

FESTIVALS AROUND THE YEAR

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3 Halloween

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5 St Patrick's Day

6 Independence Day

7 Mother's Day

8 Thanksgiving

9 Easter

10 New Year's Day

11 April Fool's Day

12 New Year's Eve

13 Valentine's Day

14 Father's Day

15 Groundhog Day

16 May Day

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A popular carnival in the USA held in New Orleans during the week before the first day of Lent: _____

The tradition, giving cards and presents to fathers, began in America in the 20th century: _____

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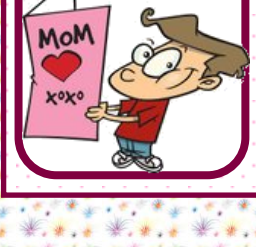
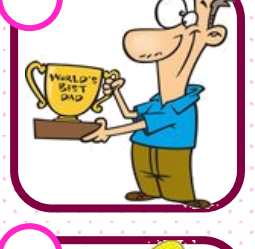
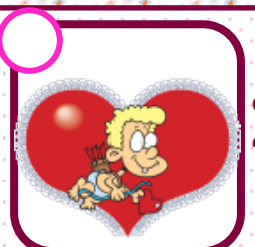
The first day of the new year when people often make resolutions:

The national holiday in Ireland, when people celebrate the national saint of the country traditionally wearing a shamrock: _____

A special day in February, when a small animal comes out of its hole after its winter sleep and sees its own shadow, goes back down its hole, there will be six more weeks of winter: _____

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