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# Halloween by Angelika Lisiecka

Halloween is celebrated on the evening of October 31st. It is mostly celebrated in South America, Canada, Ireland and the United Kingdom. The main symbol of the holiday is hollowed out and illuminated from the centre pumpkin with chipped teeth.

Other popular themes include ghosts, demons, zombies, vampires, witches, skulls, bats and black cats.

Trick-or-treat is a customary celebration for children on Halloween. Children go costume from house to house, asking for treats such as candies or sometimes money.

Apple bobbing is another game on Halloween. In this game you should bite one of the apples floating in the water with your teeth. This apple is supposed to mean happiness in the coming year.

However, Halloween is met with criticism from the Roman Catholic Church, the Episcopal Church, the Lutheran Church and other Protestant Churches.



# Christmas by Dominik Górczyński

Christmas is a holiday in the Christian tradition, commemorating the birth of Jesus Christ, beginning on Christmas Eve, December 24 and lasting two next days (December 25 and 26). Christmas is preceded by a three-week wait, called Advent.

Before dinner, participants share a wafer with their wishes. On the table, according to Polish tradition, should be 12 dishes.

For Christmas, a Christmas tree is decorated with colourful decorations, like bubbles, chains and lamps. Also during this beautiful feast the whole cities are decorated with colourful lights.



# New Year's Eve by Anna Banak

New Year's Eve is one of the largest global celebrations, because it is the last day of the year, December 31st. In other words, it is a feast of farewell to the old year and a welcome of the new one.

The name "Sylwester" in Polish tradition comes from the name of the holy Sylwester I who was the pope in the years 314-335. On this day, every year there is a Thanksgiving Mass in Polish churches. In Poland it is usually a day off.

Generally people on this day are organizing big parties, dancing, drinking champagne and watching fireworks. Many people on this day are establishing New Year's resolutions.

## New Year's Eve in Poland

In Poland New Year's Eve (Sylwester) is usually celebrated at home or outside. People who celebrate this day outside the house usually go, for example: to the mountains, festivals, concerts or meet their family. The most popular cities where people spend New Year's Eve are: Zakopane, Gdańsk, Gdynia, Opole, Cracow, Szczecin and Warsaw.



## SAVOIR VIVRE IN THE EYES OF THE SPEAKER BY NATALIA PRZYBYLSKA

I will present you savoir vivre ... in the article I will mention the definition of 'savoir vivre' and some themes about good behaviour.

'Savoir' derives from French and it means 'art' and 'vivre' means "life", so it is translated as the art of living or art of good manners, habits and behaviour.

I will give some details of savoir vivre:

- Voice - let's control our voice emission. If we address one person or a group of listeners, let us try to be heard only by this person or the group.
- Language - in terms of speech. Let's try to express ourselves in a polite and understandable language.
  - Laughter - it is not advisable to laugh loudly ... it is terribly not mannerly.
  - Vulgarism - categorical not! Let's keep a balance while talking.

### CURIOSITIES :

- Flowers are served with heads up. We hold the left hand down, while the right hand supports the heads.
- After drawing a cigarette, we should immediately take it out from our mouth. On the other hand, smoking is passe nowadays.
- Flowers in odd numbers are valid, but when we have a lot of them, this rule is not actual.
  - If we go for a walk in a fairly large group, it is preferable to go in twos.
    - We always let people through a door.
    - We always go to our chair on the right side.
  - You must not brush your hair in public. It is best to go to the toilet.
  - Chewing gum during the interview is not appropriate, it is considered disrespectful to the recipient.
- If we are going to use a toothpick, do not do it at the table, best is to go to the bathroom.

# Teacher's Day by Oliwia Kołtuniak



National Education Day is also called Teacher's Day. It is a Polish holiday of Education which came into effect on April 27, 1972. The commemorative event of this festival is the creation of the National Education Commission. This day is celebrated on October 14th to emphasize the role of teachers in the quality of education.

Teacher's Day is a special day in which we can celebrate teachers' special achievements. It is an opportunity to reward distinguishing teachers and non-pedagogical staff, because it is a holiday for all people who work in schools. In thanks for their hard work, students usually prepare small snacks and gifts in the form of flowers.

Teacher's Day celebrates most of the countries in the world, including: Albania, Brazil, Spain, India, Mexico, Russia, Turkey, Ukraine and South Korea.

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