

SANT JORDI

The 23rd of April, is one of the most important days in Catalonia because we celebrated “Diada de Sant Jordi”.

According to the legend, there was a terrifying dragon located in the village of Montblanc. The dragon was always hungry, so the people gave him one animal every day to keep it from attacking the village, but one day the dragon ate the last animal.

The king thought to do a raffle with all the people of the village, to choose one person and give it to the dragon. The name of the princess was the first, and when the dragon was about to eat the princess Sant Jordi, the knight, appeared. He killed the dragon, and from its blood a rose bloomed and then, Sant Jordi gave it to the princess.

Nowadays, In Catalonia we celebrate Sant Jordi the 23 of April , with roses and books. Normally the women give a book to the men and the men give a rose to the women.

At school we celebrate it with a contest of poems and stories related to Sant Jordi. If you win the competition the jurors give you a book and a rose. Also, to decorate the stage students make handmade roses and hang banners with the flag of Catalonia.

