginning of the Zodiac. The date of the holiday occurs at the same time of the Iranian New Year, which is celebrated in many places throughout the Middle East and Central Asia.

April 7: World Health Day

It is celebrated every year under the sponsorship of World Health Organisation held the First World Health Assembly. The Assembly decided to celebrate 7 April as World Health Day. World Health Day is celebrated to create awareness of a specific health theme to highlight a priority area of concern for World Health Organisation (WHO).

April 29: International Dance Day

It has been celebrated on 29 April through promotion by the International Dance Council (CID), en umbrella organization within UNESCO. The holiday was introduced in 1982 by the International Dance Committee of the UNESCO International Theatre Institute. The date was suggested by Pyotr Gusev to commemorate the birthday of Jean-Georges Noverre.

1 May: May Day

May Day refers to any of several holidays, which are public in some countries. The holiday has ancient origins and various customs surrounding the time period have survived into modern times. May Day is a Cross-quarter day. May Day may be best known for its tradition of dancing the Maypole and crowning of the Queen of the May. Today various Neopagan celebrate reconstructed (to varying degrees) versions of these customs on May 1.

Summer

Summer is the warmest and driest season. The temperature is about 20-30 degrees above zero. People wear shorts and T-shirts. It is also the vacation season. People usually go to the seashore or travel to different countries. They go to the country, go swimming, play outdoor games such as football, volleyball, basketball, badminton, tennis, etc. You can find a lot of baby animals at this time.

Summer’s holidays

June 1: International Child’s day

Children are the future of the mankind. And this day is their day. The children’s right for life and dignity must be respected and defended. Want is sunnier, more joyful and memorable than childhood? A child gets to know the world with the help of adults, learns and finds out new interesting things. A child is happy when he is loved, warmed, fed and understood.

Autumn

Autumn is a season when leaves fall off, the harvest is gathered and everybody and everything prepares for winter. The autumn months are September, October and November. Autumn is not very warm. In autumn trees become golden, red and orange. Ripe fruit come into view between the leaves. In the countryside one can see fields and forests in all gradations of the golden colour and enjoy this marvelous view. Autumn brings stillness; everything starts to fall asleep bit by bit; one often thinks of the inconstancy of live and at the same moment of the constant repetition of seasons.

Although autumn is considered often as the withering of Nature, this is the beginning of a new life. Animals prepare themselves not only for winter, but also for the next year. They make up comfortable winter houses for themselves and gather food to appear strong and healthy after the winter period. It often rains in autumn, and days become shorter and colder.

Autumn

By June Kellum

There’s nothing as fine as an autumn day,

With the smell in the air of fresh mown hay.

Each tree is a wonder

Of beauty, untold,

Each leaf brushed with colour,

A sight to behold!

There’s a nip in the air-crisp, cool and clear,

To remind us that winter soon will be here!

But for now we have autumn –

The snow-off of seasons –

My favourite by far,

And these are the reasons!

They are the Day of Knowledge, the International Day of Peace, World Students Day, World Food Day, Thanksgiving, International Animal Day and Halloween. Autumn greets us with rains, winds and long nights, making our spirits low. But we can change our attitude to it. It can be thrilling and exciting, full of pleasant emotions and wonderful events. We can get enjoyment celebrating autumn’s holidays.

Autumn’s holidays

October 7: World Smile Day

The intend 0of World Smile Day is to do an act of kindness, or to help one person to smile.

October 31: Halloween

This holiday is celebrated on the night of October 31 mostly by children, who, in a tradition commonly known as trick-or treating, dress in costumes and go door-to-door to collect sweets, fruit and other gifts. Other traditional activities include costume parties, watching horror films, visiting “haunted houses’’ and participating in traditional autumn activities.

November 2: All Souls’ Day

In Western Christianity, All Souls’ Day commemorates the faithful departed. This day is observed especially in the Roman Catholic Church but to some extend also among Protestants. The Eastern Orthodox Church observes several All Souls’ Day during the year.

November 9: World Freedom Day

World Freedom Day is a United States federal observance declared by President of the United States George Bush to commemorate the fall of the Berlin Wall. It started in 2001 and is celebrated on 9 November.

November 11: Remembrance Day

Remembrance Day (United Kingdom, Australia, Canada), also known as Poppy Day (South Africa and Malta), Veterans Day (United States) And Armistice Day (New Zealand and many other Commonwealth countries) is a day to commemorate the sacrifice of veterans and civilians in World War І, World war II and other wars.

November 17: International Students’ day

International Students’ Day is an international observance of student activism. Taking the day differently than its original meaning, a number of universities mark it, sometimes on a day other than November 17, for a nonpolitical celebration of the multiculturalism of their international students.

November 22: Thanksgiving Day

Thanksgiving day, legal holiday in the USA, first celebrated in the early colonial times in New England. The actual origin, however, is probably the harvest festivals that are traditional in many parts of the world. In 1863, President Lincoln issued a White House proclamation calling on the “whole American people” wherever they lived to unite “with one heart and one voice” in observing a special day of thanksgiving.

Vocabulary

Inspire – надихати, навівати, вселяти;

Haste - поспішність, квапливість;

Token - подарунок на пам'ять;

Appreciation – вдячність;

Annual - щорічний, річний;

Gradation - градація; поступовість;

Inconstancy- несталість, мінливість, нерегулярність;

Constant – постійний, сталий;

Wither - в'янути, сохнути; блякнути, марніти;

Mown hay – cкошене сіно;

Nip - щипок; укус;

Release - звільняти, визволяти; випускати на волю, полегшувати;

Flavor - аромат; запах, приємний смак; присмак;

Approximately - приблизно, наближено, майже;

Hibernation - зимова сплячка;

Carol - весела пісня; різдвяний гімн; колядка;

Twinkle - мерехтіти, блимати; блискати;

Bishop – єпископ.