



Teacher Calendar 2011 - 2012

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Here's a useful resource for any teacher to start the new year off: a multi-faith and multifaceted calendar for the 2012 academic year!



Students at Skerries ETNS celebrating the One World Festival Last Year

Sep

Rosh Hashanah, Jewish Festival

Thursday September 29th, 2011. Jewish New Year. Rosh Hashanah is the Jewish New Year festival which commemorates the creation of the world.

Oct

National Tree Day

Thursday October 6th, 2011. National Tree Day, celebrates the importance of trees.

Yom Kippur, Jewish Festival

Saturday October 8th, 2011. The most sacred and solemn day of the Jewish year, Yom Kippur brings the Days of Repentance to a close.

Birthday of Eleanor Roosevelt

Tuesday October 11th, 2011. An advocate for civil rights, Eleanor Roosevelt chaired the committee that drafted the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

Sukkot, Jewish Festival

Thursday October 13th, 2011. This festival commemorates the years that the Jews spent in the desert on their way to the Promised Land.

World Food Day

Sunday October 16th, 2011. The aim of this day is to heighten public awareness of the world food problem.

Diwali, Festival of Lights

Wednesday October 26th, 2011. Hindu Festival also celebrated by Sikhs. Celebrates the victory of good over evil and light over darkness.

Irish Presidential Election

Thursday October 27th, 2011. Two constitutional referenda and a by-election in Dublin West will also take place on the same day.

Educate Together Day

Friday 28th October, 2011. A day to celebrate Educate Together with a fun event and a chance to raise money for the Educate Together community at the same time.

Nov

Eid-UI-Adha, Muslim Festival

Sunday November 6th, 2011. For Muslims, this festival remembers the prophet Ibrahim's willingness to obey God.

Universal Children's Day

Sunday, November 20th, 2011. Marks the time when it was agreed that children should have their own separate rights.

Dec

International Day of People with Disability

Saturday December 3rd, 2011. Encourages support for the rights of people with disability, including the right to be active and involved in all aspects of life.

Traveller Pride Week

December 5th - 9th, 2011. Aims to celebrate the contribution Travellers make both within their own communities and in Irish society as a whole.

Human Rights Day

Sunday December 10th, 2011. The UN Human Rights Day marks the anniversary of the presentation of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

Hanukkah, Jewish Festival

Wednesday December 21st, 2011. The Jewish Festival of Lights.

Winter Solstice

Wednesday December 21st, 2011. Solstice literally means 'Sun Stands Still'. The day in the year when the sun shines for the shortest time.



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Dec

Christmas Day, Christian Festival

Sunday December 25th, 2012. For Christians, Christmas Day celebrates the birth of Jesus Christ, the son of God.

Jan

Martin Luther King Junior Day

Monday 16th January, 2012. Celebrates the life and achievements of Martin Luther King Jr., an influential American civil rights leader.

Chinese New Year

Monday January 23rd, 2012 (Year of the Dragon). Also known as the spring festival, it is the most important celebration in the Chinese calendar.

Holocaust Memorial Day

Friday January 27th, 2012. The theme for Holocaust Memorial Day 2012 is to *Speak Up, Speak Out*, to create a safer, better future.

Feb

St. Bridget's Day, Christian Festival

Wednesday 1st February, 2012. Marks the first day of Spring. There are many superstitions associated with this day, widely believed to be rooted in pagan beliefs.

Darwin Day

Sunday February 12th, 2012. A recently instituted celebration intended to commemorate the anniversary of the birth of Charles Darwin in 1809.

Fairtrade Fortnight

February 27th - March 11th, 2012. Aims to raise awareness of fairtrade issues and promote fairtrade shopping.

March

National Tree Week

March 4th - 10th, 2012. Week-long festival celebrating all positive aspects of trees in our environment.

International Women's Day

Thursday March 8th, 2012. International Women's Day celebrates women's achievements throughout history.

Holi, Hindu Spring Festival

Thursday March 8th, 2012. Holi marks some Hindu legends, which provide some of the ingredients for the celebrations.

International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination

Wednesday March 21st, 2012. This day reminds us all of the importance of actively preventing discrimination.

World Water Day

Thursday March 22nd, 2012. Aims to increase people's awareness of water's importance in environment, agriculture, health and trade.

April

Passover / Pesach, Jewish Festival

April 7th - 14th, 2012. This Jewish festival commemorates the liberation of the Children of Israel who were led out of Egypt by Moses.

Easter Sunday, Christian Festival

Sunday April 8th, 2012. For Christians, this festival commemorates the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Vaisakhi / Baisakhi, Sikh Festival

Friday April 13th, 2012. This festival remembers 1699, the year Sikhism was born. This is the Sikh New Year Festival.

Earth Day

Sunday April 22nd, 2012. Earth Day Network's mission is to broaden, diversify and activate the environmental movement worldwide.

May

Bealtaine

May 2012. A month long celebration of creativity in older age - challenging the stereotypes of older people.

Wesak / Vesak, Buddhist Festival

Saturday May 5th, 2012. The most important Buddhist festival, it celebrates the Buddha's birthday.

Harvey Milk Day

Tuesday May 22nd, 2012. A state holiday in California, it commemorates Harvey Milk, a gay rights activist who was assassinated in 1978.

June

World Refugee Day

Wednesday June 20th, 2012. Honours the courage and determination of people who are forced to flee their homeland under threat of persecution or violence.

World Humanist Day

Thursday June 21st, 2012. A way of spreading awareness of Humanism as a philosophical life stance and means to effect change in the world.

Aug

Eid-ul-Fitr, Muslim Festival

Sunday August 19th, 2012. Marks the end of Ramadan when Muslims thank Allah for the strength that he gave them while they were fasting.