



Lemongrove Nursery

Festivals and Celebrations

January

New Year - 1st

The day that marks the beginning of a new calendar year

Kwanza -

The Afro-American festival. Use to encourage children to talk about their lives.

Read 'The Patchwork Quilt'

Chinese New Year

Chinese New Year, Lunar New Year, or Spring Festival is the most important of the traditional Chinese holidays

Australia Day - 26th

The day commemorates the arrival of the First Fleet at Sydney Cove in 1788, the hoisting of the British flag there and the proclamation of British sovereignty over the eastern seaboard Of New Holland

February

Valentine's Day - 14th

A day to give gifts/cards to loved ones

March

Holi

Holi is a spring religious festival celebrated by Hindus.


It is celebrated by people throwing coloured powder and coloured water at each other. It is also known as the Festival of Colour

St David's Day - 1st

Patron Saint of Wales

World Book Day

To promote reading



Shrove Tuesday
Pancake Day

St Patricks Day - 17th
Patron Saint of Ireland

Red Nose Day
Fundraising Day

April
Mothers Day
A day to honour motherhood

Easter
Christian Holiday

St George's Day - 23rd
Patron Saint of England

May
May Day
May Day is the first Monday of the month - a bank holiday

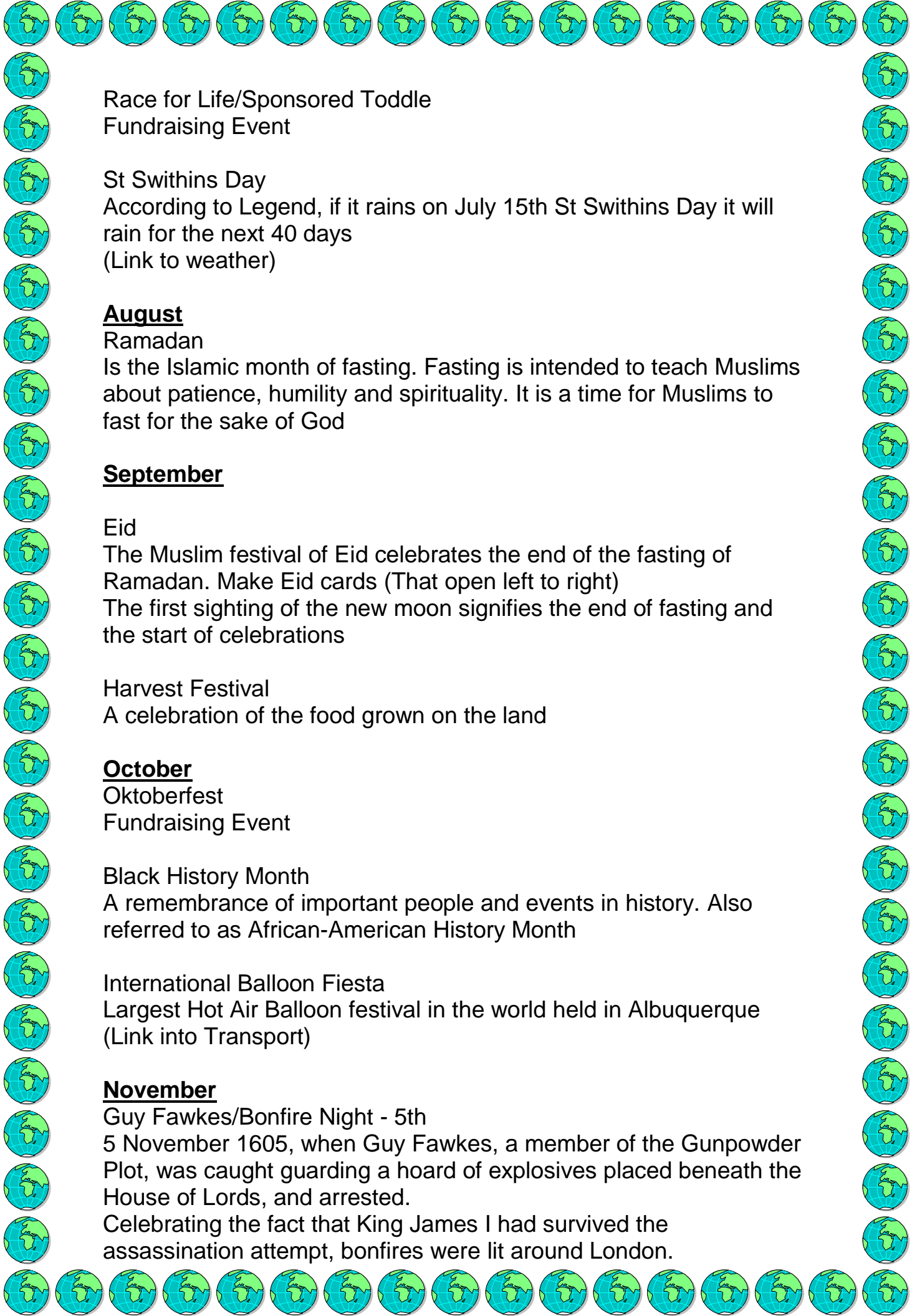
June
World Environment Day
Encourages the care of the world around us
E.g. activities such as litter picking and recycling

Trooping the Colour
Marks the official birthday of Queen Elizabeth 2nd

The Queen's Birthday Parade
'Carrying of the Flag'

Father's Day
A day to honour Fathers

July
Swan Upping - 3rd week of July every year
The Monarch of England owns swans. A census of the swans is done through 5 counties on the River Thames and takes place over 5 days



Race for Life/Sponsored Toddle
Fundraising Event

St Swithins Day

According to Legend, if it rains on July 15th St Swithins Day it will rain for the next 40 days
(Link to weather)

August

Ramadan

Is the Islamic month of fasting. Fasting is intended to teach Muslims about patience, humility and spirituality. It is a time for Muslims to fast for the sake of God

September

Eid

The Muslim festival of Eid celebrates the end of the fasting of Ramadan. Make Eid cards (That open left to right)

The first sighting of the new moon signifies the end of fasting and the start of celebrations

Harvest Festival

A celebration of the food grown on the land

October

Oktoberfest

Fundraising Event

Black History Month

A remembrance of important people and events in history. Also referred to as African-American History Month

International Balloon Fiesta

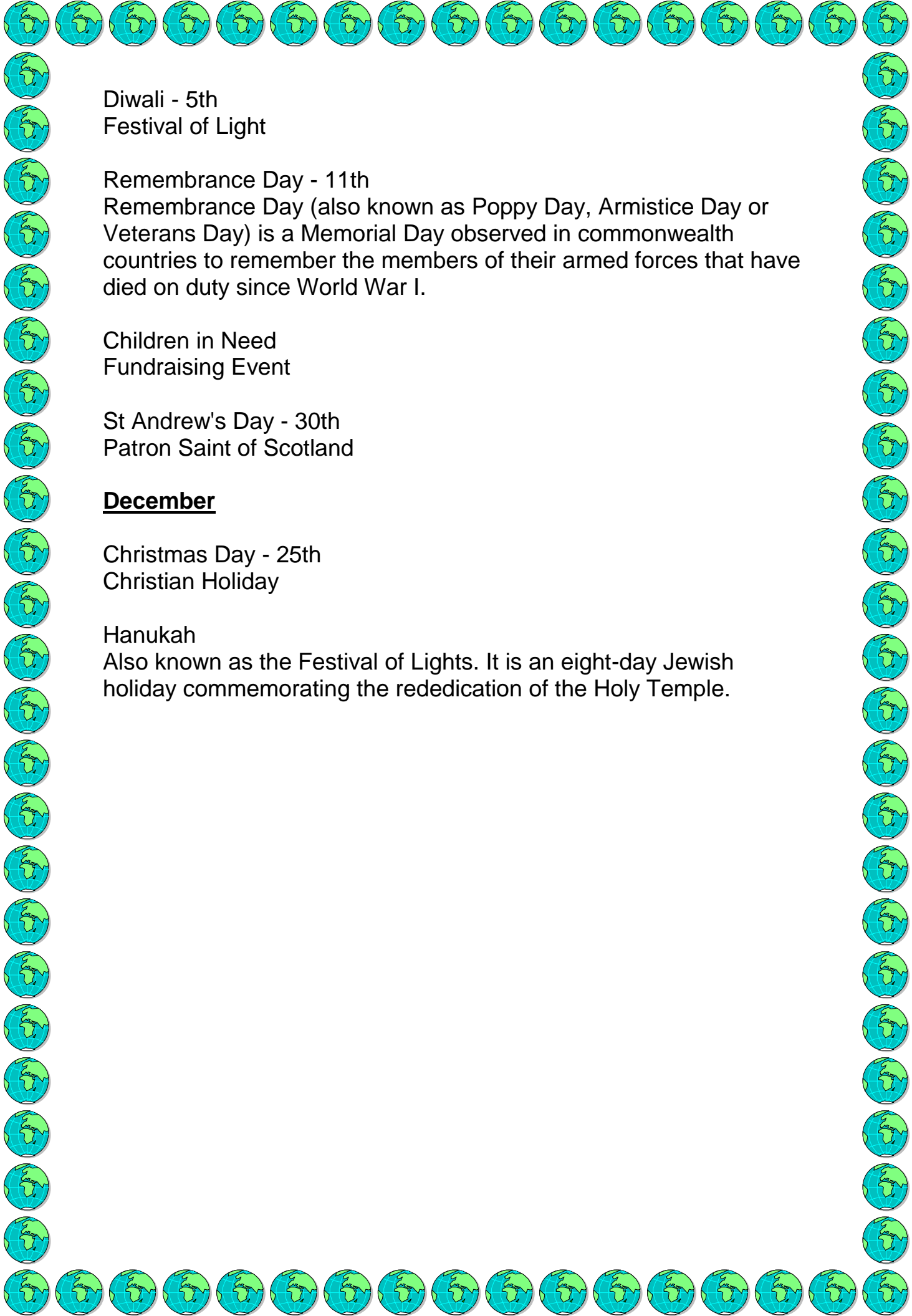
Largest Hot Air Balloon festival in the world held in Albuquerque
(Link into Transport)

November

Guy Fawkes/Bonfire Night - 5th

5 November 1605, when Guy Fawkes, a member of the Gunpowder Plot, was caught guarding a hoard of explosives placed beneath the House of Lords, and arrested.

Celebrating the fact that King James I had survived the assassination attempt, bonfires were lit around London.



Diwali - 5th
Festival of Light

Remembrance Day - 11th
Remembrance Day (also known as Poppy Day, Armistice Day or Veterans Day) is a Memorial Day observed in commonwealth countries to remember the members of their armed forces that have died on duty since World War I.

Children in Need
Fundraising Event

St Andrew's Day - 30th
Patron Saint of Scotland

December

Christmas Day - 25th
Christian Holiday

Hanukkah
Also known as the Festival of Lights. It is an eight-day Jewish holiday commemorating the rededication of the Holy Temple.