

Spring Festivals in Slovakia



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- **Spring is beautiful season, when nature is waking up from winter sleep.**
- **Trees and flowers are blooming in the gardens and in the meadows: dandelions, tulips, daffodils, violets, roses, ...**
- **When the spring is here we always create decorations at our school.**



Fašiangy

- Fašiangy – it is the time between winter and spring season before lent.
- People have fun, eat a lot, organize carnivals in this time.
- Typical cakes are buns and sweets called *šišky*.



Lent, fast

- **The most beautiful period of the year will end sometime in February on one Wednesday and 40 days fasting before Easter starts. All the fun ends.**
- **Therefore, in the past, in the last carnival people used to do symbolic burying of bass.**
- **Its basic motive is a ban / prohibition / of entertainment activities in the next fast.**



Morena

- Morena is straw doll. People say goodbye to winter and welcome spring. It is tradition from the past and today it is kept only in folk clubs.
- Girls and boys carried it to water in March, threw it into the river and say goodbye to winter.
- We reminded this tradition at school this year. Children made Morena and with singing folk song we carried it to the river.



March – the Month of books.

- March is the Month of books in Slovakia
- We read very much, we go to the library, buy books, borrow them, make book covers.



April – the Month of forest

- In April, we talk much about the nature, we go for walks, learn to protect nature, clean streams.
- We take care of the school park, it is very beautiful and we like to play



Easter

- After a long fast, Easter comes.
- It is a Christian holiday, but it is also a spring holiday.
- In Slovakia it is associated with some traditions such as Palm Sunday, egg painting, whips knitting .
- Typical food includes cured ham, sausage,



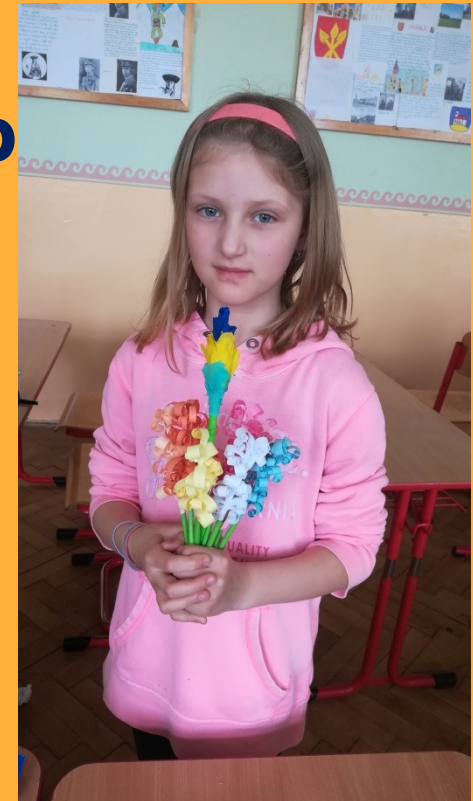
1st May – The Day of Work

- 1st May is a celebration of work for decades.
- People have a day off, they spend this day with family, go on trips, have fun.
- In the past, manifestations were cities.
- On this day also Maywo to be build in villages



Mother's Day

- In May we celebrate one more holiday - Mother's Day. This year it will be on 12 May 2019.
- Children are grateful to mothers for their love and care.
- They make paper or marzipan hearts, give them flowers.



1 June - Children's Day

- 1st June is the day when children should be happy because this day belongs to all children in the world.
- We do not learn at school this day, but we play, go on trips, walk, have a party.
- We get gifts and sweets from parents.



Father's Day

- In June we remember the Father's Day.
- In this year it will be 16 June 2019, when children can say - Thank you - to their fathers for their love and care.



Traditions are the part of our past.

Everyone should know the traditions of own country and if it is possible to hold them and to remember them.

Of course it is good to know traditions of other European countries.

Thank you for interest.

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