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# Culture Page Martisor

# The ancient tradition that involves wearing red and white charms to ward off evil.

In March, Romanian people celebrate Martisor; its name is a derivative of March (Martie in Romanian). This is an 8000year-old tradition (according to archaeological investigation) that has traces of Roman origins yet is most likely an old Dacian tradition. It is celebrated by wearing jewellery that incorporates the red-and-white thread, or by hanging up charms made of white and red cotton.

People first started wearing them as painted pebbles along with red-and-white thread. Some people even hang up mărțișori on their doors. While it is mainly a Romanian and Moldovian tradition, some similar holidays happen in Albania, Bulgaria and Italy. It first started off with black and white, representing the unity of opposites: light and darkness, summer and winter, cold and warmth, life and death. It was believed to have magical properties and to provide good luck, strength and health.



In Ancient Rome, New years was celebrated on March 1<sup>st</sup>, and March (martius) was named after Mars (Ares) the god of war. It celebrates the revival of nature, which happens in spring, and protects against evil spirits. The red threads represent vitality and life, while the white thread is associated with victory and snow.

Baba Dochia is a significant part of this holiday, as she is identified with the arrival of Spring, along with her nine coats. Legend says that when she believed Spring arrived, she would climb up the mountain shedding her nine coats one by one. If she did this while on the ground, then it determined how many layers of snow would lay upon the ground. The higher she advanced up, the warmer the ground below would get. But, once she shed her last coat, the weather suddenly turned dreadful, and Baba Dochia and her flock froze together on the mountain.

The myth associates the nine coats she has, with the first nine days of March. Women usually choose one of those days, and depending on what the weather for that certain day is, then that would determine what their year would be like. If it was cold and dark, then that's what their year will be like. If it was nice and warm, their year will be exactly like that.

By Mara Oprea Nastase

## **World News**

#### **Embracing Equity** Celebrating Women throughout History.

For International Women's Day (Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> March) the theme was *Embrace Equity.* International Women's Day was thought of in 1909 by the Socialist Party of America, after 15,000 women marched through the streets of New York in 1908. They protested to receive better pay, shorter working hours, and the right to vote.

Clara Zetkin, a socialist activist who advocated for women's rights, first proposed the idea of an international day. She put in her idea at an International Conference of Working Women, at Copenhagen. Yet, the date was never certain. The first ever international women's day were celebrated in Austria, Denmark, Germany, and Switzerland. It was not properly formalised until 1917, when Russian women demanded 'bread and peace' while on strike. It was not until the fourth day of the strike, when the Tsar was forced to abdicate, and women were granted the right to vote by the provisional government. The strike began on March 8<sup>th</sup>, which is why International Women's Day is on that date.

International Women's Day is a date in which women can celebrate how far they have come in society and politics. As the political roots of it are still acknowledged, strikes and protests happen to raise further awareness on inequalities that women are still experiencing in the present.

The theme for 2022 were Break the Bias, which is the thought of a bias free world, without stereotypes an and discrimination. For 2021 the theme was Choose to challenge, recognise the necessity of speaking out about gender bias and inequality. For this apparent theme, women around the world battled economic, political, and social fallout that happened because of the Covid-19 breakout. In 2020, Each for Equal was the theme, and it was made to recognise the actions we can take to challenge stereotypes and celebrate women's achievements.



By Mara Oprea Nastase

# **This Term at Glebe**

#### World Book Day Our first ever celebration of World Book Day at Glebe.



World Book Day took place on the 2<sup>nd</sup> March, all the staff members dressed up as book character and it was awesome seeing how much effort they put into making their costumes. As part of our , World Book Day celebrations, we introduced a book vending machine! Learners can compete to win tokens to buy books from the vending machine.

On World Book Day, reading all over the world is celebrated and each child and adult will spend time with one another reading to each other as family or friends.

By Kerubina Clarke

Now that you know the basics of World Book Day, here are some key facts about the day: the first day that World Book Day was celebrated was on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of April 1995; 100 other countries celebrate this special day and only the U.K and Ireland celebrate World Book Day in March.



### **Doggy Takes Care**

#### Paddy, our resident therapy dog visits again.

Paddy (our new therapy dog) visited Glebe Farm again this term. Paddy is a 7 year old, red toy poodle and is working hard to complete his training as a therapy dog.



He met Mr Shotton in his office and lots of excited students, including Noah and Sam(pictured). He first arrived and on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of March to great excitement amongst staff and students.





Paddy has three levels to complete as part of his therapy dog training and when it is complete, he will get his own coat with his name on.

Eventually, students can have one to ones with him, feed and walk him. They can also have activities to improve their wellbeing. Mr O'Grady has had him since he was 12 weeks old and told the Glebe Gazette, 'He is very calm at home and not possessive over food or anything else. Although on walks he pulls a lot but only because he is excited and loves his ball. He loves a tummy rub and chasing birds but hates baths. Paddy is quite sensitive with food but loves wet food and dry food as a mixture.'

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# **Comic Relief - It's Not a Laughing Matter**

#### Glebe Farm learners demonstrate responsibility by raising money for Comic Relief.





Comic Relief is a charity that supports an array of charities, including: Amber Foundation, Age UK, Alzheimer's Society, Mental Health Foundation, Mind, Coram, The Children's Society, Catch22 and Porchlight. Comic Relief was celebrated on the March 19<sup>th</sup> and is an operating British charity, founded in 1985 by the comedy scriptwriter Richard Curtis and comedian Lenny Henry in response to the famine in Ethiopia. Raise money to support people up and down the country in order to keep them healthy and strong. Glebe Farm school raised over  $\pounds$  400 on Red Nose Day. Thank you to everyone for your generosity.

By Maisie Mutchell & Leah Ko



By Vedant & Billy

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