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My school calendar

[vocab ppt, vocab video, e-Flashcards]

Vocabulary

School events

*Capital letters are used for proper nouns such as the names of people, places, special days or events and they do not take any article. *Sports Day, Parents' Day, Open Day, etc.*, are proper nouns that are unique to the school context.

October

1 *Sports Day



run in races



win medals

cheer for friends

November



play hide-and-seek

Point out to students that the apostrophe is after the s.

January

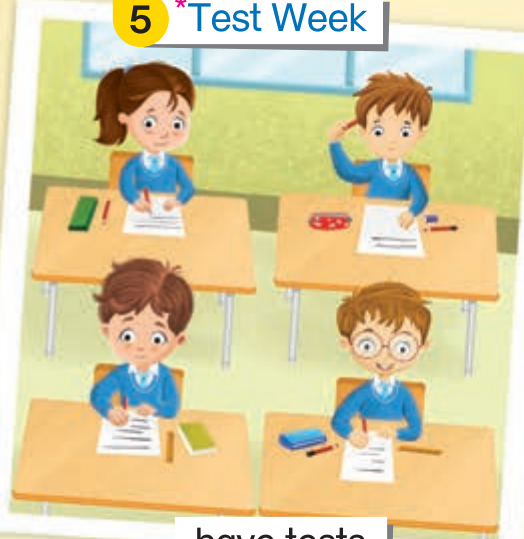
4 *Parents' Day



class teachers meet parents

March

5 *Test Week



have tests

April



Picnics are not proper nouns and they are not unique to the school context. (We can have a picnic outside school). The word *school* modifies the word *picnic* and we do not need to use any capital letters. In this context we use the definite article *the* because the event is already established in the school calendar. Other examples are *the school play* and *the school concert*.

2 the school picnic



sit on a mat and share snacks

December

3 *Exam Week



have exams

6 *Open Day



welcome guests

July

7 *English Camp



play games and learn English



perform English dramas

!SUMMER!

Read the school magazine article.

GREENWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

What is your favourite school event?

Stephen Lai, Class 3F

1 My favourite school event is **Multicultural Day** because there are many fun activities on this day. ^{Q5b} This year, ^{Q3} Multicultural Day is on 3rd July. Point out to students that we write the date as 3rd July, but we say it as the third of July. Tell students not to read it as third July.

2 We don't wear our school uniforms on this day. We wear clothes from different countries. ^{Q5c} We can take photos ^{Q1} at photo booths in the playground.



3 ^{Q1, 5f} We also try food from different countries. Our teachers and parent helpers make the food. It is always delicious!



4 ^{Q5a} We also watch folk dances and listen to music. It is fun. Multicultural Day is a happy day for everyone!



Amanda Wu, Class 3A

- 5 ^{Q5d} My favourite school event is **Chinese Week** because we learn so much about our own culture. Chinese Week is usually before Chinese New Year. This year, it is from 16th January to 20th January.



- 6 ^{Q2, 5g} There is a competition for the best Chinese costume on the first day. We win special prizes such as dolls and paper animals.

- 7 ^{Q5e} We do lots of fun activities like lion dancing and kung fu. ^{Q2, 4} We also make beautiful Chinese crafts like knots and paper fans. It is so much fun!



Values

Respect different cultures

What is the most interesting activity on Multicultural Day?

Values pledge on pp.95–96

Post-reading

[post-reading ppt]

Read the article again. When do the children do these activities? Match and write A–D in the boxes.

1

Multicultural Day

A

D



2

Chinese Week

B

C



Answer the questions. Give long answers.

3 Which event is in summer? inferring Multicultural Day is on 3rd July, so it is in summer.

Multicultural Day is in summer.

4 What can students make during Chinese Week? locating specific information

They can make beautiful Chinese crafts (like knots and paper fans).

Match the main ideas with paragraphs from the article. Write the paragraph numbers in the boxes. main idea

Read the first sentence of each paragraph carefully.

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Main idea	Paragraph
(a) There is dancing and music to enjoy.	4
(b) Multicultural Day is Stephen's favourite school event.	1
(c) Students wear clothes from around the world.	2
(d) Chinese Week is Amanda's favourite event.	5
(e) There are fun activities to celebrate Chinese culture.	7
(f) Students try food from different countries.	3
(g) There is a competition with special prizes.	6

Language focus 1

grammar ppt, grammar video,
language focus answer key ppt

Parents' Day is **on the third of April.** on + a date

Test Week is **from the first of April to the fifth of April.** from (a date) to (a date) → a period of time

the first of April = 1/4 1st April

Dates and months on p.91

Sally is telling Jacky the dates of some special school events. Finish what she says.

School Events 20XX – 20XX

	Date	Event	
e.g.	8/10 – 12/10	Chinese Week	
1	17/11	English Camp	1 English Camp is on the seventeenth of November.
2	31/3	Parents' Day	2 Parents' Day is on the thirty-first of March.
3	2/12 – 6/12	Test Week	3 Test Week is from the second of December to the sixth of December.
4	15/6 – 19/6	Exam Week	4 Exam Week is from the fifteenth of June to the nineteenth of June.

Chinese Week is from the eighth of October to the twelfth of October.

Language focus 2

grammar ppt, grammar video,
language focus answer key ppt!

When's the school picnic?

It's on the thirteenth of October.

When's = When is

The children are talking about their favourite school events. Finish what they say.

share snacks talk to guests win medals

e.g. Sports Day



22/4

1 The school picnic



3/4

2 The swimming gala



11/9

3 Open Day



30/1

What's your favourite school event?

When's Sports Day?

Sports Day is my favourite school event because we can run in races.

It's on the twenty-second of April.

1 What's your favourite school event?

The school picnic is my favourite school event because we can share snacks.
When's the school picnic?
It's on the third of April.

2 What's your favourite school event?

The swimming gala is my favourite school event because we can win medals.
When's the swimming gala?
It's on the eleventh of September.

3 What's your favourite school event?

Open Day is my favourite school event because we can talk to guests.
When's Open Day?
It's on the thirtieth of January.

Your turn

Talk about your favourite school event with your friend.

What's your favourite school event?

English Day is my favourite school event because we can perform English dramas. It's on the third of February.

We can also say *My favourite school event is English Day.*



Listening & Speaking

A The children are talking about some special days. Listen to the conversations and choose the correct answers.



Listen for dates

13th thirteenth

30th thirtieth



1 What date is it today?

A. 1st May

B. 3rd May

C. 5th May

2 When is Mum's birthday?

A. 12th June

B. 20th June

C. 22nd June

3 When is Parents' Day?

A. 3rd March

B. 13th March

C. 30th March

B Act out the conversation. Use today's date.



Person 1: What date is it today?

Person 2: It's the twentieth of September.

Person 1: Is it Monday today?

Person 2: No, it's Tuesday today.



[speaking ppt, speaking video]

Ask about today's date

What date is it today?

What's today's date?

What's the date?

the twentieth of September

20th September / 20/9

Phonics

[phonics video, phonics song]

th

tenth

month

three

thirsty

Extra words: thank, thing, thick, mouth

Listen and say. Can you hear the difference? Then listen and circle the words you hear.

1 **thin** **fin** **2** **three** **free** **3** **death** **deaf** **4** **thirst** **first**

Task

Write about my favourite school event

task ppt

STEP 1

Let's read

Writing skill

Use 5W1H questions to brainstorm ideas

Use **What**, **Where**, **When**, **Who**, **Why** and **How** to brainstorm ideas.



What?

- A What is the event?
- B What do people do at the event?



How?

- H How do people feel at the event?

Where?

- C Where do people do the activities?



Favourite school event

When?

- D When is the event?

Why?

- F Why do we have this event?
- G Why do you like it?

Who?

- E Who is the event for?

Tips

- 1 Use the **simple present tense** in your writing.
- 2 Use the **correct prepositions**, e.g. in May, on 30th June, from 1st July to 3rd July.
- 3 Use **linking words** to link your ideas, e.g. and, too, because, etc.

You don't need to answer all the questions in your writing.



STEP 2 ▶ Let's practise

The following text is taken from p. 15. Which 5W1H questions does the text answer? Write the correct letters in the boxes. You can use one letter more than once.

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2 ^B We don't wear our school uniforms on this day. We wear clothes from different countries. ^C We can take photos at photo booths in the playground.

3 ^B We also try food from different countries. Our teachers and parent helpers make the food. It is always delicious!

4 ^B We also watch folk dances and listen to music. It is fun. ^H Multicultural Day is a happy day for everyone!

mango smoothie sushi Thai pudding
samosas

- A
- G
- D
- B
- C
- B
- B
- H

STEP 3 ▶ Let's write

Write about your favourite school event and present it to the class. You can make a video of it.

My favourite school event is Games Day. This year it is on 6th November.