

# St Margaret's C of E Green Team Newsletter

*Dear Children and families,*

*This year, the Spring Equinox or the 1st day of spring falls on 20th March. In cultures all around the world, people have always celebrated the beginning of spring with many festivals and traditions that are connected with nature and Mother Earth.*

*If you celebrate any of these festivals or any other spring festivals, send us pictures and tell us how you celebrate them?*

*How are celebrations different this year because of the coronavirus pandemic?*

## UN Sustainable Development Goal



Goal 4: acquire knowledge and skills needed to promote sustainable development, global citizenship...and of culture's contribution to sustainable development.

### How our children celebrated Mother's Day and Mother Earth last weekend.

Thank you Hetty in Reception for sending us a video about what you got up to. I hope your mummy enjoyed her spa treatment and flowers.

Maariya and Roxie (Yr 2)- beautiful cards

Lara B's(Yr 3) home-made origami card



Ayet's( Yr 3) paper bouquet and card.

### Egg rolling-Scotland



On Easter Sunday, many Scottish families participate in an egg rolling contest. After they're boiled and painted, the decorated eggs are taken to the park where they are rolled down a hill. The person whose egg rolls the farthest distance without breaking is the winner of the contest.



### Holi- India

**Holi celebrates** the arrival of spring, the end of winter, the blossoming of love, and for many it's a festive day to meet others, play and laugh, forget and forgive, and repair broken relationships. The festival also **celebrates** the beginning of a good spring harvest season.

**People celebrate by throwing colours and water over each other and eating special foods.**

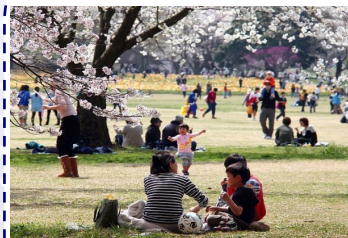
### Nowruz- Iran



**People celebrate by enjoying a meal with their loved ones and children get presents.**

The ancient feast of Nowruz was first celebrated by what may be the oldest religion, Zoroastrianism. Spring Equinox, when day balances night, is a celebration for many people in Iran and across western Asia, for whom the festival marks the start of the New Year.

### Hanami-Japan



**Families eat, drink, sing and dance under the blossoms.**

Every year, in Spring, people in Japan travel to see the famous Cherry tree blossoms to have picnics under the blooming trees.

In many parks, paper lanterns are hung from the trees and people gather with their family and friends to watch the blossoms.