

23rd April

## NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY AND CHILDREN'S DAY

Children's day is one of our national holidays. We celebrate it every year on 23rd of April.

Atatürk ,the founder of Turkish Republic opened the Turkish Grand National Assembly on 23rd of April,1920.And he gave this day to the children as a gift.



There were two reasons ;Atatürk was really fond of children and he knew that the children of today would construct the future , so according to him we must give importance to children for the sake of future.



He has a famous saying 'Peace at home ,peace in the world.' After long war years, he wanted the children to live in a peaceful environment. And he wanted it not only for his country but also for the countries all over the world.He loved all children irrespective of the nationalities.

He planned to gather children from different countries on the same day, at the same place in Turkey. He aimed to give them chance to meet new friends, to learn about each other, to play together, to learn about their culture.



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Every year, children in Turkey celebrate Children's Day as a national holiday and also children take seats in the Turkish Parliament and symbolically govern the country for one day.

The Children's Day symbolizes the peace. It is the only day /festival that is dedicated to children by a leader. This day lets people know each other better and break their prejudices.

Unfortunately, this year children celebrate 23rd April at home due to covid-19. Children decorated walls, Windows and balkoons with flags and balloons as they stay at home due to covid-19 pandemic.

The state and schools encourage children to mark the event at home . Public broadcaster TRT opened a website allowing children to send videos of celebrations at home, while several tv stations also joined the initiative.



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