PROJECT – LET'S CELEBRATE

TASK: You are going to create a presentation about a celebration of your choice and show it to your class.

1. SELECT

In pairs or small groups, decide what celebration you would like to do your project on from the following list:

PANCAKE DAY	APRIL FOOL'S DAY
REMEMBRANCE DAY (also known as Poppy Day)	CANADA DAY
THANKSGIVING	INDEPENDENCE DAY
WAITANGI DAY	NOTTING HILL CARNIVAL
AUSTRALIA DAY	HALLOWEEN
GUY FAWKES' NIGHT	LENT AND EASTER
DAY OF RECONCILIATION	FREEDOM DAY

2. SEARCH

You can use books or the Internet to look for information about your celebration. You can also ask people you know.

When you look for information, think about the following questions to help you:

a) *What country is this celebration typical from?*

b) *What are the origins of this celebration? What is the story behind it? Why is this day celebrated?*

c) *How do people usually celebrate this day? Do they do anything special? Is there any typical food that people eat?*

3. THINK AND MAKE NOTES

Make notes about your celebration and organise the information you have found before writing your text.

4. WRITE

Once you have all the information you need, write the text you are going to include in your presentation. Make it sound interesting and easy to understand.

5. CHECK

Read your text carefully and check for any mistakes.

6. DESIGN

Create your multimedia presentation to display your work, using a new slide for every different aspect of the celebration you talk about. Don't forget to use only keywords in your presentation, as too much text is really hard to read! Also, add photos, videos and sound effects to illustrate your celebration and make your presentation more appealing and original.

7. DISPLAY

Show your presentation to your classmates so they can give you their opinion on it!

Teaching notes

A very interesting project you can do with your students related to celebrations is to get them to talk about their favourite one. There are many webtools which can be used to do so, but Power Point is probably one of the best. Students can create a Power Point file with several slides and add photos, videos and sound to make their presentation visual and interesting.

! TIP!_

You can ask students to vote their favourite celebration. The presentation with the highest mark can be given an award and be displayed in class.

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