

Thinking Day Challenge



A time for friendship, a time to care, a time for people everywhere!

World Thinking Day has traditionally been celebrated by Girl Guides and Girl Scouts around the world on 22nd February each year. The birthday of the founders Lord and Lady Baden-Powell it provides an opportunity to think about our brothers and sisters around the world, nurture international friendships and come together as one people.

Proceeds from this badge go towards helping Scouts and Guides from across the UK take part in lots of adventures via The Pawprint Trust. Thank you for your support!

Suggested challenges for different age groups:

3-5 Years : Complete a minimum of 3 challenges from different sections.

5-7 Years : Complete 1 challenge from each of the 4 sections.

7-11 Years : Complete 1 challenge from each of the 4 sections + 1 more of your choice.

11-14 Years : Complete 1 challenge from each of the 4 sections + 2 more of your choice.

14-18 Years : Complete 1 challenge from each of the 4 sections + 3 more of your choice.

18+ Years : Award yourself a badge for assisting young people in achieving their challenges.

For even more programme ideas check out our 'World Thinking Day' board over on
www.Pinterest.com/PawprintBadges

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www.PawprintBadges.co.uk

Craft

-  Create your own passport and collect stamps for completing activities from different countries/cultures.
-  Have a go at god's eye weaving, a traditional craft from Mexico.
-  Make your own friendship stick.

What?

A friendship stick can be made from a wooden dolly peg or small stick. Divide your stick in to 10 bands. Each band should be coloured as follows (from the top): blue to represent the sky, a face (all on the second band) consisting of one blue eye for life, a black eye for death and a red smile for joy, a green band for purity, the next five bands (yellow, red, brown, white, and black) are all of equal size - as all people are created equal, another red band signifies hope and finally a brown band at the bottom represents the earth.

-  Cut a circle of paper people all holding hands and decorate each one with a different traditional costume from around the world.
-  Find out about famous landmarks from around the world and build one with newspaper or craft straws.
-  Make a candle.

Why?

It is traditional for members and ex-members of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts to light a candle and put it in their window on the night of 22nd February to show solidarity. "This little guiding light of mine, I'm going to let it shine."

-  Weave or plait a friendship bracelet to give to a stranger or friend.
-  Make a paper-mache globe.
-  Design a henna pattern, traditional in India.
-  Create a boomerang and decorate with traditional Aboriginal designs.
-  Make a set of worry dolls from Guatemala and find out about their origins.
-  Learn to do a friendship knot and make one to give to a friend.



Food

-  Bake a tear and share bread or sweet buns to share with friends.
-  Make a world map pancake.

How?

Use an old sauce bottle or a jug to drizzle and draw with your pancake batter in a pre-heated pan. Build your design up in layers to create a world map.

-  Host a 'Jacobs table' where each person brings a different dish and sample foods from around the world.
-  Read the *Stone Soup* story and then make your own friendship soup.
-  Bake an Amish Friendship Bread loaf using a starter mix. Grow your starter mix and share it with friends...like a chain mail letter but bread style!
-  Find out where your food/ingredients come from and find the countries on the map. Can you make a meal with local ingredients?
-  It is traditional for Girl Scouts to sell cookies. Hold a bake sale or bake and sell a selection of biscuits.
-  Make a meal to share with your group/family.
-  World Thinking Day is an opportunity to highlight global issues. Find out about an issue affecting global food production, such as palm oil, and raise awareness or present your findings in an interesting way.
-  Hunger is the leading cause of death across the world. Do something to help the hungry by either supporting your local food bank or helping out in a local soup kitchen.
-  Find a traditional dish sweet/savoury from around the world and have a go at making it.
-  No cook! Make edible Mexican sombreros by adding a marshmallow or tea cake to the top of a biscuit and decorating with icing and sprinkles.
-  Find out about Fairtrade and the life of farmers around the world. Take part in Fairtrade fortnight which usually takes place at the end of February.



Games

-  Play a game of pairs with flags and their countries.
-  Have a game of World Thinking Day Bingo with different country names.
-  In Vietnam children play marbles. Learn how and have a game yourself.
-  Mahjong is a traditional Chinese tile game. Find out how to play it and have a go. Why not create your own set of Mahjong tiles too?
-  The Olympics is all about bringing together the countries of the world. Host your own mini Olympics.
-  In the Philippines children play Tinikling which is like French skipping but with bamboo poles. Have a go at this or learn French skipping.
-  Make a friendship web.

How?

Standing in a circle, one person holds a ball of string or yarn. You can sing the friendship song (to the tune of 'Good Evening Friend Brownie') or alternatively just call out names. The friendship song goes, "All people are welcome, in this group you are welcome, I'll make you welcome and's my friend!" at that point the person holding the string keeps hold of the end and throws the ball to the person they named. Repeat the song and again the person with the yarn keeps hold of the yarn and throws the ball. The end result is a web of yarn forming your friendship web.

-  In Malaysia children play rock, paper, scissors with bird, rock, water. Bird is hand to nose in a beak shape, rock is as normal and water is palm of your hand. Simultaneously say, "wan, tu, som" and reveal. Rock hits bird, bird drinks water and water sinks rock. Have a game.
-  Play a game of Frog Friendship from Zambia. In pairs crouch down in to a frog position, facing each other. Place the palms of your hands together and simultaneously jump. The aim is to travel from one side of the space to the other without breaking hands.
-  Find a game from another country and play it with friends.
-  Create your own Thinking Day inspired game.



Other

-  Exchange letters with someone of the same age in another country.
-  Find out about the history of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts around the world.
-  Learn to tie a friendship knot.
-  Read the story of *Stone Soup* and have a go at vegetable printing.
-  Learn how to say hello, goodbye and thank you in different languages.
-  Sing a song from another country.
-  Find out about and raise awareness of one of the Sustainable Development Goals. (<http://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/>)
-  What is life like for a child in a country different to your own? How is it similar? How is it different? What could we do to help narrow the gap?
-  It is traditional for Girl Guides and Girl Scouts to collect pennies and shine them as part of their Thinking Day celebrations to donate to the World Thinking Day Fund. Have a go at shining some pennies using brown sauce or fizzy pop. What makes them change colour?
-  Research what life and culture is like in another country. Why not make a traditional craft and cook a traditional dish and tick off 3 of your challenges in one go?
-  Take part in a big community project such as a litter pick or art project. Thinking about others doesn't just mean those on the other side of the world. The world is one community but our local community is just as important!
-  Create a friendship wreath of hand prints.
-  Plant some seeds and give the plants to members of your local community as a Random Act of Kindness.
-  Dress up in traditional dress from another country.
-  Tag us in your adventures while working on your World Thinking Day challenge badge. Share your photos with us @PawprintBadges using the hashtag #AdventureForAll.

