

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR 2021/22

SEPTEMBER

1. **FIFA World Cup 2022** qualification playoffs, Republic of Ireland Vs Portugal, Wednesday 1st – <https://www.fai.ie/>
2. **FIFA World Cup 2022** qualification playoffs, Republic of Ireland Vs Azerbaijan, Saturday 4th – <https://www.fai.ie/>
3. **All-Ireland Ladies Football Final**, Sunday 5th – <https://www.ladiesgaelic.ie/>
4. **Paralympic Games Closing Ceremony** - Sunday 5th - <https://www.paralympic.org/>
5. **Read A Book Day**, Monday 6th – <https://nationaltoday.com/national-read-book-day/>
6. **FIFA World Cup 2022** qualification playoffs, Republic of Ireland Vs Serbia, Tuesday 7th – <https://www.fai.ie/>
7. **Microsoft Dream Space TV: Season 2** (‘Minecraft: Education Edition’) launch, Monday 6th- <https://www.microsoft.com/dreamspace/>
8. **All-Ireland Men’s Football Final**, Saturday 11th – <https://www.gaa.ie/>
9. **20th Anniversary of 9/11 World Trade Centre Attacks** - Saturday 11th - <https://www.history.com/topics/21st-century/9-11-attacks>
10. **All-Ireland Camogie Finals**, Sunday 12th – <https://www.camogie.ie/>
11. **Bike Week**, Sunday 12th to Saturday 18th – <http://www.bikeweek.ie/>
12. **Roald Dahl Day**, Monday 13th – <https://www.roalddahl.com/>
13. **International Dot Day**, Wednesday 15th – <https://www.internationaldotday.org/welcome>
14. **National Ploughing Championships**, Wednesday 15th – Friday 17th (taking place without exhibition) – <http://www.npa.ie/>
15. **Culture Night**, Friday 17th – <https://culturenight.ie/>
16. **FIFA Women's World Cup 2023** qualification playoffs, Republic of Ireland Vs Georgia, Friday 17th – <https://www.fai.ie/>
17. **International ‘Talk Like A Pirate’ Day**, Sunday 19th – https://www.ducksters.com/holidays/talk_like_a_pirate_day.php
18. **International Day of Peace**, Tuesday 21st – <http://www.internationaldayofpeace.org/>
19. **Autumn Equinox**, Wednesday 22nd – <http://www.timeanddate.com/calendar/seasons.html>
20. **European School Sports Day**, Friday 24th – <https://www.essd.eu/>
21. **European Day of Languages**, Sunday 26th – <http://edl.ecml.at>
22. **Dream Space TV** episode 1, ‘Dream Home Challenge’, Thursday 30 September - <https://aka.ms/DreamSpaceTVMEE>

OCTOBER

1. **FÉILTE 2020** (taking place online) Saturday 2nd – <https://www.teachingcouncil.ie/website/en/feilte/feilte-2021/>
2. **World Animal Day**, Monday 4th – <http://www.worldanimalday.org.uk/>
3. **World Space Week**, Monday 4th – Sunday 10th – <http://www.worldspaceweek.org/> ; <http://spaceweek.ie/>
4. **Fire Safety Week** – no definite dates but probably Monday 4th – Monday 11th – <http://firesafetyweek.ie/>
5. **Blue Star Programme**, registration closes Tuesday 5th – <http://www.bluestarprogramme.ie/>
6. **World Teachers’ Day**, Tuesday 5th – <https://en.unesco.org/commemorations/worldteachersday>
7. **Dream Space TV** episode 2, ‘Mars Rover Challenge’ (coinciding with World Space Week), Thursday 7th - <https://aka.ms/DreamSpaceTVMEE>
8. **FIFA World Cup 2022** qualification playoffs, Republic of Ireland Vs Azerbaijan, Saturday 9 – <https://www.fai.ie/>
9. **EU Code Week**, Saturday 9th – Sunday 24th – <https://codeweek.eu/>
10. **World Homeless Day**, Sunday 10th – <http://www.worldhomelessday.org/> (also Focus Ireland Resources)
11. **Dream Space TV** episode 3, ‘Desert Island Challenge’ (Coinciding with Maths Week), Thursday 14th- <https://aka.ms/DreamSpaceTVMEE>
12. **Maths Week**, Saturday 16th – Sunday 24th – <http://www.mathsweek.ie/>
13. **Climate Action Week**, Monday 11th – Sunday 17th – <https://greenschoolsireland.org/>
14. **Global Handwashing Day**, Friday 15th – <https://globalhandwashing.org/>
15. **World Food Day**, Saturday 16th – <http://www.fao.org/world-food-day/home/en/>
16. **International Day for the Eradication of Poverty**, Sunday 17th – <https://www.17october.ie/>
17. **FIFA Women's World Cup 2023** qualification playoffs, Republic of Ireland Vs Sweden, Thursday 21st – <https://www.fai.ie/>
18. **Dream Space TV** episode 4, ‘Lessons in Good Trouble’ (coinciding with UN International Day of Preventing Poverty), Thursday 21st - <https://aka.ms/DreamSpaceTVMEE>
19. **FIFA Women's World Cup 2023** qualification playoffs, Republic of Ireland Vs Finland, Tuesday 26th – <https://www.fai.ie/>
20. **Clocks go back** an hour (2am to 1am), Sunday 31st
21. **Hallowe’en**, Sunday 31st October

NOVEMBER

1. **Outdoor Classroom Day, Autumn edition**, Thursday 4th – <https://outdoorclassroomday.com/>
2. **Dream Space TV** episode 5, ‘Coding Challenge’ (coinciding with Science Week), Thursday 4th - <https://aka.ms/DreamSpaceTVMEE>
3. **Literacy Association of Ireland Annual Conference** – Marino Institute of Education, Friday 12th and Saturday 13th – <https://www.literacyireland.com/>

4. **International Tongue Twister Day**, Monday 8th – try these Tongue Twisters [HERE](#) and [HERE](#)
5. **Science Week**, Sunday 7th – Sunday 14th – <http://www.scienceweek.ie/>
6. **Origami Day**, Thursday 11th – <http://www.origami-instructions.com/>
7. **World Fisheries Day**, Sunday 21st – http://www.gdrc.org/doyourbit/21_11-fisheries-day.html
8. **Library Week Ireland**, dates TBC but usually end of November / beginning of December – <http://www.libraryirelandweek.ie/>
9. **Thanksgiving (USA)**, Thursday 25th November - <https://www.officeholidays.com/holidays/usa/thanksgiving>
10. **Green Flag Award**, application deadline (for those applying for their first flag TBC), usually towards the end of November – <https://greenschoolsireland.org/green-schools-2019-2020/>
11. **Advent**, Sunday 28th November – Friday 24th December

DECEMBER

1. **Birthday of Walt Disney**, Sunday 5th
2. **100th Anniversary of the Anglo-Irish Treaty**, Monday 6 December - <https://www.decadeofcentenaries.com/about/>
3. **Winter Solstice**, Tuesday 21 – <https://www.timeanddate.com/calendar/seasons.html>
4. **Christmas Day**, Saturday 25 – Christmas resources available from <https://nollaigshona.ie/>
5. **New Year's Eve**, Friday 31 December

JANUARY

1. **New Year's Day**, Saturday 1st
2. **World Braille Day**, Tuesday 4th – <https://www.daysoftheyear.com/days/world-braille-day/>
3. **Nollaig na mBan** (The Epiphany/Little Christmas), Thursday 6th – [Powerpoint on Nollaig na mBan](#)
4. **Martin Luther King Jr. Day**, Monday 17th – https://www.calendardate.com/martin_luther_king_day_2021.htm
5. **International Share a Compliment Day**, Monday 24th – <https://www.timeanddate.com/holidays/fun/compliment-day>
6. **Catholic Schools Week** (TBC), Sunday 23rd – Sunday 30th January – <https://www.catholicbishops.ie/catholicschoolsweek/>
7. **Australia Day**, Wednesday 26th - <https://publicholidays.com.au/australia-day/>
8. **Backwards Day**, Monday 31st – <https://www.daysoftheyear.com/days/backward-day/>
9. **Storytelling Week** (UK), Sunday 30th – Sunday 6th February – <https://www.sfs.org.uk/national-storytelling-week>

FEBRUARY

1. **Lá Fhéile Bríde**, Tuesday 1st – [St. Brigid's Cloak PPT](#)
2. **Chinese New Year** (Year of the Tiger), Tuesday 1st – <https://www.dublinchinesenewyear.com/>
3. **Winter Olympics**, Beijing, China, Friday 4th – Sunday 20th - <https://www.beijing2022.cn/en/>
4. **Microsoft Dream Space 'Ireland's Future is MINE'** closing date, Friday 4th - <https://aka.ms/IFIMCompetition>
5. Ireland's first game in the **2021 RBS Six Nations** (against Wales in Dublin), Saturday 5th – <https://www.sixnationsrugby.com/>
6. **Safer Internet Day**, Tuesday 8th – <https://www.saferinternetday.ie/>
7. **Valentine's Day**, Monday 14th
8. **Green Schools Exhibition**, RDS Dublin, if taking place, usually on a Thursday in late February – <https://greenschoolsireland.org/>
9. **Texaco Art Competition**, dates TBC, but deadline for entries is usually end of February – <https://www.texacochildrensart.com/>
10. **Computers in Education Society of Ireland (CESI) Annual Conference**, Saturday 5th – <http://www.cesi.ie/>
11. **Rare Disease Day**, Monday 28th – <https://www.rarediseaseday.org/>

MARCH

1. **Pancake Day/Shrove Tuesday**, Tuesday 1st
2. **World Compliment Day**, Monday 1 March – <https://www.timeanddate.com/holidays/fun/world-compliment-day>
3. **Ash Wednesday**, Wednesday 2nd
4. **Seachtain na Gaeilge**, Máirt 1ú – Déardaoin 17ú Márta – <https://snag.ie/>
5. **RDS/ESB "Science Blast" Primary Science Fair**, RDS Dublin, dates tbc, but was scheduled for first week of March last year – <https://esb.ie/acting-responsibly/generation-tomorrow/esb-science-blast>
6. **World Book Day Ireland**, Thursday 3rd – <https://www.worldbookday.com/>
7. **Winter Paralympic Games**, Beijing, China, Friday 4th – Sunday 13th - <https://www.beijing2022.cn/en/>
8. **Engineer's Week**, Saturday 5th – Friday 11th – <https://www.engineersireland.ie/Schools/Engineers-Week/About-Engineers-Week>
9. **International Women's Day**, Tuesday 8th – <https://www.internationalwomensday.com/>
10. **St Patrick's Day**, Wednesday 17th
11. **Green Schools Water Poster Competition 2022**, dates tbc, but deadline for entries is usually late March – <https://greenschoolsireland.org/>
12. **Tech Week Ireland**, Saturday 19th – Friday 25th – <https://www.techweek.ie/>
13. **Spring Equinox**, Sunday 20th – <https://www.timeanddate.com/calendar/seasons.html>
14. **National Tree Week** (tbc), Saturday 20 – Saturday 27 March – <http://www.treeday.ie/>

15. **Nowruz Day** (Middle Eastern new year/spring holiday), Sunday 20th – <https://www.un.org/en/observances/international-nowruz-day>
16. **National Tree Week** (tbc), Sunday 20th - Saturday 26th - <http://www.treeday.ie/>
17. **World Poetry Day**, Monday 21st – <https://www.un.org/en/events/poetryday/>
18. **World Water Day**, Tuesday 22nd – <https://www.unwater.org/>
19. **World Meteorological Day**, Wednesday 23rd – <https://public.wmo.int/en/resources/world-meteorological-day>; <https://www.met.ie/>
20. **Green Flag Award** (application deadline (for those applying for their second and subsequent flag, tbc), Friday 26 March – <https://greenschoolsireland.org/green-schools-2019-2020/>
21. **Mothers' Day**, Sunday 27th
22. **Clocks go forward** (1am to 2am), Sunday 27th
23. **Green Flag Award** (application deadline (for those applying for their second and subsequent flag, tbc), usually the last Friday in March - <https://greenschoolsireland.org/>

APRIL

1. **April Fool's Day**, Friday 1st
2. **World Autism Awareness Day**, Saturday 2nd – <https://autism.ie/>; <https://asiam.ie/>
3. **Holy Week**, Sunday 10 - Saturday 16 April
4. **Easter Sunday**, Sunday 17 April
5. **Earth Day**, Friday 22nd – <https://www.earthday.org/>
6. **Shakespeare Day**, Saturday 23rd – <https://www.timeanddate.com/holidays/uk/shakespeare-day>
7. **International Jazz Day**, Saturday 30 April – <https://jazzday.com/>

MAY

1. **International Family Equality Day** - Sunday 1st - <https://www.familyequality.org/international-family-equality-day/>
2. **Different Families Same Love** - INTO Competition - dates TBC but usually first two weeks in May
3. **Eid** – Monday 2nd/Tuesday 3rd – <https://hamariweb.com/islam/eid-ul-fitr-in-ireland.aspx>
4. **Europe Day**, Monday 9th – https://ec.europa.eu/ireland/events/europe-day_en
5. **National 'Walk to School' week**, dates tbc, usually second/third week of May – <https://www.greenschoolsireland.org/>
6. **RDS/ESB "Science Blast" Primary Science Fair**, Limerick, dates tbc, but was scheduled for third week of May last year – <https://www.esbscienceblast.com/>
7. **National Space Day** – Friday May 6th – <https://nationaldaycalendar.com/national-space-day-first-friday-in-may/>
8. **International Day of Families** – Saturday May 15 – <https://nationaltoday.com/international-day-families/>
9. **Outdoor Classroom Day** (Summer edition) Thursday 19th – <https://outdoorclassroomday.com/>
10. **World Bee Day** – May 20th – <https://www.worldbeeday.org/en/>

11. **Water Safety Week**, various awareness weeks organised on a regional basis in summer months – <https://www.iws.ie/>

JUNE

1. **World Environment Day**, Sunday 5th – <https://worldenvironmentday.global/>
2. **RDS/ESB “Science Blast” Primary Science Fair**, Belfast, dates tbc, but was scheduled for first week of June last year – <https://www.esbscienceblast.com/>
3. **World Oceans Day**, Wednesday 8th – <https://worldoceansday.org/>
4. **Fathers’ Day**, Sunday 19th
5. **International Music Day**, Tuesday 21st – <https://www.makemusicday.org/>
6. **Summer Solstice**, Tuesday 21st – <https://www.timeanddate.com/calendar/seasons.html>
7. **100th anniversary of ‘official’ start of Irish Civil War**, Monday 27 June - https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Irish_Civil_War
8. **FÍS Film Festival**, dates tbc, but deadline for submission is usually the end of June - <https://www.fisfilmproject.ie/>

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