



March 1st

ST DAVID'S DAY

► **St David's Day** is on March 1st. Saint¹ David is the patron saint of Wales. On St^{*} David's Day people eat traditional Welsh food, such as leek² and potato soup, and there are national symbols everywhere, such as the Welsh flag³ with the red dragon, daffodils⁴ and leeks. There are also special concerts and parades⁵, and children have school concerts, too.

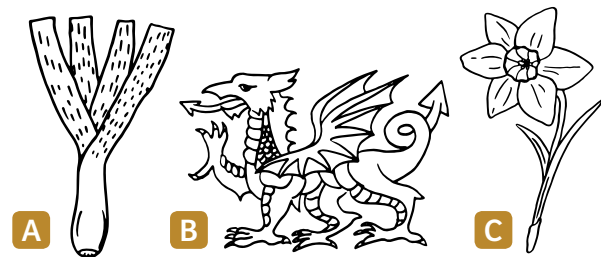
MATCH



TASK 1 jump

Match the symbols of Wales with the pictures.

1. a Welsh dragon 2. a daffodil 3. a leek



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March 8th

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

► **International Women's Day** is on March 8th. It celebrates the work that women do. In some countries it's an official holiday, in others it's a normal working day. In some countries, women get half a day off⁶ work, or a flower. In the United Kingdom people go to theatres and discussions. There are also special fun runs.



March 8th: a day for women of all ages

March 17th

ST PATRICK'S DAY



MATCH

TASK 2 jump

Match the symbols of Ireland with the pictures.

1. a shamrock 2. a harp 3. a leprechaun



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DID YOU KNOW?



Hurling vs Gaelic football

Hurling is a ball game with two teams of 15. They play with a stick¹⁰ and a ball.

Gaelic football is a ball game with two teams of 15 players. The players try to kick or hit the ball.



March 21st

WORLD DOWN SYNDROME DAY

► **World Down Syndrome Day** is on March 21st. People wear very bright odd¹¹ socks and organize activities to support¹² people with Down syndrome.

What is Down syndrome?

In our DNA, there are 23 pairs of chromosomes. People with Down syndrome have an extra chromosome. It means that the 21st pair has 3 chromosomes, not 2 as usual.

LANGUAGE NOTE *st – saint

VOCABULARY

- ¹ saint [seɪnt] – svatý | ² leek [li:k] – pórek | ³ flag [flæg] – vlajka | ⁴ daffodil ['dæfədɪl] – narcis
⁵ parade [pə'reɪd] – průvod | ⁶ day off [ˌdeɪ 'ɒf] – den volna | ⁷ shamrock ['ʃæmrɒk] – trojlístek
⁸ harp [hɑ:p] – harfa | ⁹ Irish stew [ˌaɪrɪʃ 'stju:] – irský guláš | ¹⁰ stick [stɪk] – hůl | ¹¹ odd [ɒd] – lichý, náhodný | ¹² to support [sə'pɔ:t] – podpořit



A girl with Down syndrome