

International Day of Peace 2020


21st September



What Is Peace?


Peace is a word that gets used a lot.

Parents might say...



Give me a few minutes peace!

Teachers might say...



Let's have five minutes of peace and quiet!

So what is 'peace'?
Think for a moment about what you think peace is.

Peace Is...

One definition of peace is: freedom from disturbance; a time of tranquillity when you are not disturbed by anyone or anything.



Peace is also a state or period in which there is no war or a war has ended.

The United Nations

The United Nations organisation was formed after the Second World War ended.

The world was in a mess. Neighbouring countries could no longer trust one another and there was no peace.

In 1945, representatives from 51 countries met in San Francisco, USA. The representatives signed an important document with four very important agreements within it.



The UN Agreements

The representatives from the 51 countries were promising the following:

To maintain international peace and security.

To develop friendly relations among nations based on respect for equal rights.

To achieve international co-operation in solving international problems.

To be a centre for harmonising the actions of nations in the attainment of these goals.

Basically, they were all agreeing to seek and maintain peace around the world.

The International Day of Peace

This special day was agreed upon in 1981 by the United Nations General Assembly with the first official International Day of Peace happening on the 21st of September 1982.

The purpose of International Day of Peace is to:

‘provide a globally-shared date for all humanity to commit to peace above all differences and to contribute to building a culture of peace.’

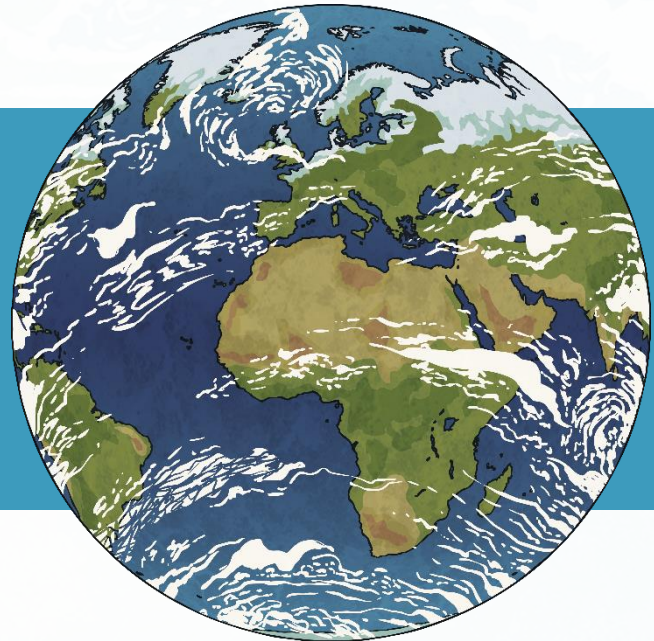


The 2020 Theme

The theme of this year's day of peace is:

Shaping Peace Together

This year, we have had a common enemy - a tireless virus - COVID-19. It has shown us that what happens in one part of the planet can have an impact on people all over the world.



Shaping Peace Together

This virus has threatened our health, security and way of life as we know it. It's important that we all stand together and fight against the worst public health crisis of our time.

We Can Dream Together

With physical distancing playing a huge role in our everyday lives, this International Day of Peace invites everyone to share thoughts on how to heal our planet and change it for the better, together.



Our Responsibility

We can help by spreading kindness, compassion and hope throughout the pandemic and win the new fight.

We can social distance wherever possible.

We can wear masks to prevent spreading the virus.

We can wash our hands often.



By combating the pandemic, we can hopefully have a positive impact on the world and bring about peace and stability around the world.

Let's Create a Culture of Peace



