

MULTICULTURAL CALENDAR 2010

January

Children's Day

Children's Day is an event celebrated on various days in many countries around the world. International Children's Day is celebrated on 1 June and Universal Children's Day is celebrated on 20 November. However, some countries celebrate a local children's day on other dates. The day is set to honour children and minors.

Australia: Children's Day is celebrated on the first Sunday in July every year.

Thailand: In Thailand Children's Day is celebrated on the second Saturday of January. They celebrate by taking the children out for a day of fun. As tradition the Thai Prime Minister gives Children's Day a unique motto each year.



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
31					1 New Year's Day (International)	2
3 Children's Day (Yemen)	4	5	6 Three Wise Men Day (Bolivia)	7	8	9 Children's Day (Thailand)
10	11 Coming of Age Day (Japan)	12	13	14	15	16 National Youth Day (South Africa)
17	18 Martin Luther King Day (USA)	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26 Australia Day (Australia)	27	28	29	30 Children's Day (Vanuatu)

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February

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Malaysia: Children's Day is celebrated on the last Saturday of October annually. Primary school children usually go to school on that day to celebrate. Schools organise numerous activities for their students.

Turkey: Children's Day is celebrated on 23 April as National Independence and Children's Day. The founder of the Republic of Turkey, Mustafa Kemal Ataturk, dedicated 23 April to children as he believed that they were the future of the new nation.



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	1 Federal Territory Day (Malaysia)	2	3	4 World Cancer day (International)	5	6 Waitangi Day (New Zealand)
7	8 Nirvana Day (Buddhist)	9	10	11 National Foundation Day (Japan)	12	13 Spring Festival (China)
14 Valentine's day Chinese New Year (China)	15 Carnival (Bolivia)	16 Carnival (Panama)	17	18	19	20
21 International Mother Language Day	22	23	24	25 Ash Wednesday (Christian)	26 The Prophet Muhammad's Birthday (Malaysia)	27
28 Lantern Festival (China)						

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March

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Slovakia and Romania: Children's Day is celebrated on 1 June. Children get free entrance to a zoo and some other attractions.

Brazil: Brazil celebrates Children's Day on 12 October. It is a national holiday as it coincides with 'Our Lady Aparecida Day', the Patron Saint of Brazil. Children look forward to this day all year. In some places in Brazil it is bigger than Christmas. On this day children unwrap gifts given to them by their parents.



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	1 Independent Movement Day (Korea)	2 Peasant day (Myanmar)	3 Hina Matsuri Day (Dolls Day— Japan)	4	5	6
7	8 International Women's Day	9	10	11 Spring Equinox (Japan)	12	13
14	15 Benitoo Juarez's Birthday Memorial (Mexico)	16	17 St Patrick's Day (Irish)	18	19 Father's Day (Bolivia)	20
21 Harmony Day	22	23	24 Memorial Day (Argentina)	25	26 Youth Day (Vietnam)	27 Ramayana begins (Hindu)
28 Palm Sunday (Venezuela)	29 Youth Day (Taiwan)	30	31 Culture Day (Micronesia)			

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April

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Hong Kong: celebrates Children's Day on 4 April every year, since the Republic of China established it in 1931

Taiwan: Children's Day in Taiwan is celebrated on 4 April as in Hong Kong. The day focuses on strengthening the parent-children bond, with activities sponsored by the government. The day is also marked by honouring model students from all over Taiwan.

South Korea: 5 May is officially recognised as Children's Day. Parents give presents to their children as well as spend time with them. The children are taken on excursions to zoos and museums.



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				1 April Fool's Day (Various countries around the world)	2 Good Friday (Christian)	3 Holy Saturday (Christian)
4 Easter Sunday (Christian) Children's Day (Taiwan, Hong Kong)	5 Easter Monday (Christian) Family Day (South Africa)	6 Charki Day (Thailand)	7 World health day	8	9 Vimy Ridge Day (Canada)	10
11 Battle of Riva's (Costa Rica)	12 Children's Day (Bolivia)	13 Songkran (Thailand)	14	15	16	17 Children's Protection day (Japan)
18	19	20	First day of Ridvan (Bahai)	22	23 Children's Day (Cyprus and Turkey)	24 Children's Day (Columbia)
25 Anzac Day (Aus., N.Z)	26	27 Freedom Day (South Africa)	28	29 Showa Day (Japan)	30 Children's Day (Mexico)	

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May

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Japan: Originally Japan had two separate children celebrations, one known as boys' day and the other as girls' day. However, today the two holidays are celebrated together on 5 May and is called 'Kodomo no hi' which means children's day.

Traditionally on this day, which was boy's day, every household that has sons would hang colourful carp kites outside their house. In Japanese culture the carp represent courage and perseverance.

Today families set aside this day to pray for happiness and health for all children.



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
30 Mother's Day (Nicaragua)	31 Memorial Day (U.S.A)					1 Labour Day (China, Malaysia)
2	3 Labour Day (QLD)	4 Youth Day (China)	5 Children's Day (Japan, Korea)	6	7 Soldier Day (El Salvador)	8 WW1 Victory Day (France) Parent's Day (Korea)
9 Mother's Day (Australia, USA, NZ, Italy, Japan)	10 Mother's Day (El Salvador)	11	12	13 Ascension Day (France)	14	15 International Day of families
16	17 Constitution Day (Norway)	18	19	20 Independence Day (Cuba)	21 world Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development	22 International day of Biological Diversity
23	24	25 Independence Day (Jordan)	26 National Sorry Day (Australia)	27 Mother's Day (Bolivia) National Reconciliation Week (Australia)	28	29 27th May—3rd June

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June

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China: Celebrated on 1 June. Children's Day is a festival for children all over the world. Every year, when the day comes, the whole nation is full of children's smiling faces, cheerful songs and, generally, great joy in China.

Parents usually take their children to visit places of great interest thus helping them to learn more about Chinese history and culture. Schools organise the showing of excellent children's films. In kindergartens, children present their special skills such as singing and dancing to parents and teachers. Some children are lucky enough to receive special gifts from their elders



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		1 Children's Day (China, Poland)	2	3 Mabo Day (Australia)	4	5 World Environment Day
6 Child Health Day (USA)	7	8 Children's Day (USA)	9	10	11	12 Independence Day (Philippines)
13	14 Queen's Birthday (Aus. except WA)	15	16 Dragon Boat festival (China) Youth Day (South Africa)	17 Father's Day (El Salvador)	18 Autistic Pride Day (International)	19 Jose Artigas Birthday Memorial (Uruguay)
20 World Refugee Day (UN)	21 Flag Day (Argentina)	22 Teacher's Day (El Salvador)	23	24 Farmer's Day (Peru)	25	26 Midsummer Day (Sweden)
27 Multiculturalism Day (Canada)	28	29	30 National day of Prayer (Central African Republic)			

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Poland: Introduced in 1952 Children's Day in Poland is celebrated on 1 June and coincides with the beginning of summer and is usually treated as a holiday as it takes place at the end of the school year.

Schools usually organise special activities for the day of celebration. In fact in the first week of June festivities are organized by parks and entertainment centres for the children. Parents usually buy small gifts for their children as well.



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				1 Coming of the Light Festival (Torres Strait Islands,	2	3 day of the Child (Argentina)
4 Independence Day (U.S.A) Children's Day (Aus)	5 St. Cyril & St. Methodius Day (Slovakia)	6	7	8	9	10
NAIDOC WEEK 4th July — 11th August (Australia)						
11	12	13	14 Bastille Day (France)	15	16 Our Lady of Mount Carmel (Chile)	17 Constitution Day (Korea)
18 Children's Day (Cuba)	19 National Liberation Day (Nicaragua)	20 Father's Day (Columbia)	21 Belgium's National Day (Belgium)	22	23 National Children's Day (Indonesia)	24
25 Yalong Cultural Festival (Tibetan)	26	27	28	29	30 National tree planting day for schools (Aus)	31

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Argentina: Children's Day is celebrated on the second Sunday of August. It is also known as Día del Niño. On this day children receive gifts from their parents and the community put together activities just for the little ones.

India: On 14 November India celebrates Children's Day and everything related to childhood. This day coincides with the birth date of India's first Prime Minister Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru. Nehru, who was immensely fond of children, is often pictured with children and was frequently referred to as 'Chacha Nehru' meaning uncle Nehru, a term of affection.



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1 National Tree planting Day (Australia)	2 Nunayat Day (Canada)	3 Flag Day (Venezuela)	4 National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Chil-	5	6	7 Father's Day (China)
8 Children's Day (Argentina)	9 International Day of the World's Indigenous People	10	11 Ramadan Begins (30 days, Islamic)	12 Mother's Day, The Queen's Birthday (Thailand)	13	14
15 Early Childhood Intervention Awareness Week (Australia)	16 day of the Child (Praguay)	17	18	19 Mother's Day (India)	20 Children's Day (Nepal)	21
Early Childhood Intervention Awareness Week 15th August—23rd						
22	23 Ninoy Aquino Day (Philippines)	24	25 Independence Day (Uruguay)	26	27	28
29	30 Children's Day (Afghanistan)	31 National Day (Malaysia)				

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September

Mother's Day

Australia: Mother's Day is celebrated with much enthusiasm and joy. It falls on the same day as in the United States which is the second Sunday in the month of May. It is also celebrated in much the same fashion as the United States. Australians take this opportunity to express gratitude to their mothers by the giving of cards and flowers.

Japan: Mother's Day in Japan was initially commemorated during the Showa Period as the birthday of the Empress. Nowadays it is a marketed holiday and people typically give flowers such as carnations and roses as gifts.



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			1 Teacher's Day (Singapore)	2	3 Armed Forces Day (Taiwan)	4
5 Father's Day (Aus.)	6 Labour Day (U.S.A)	7 Independence Day(Brazil)	8	9 Children's Day (Costa Rica)	10 Eid Ul-Fitr (Ramadan ends, Islamic)	11
12	13	14	15 International day of Peace (Australia)	16 Independence Day (Mexico)	17 Australian Citizenship day	18
19	20 Respect for the Aged day (Japan)	21 International day of peace Harvest moon festival (Korea, China, Vietnam)	22	23	24	25
26	27	28 Teacher's Day (Taiwan)	29	30		

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October

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Greece: In ancient Greece Mother's Day was celebrated in Spring. They used to honour Rhea the 'mother of the God's' with honey cakes and flowers at dawn. Mother's Day in Greece today corresponds with the Eastern Orthodox feast day in which Jesus was presented to the temple.

Romania: It is celebrated on two separate holidays, Mother's Day and Ladies day. Romanian Mother's day is on 8 March.



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31 Halloween (U.S.A)					1 National Day (China) Children's' Day (Singapore)	2
3 National Foundation Day (Korea)	4	5 World teacher's Day (International)	6 Armed Forces Day (Egypt)	7	8 Columbus Day (Bolivia)	9
10 World mental Health day (International)	11 Columbus Day (U.S.A)	12 Children's Day (Brazil, Iraq)	13	14 Youth Day (Congo)	15 International Day of Older People (Aus)	16 World Food day
17	18	19 Mother Teresa Day (Albania)	20	21	22	23 Chulalongkorn Day (Thailand)
24 United Nations Day (International)	25	26 National Day (Austria)	27 Universal Children's day (Australia)	28	29	30
National Children's Week 23rd October— 31 October (Australia)						

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November

Father's Day

Father's Day originally began as a Roman Catholic holiday and was celebrated on Saint Joseph day on 19 March. However today in most countries Father's Day is celebrated on the third Sunday of June.

Australia: In Australia and New Zealand Father's Day is celebrated on the first Sunday of September. Just like Mother's Day, Father's Day is a day to express gratitude towards all father figures.

Philippines: Although not an officially recognised holiday, it has become common for Filipino's to take part in the Father's Day festivities, on the third Sunday of June.



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	1 All Saint's Day (Christian)	2 Day of the Dead (Mexico)	3 Culture Day (Japan)	4	5 Guy Fawkes Day (U.K)	6 All Saints Day (Sweden)
7 Thanks giving Day (Liberia)	8	9	10	11 Remembrance Day (Australia)	12	13 World Kindness Day (international)
14 Children's Day (India)	15 Peace Day (Ivory Coast)	16 Eid al Adha (Islamic)	17 Hari Raya Haji (Malaysia)	18	19	20 Universal Children's Day (International)
21	22	23 Labour-Thanks giving Day (Japan)	24	25 Thanksgiv-ing Day (U.S.A)	26	27
28	29 Bonifacio Day (Philippines)	30				

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December

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Germany: Father's Day is celebrated a little differently in Germany than in other parts of the world. Germany celebrates Vatertag which is always held on Ascension Day, however regionally there is also Männertag which translates to men's day and Herrentag meaning gentleman's day. It is tradition on this day for German men to go hiking and take with them a wagon filled with beer, wine and regional food such as vegetables, egg, bread etc.



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			1	2	3 International Day of People with a disability (Aus)	4
5 Father's Day (Thailand)	6 Saint Nicolas Day (Catholic)	7	8 Muharram (Malaysia)	9	10 Human Rights day (International)	11 Children's Day (Greece, Sierra Leone)
12	13	14	15	16 Day of Reconciliation (South Africa)	17	18 Al-Hijra Muharrem (Islamic New year)
19	20	21	22	23 Emperor's Birthday (Japan)	24	25 Christmas Day (Christian)
26 Boxing Day	27	28	29	30 Rizal Day (Philippines)	31 New Year's Eve	

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