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Enjoy Autumn! 

Welcome back to school! In this new issue of our school magazine you will find information about famous autumn celebrations and about the widely-known symbols associated with this season.

Even if summer is for many the best time to travel, we want to introduce you to some famous tourist destinations in Romania which can be visited in any season of the year.

If you enjoy reading about spectacular buildings, you will be able to find some great pieces

of information about famous megastructures in the world.

Each article is accompanied by very illustrative images so that you can see what the texts are about and of course, search on the Internet for other resources in case you are interested.

Star's Editorial Team



What is Autumn ?

*"Autumn is a second spring
when every leaf is a flower."*

- Albert Camus

Autumn is the time of year
when changes start to happen here.
The days grow short. It's cold outside.
The birds fly south. The squirrels hide.
The leaves fall off of all the trees.
The garden pond begins to freeze.
Another summer's left behind.
It's winter soon, but I don't mind.
For autumn is the time when I
begin to dream of pumpkin pie.

*What are the greatest
holidays in autumn?*

Try to guess them:

1. It is celebrated on the 31st of October.
People cut faces in pumpkins and wear
masks and special costumes.
2. It is celebrated on the fourth
Thursday in November. The families
meet together for a large meal.

They eat turkey and cranberry sauce and
a pumpkin pie for dessert.

This holiday appeared in 1863.

(www.en.wikipedia.com)

*Arrange the words in the lines in the correct
order to read the poem:*

Autumn Leaves

Autumn/ in showers/ fall down/leaves,
Leaves/brown/of/and/and/gold/ red.
They/houses/grass/and/cover/flowers
Like/upon a bed/a quilt.

They/a bright carpet/spread
All/ the street/up/ down/and.
We/upon them/dance/skip/and
With/feet/twinkling/merry/
(By W. Leavell, B. Davis)



IT'S AUTUMN TIME !

Autumn and Fall

AUTUMN is also called FALL.

It is the only season that has two names.

The name FALL may have come from seeing all the leaves fall from the trees.

We typically think of 'fall' as the North American version of the word 'autumn', but it was in fact in widespread usage in England until relatively recently.

Originally a shortening of the phrase fall of the leaf, the phrase was common in England in the 17th century.

The word autumn entered English from the French automne and didn't become common usage until the 18th century.



September
October
November

The leaves start to change color.
They change to red, yellow, and

What is special in each autumn month?

September:

September means it's time again for going off to school.

The days are getting shorter and the nights are getting cool.

October:

October leaves are lovely,

They rustle when I run,

Sometimes I make a heap

And jump in them for fun.

November:

Now the autumn days are gone

Frost is sparkling on the lawn,

Windows winking cheerful lights

Warm the cold November nights.

(www.CanTeach.ca)

The leaves start to *fall* off of the trees. That is why autumn is also called the *fall*.

Interesting facts about Autumn

*According to The Weather Channel, pumpkin by far was the most craved-for food in autumn.

*Autumn begins when the centre of the sun crosses Earth's equator. As Earth continues its path around the sun, days become shorter and nights become longer, with the change most noticeable for those at higher latitudes.

*The word equinox comes from the Latin equi (meaning equal) and nox (meaning night) accounting for the equinox marking the time when day and night are of equal length.

We often notice the nights begin to draw in from this point as after the autumn equinox, the nights are longer than the days, until this is reversed at the spring equinox.

*According to superstition, catching leaves in autumn brings good luck. Every leaf means a lucky month next year.

*A date for your diary

- 24 September 2303

Generally speaking, the autumn equinox always falls on either 22 or 23 September, but not quite always. Because the Gregorian calendar is not quite in perfect symmetry with the Earth's orbit, the autumn equinox will very occasionally fall on September 24. This last happened in 1931 and will next happen in 2303.

* September 22 is the autumnal (fall) equinox. On this date the day and night are each about the same length. The term equinox comes from the Latin for “*equal night*”. There are two equinoxes each year and the other is in March at the start of spring.

September

The name “**September**” comes from an old Roman word, “septem,” which actually means 7. That's right – September was the seventh month of the year on the Roman calendar . (It was the seventh month of the year, before January and February were added to the

beginning of the year.)— It did not become the ninth month until the advent of the Gregorian calendar. September's birthstone is the sapphire.

Interesting Facts About October

- Tourmaline and opal are the official birthstones of October.
- The birth flower of October is the bright orange calendula, also known as the marigold.
- The star sign of everyone born in October is either a Libra or a Scorpio.

The name October comes for the Latin word Octo, meaning eight because this was the eighth month in the early months of the Roman calendar. When the Roman calendar adopted the 12-month calendar, the Gregorian calendar, the name October stuck even though its currently the tenth month of the year.

October is an Autumn (Fall) month in the Northern Hemisphere and a Spring month in the Southern Hemisphere.

In each Hemisphere, it is the seasonal equivalent of April in the other.

Hallowe'en

31 October

Hallowe'en is an old Celtic festival. Witches, monsters, vampires are in the streets.(In fact they are children in masks and costumes.) They visit houses and they say : ' Trick or Treat ? ' People give them fruit, nuts, money or sweets. The jack o' lantern is a Hallowe'en tradition, too.

What is the month of November known for?

November derives from the Latin root novem- meaning “nine,” because in the Roman calendar there were only 10 months in the year, and November was indeed the ninth month.

November is the eleventh month of the year in the Gregorian calendar.

November retained its name when

January and February were added to the Roman calendar.

November is a month of spring in the Southern Hemisphere and autumn in the Northern Hemisphere. Therefore November in the Southern Hemisphere is the seasonal equivalent of May in the Northern Hemisphere and vice versa.

November Symbols

- November birthflower flower of the month: The Chrysanthemum.
- The name for the Moon for November is Beaver Moon, Frosty Moon.
- November Birthstone: Topaz, Citrine or aquamarine. Meaning: Fidelity

THANKSGIVING DAY

Thanksgiving Day is probably the most



truly American of the national holidays in the USA.

On Thanksgiving Day, American people gather together with their family and

friends to share food and to give thanks for the blessing of the past year. In kitchens across the country, people work to prepare such traditional foods of the season as turkey, cranberry sauce and pumpkin pie.

This American holiday has been celebrated since the early days of Pilgrims, who set aside a time of festive thanksgiving in responsible to a plentiful harvest.

Thanksgiving Day is now celebrated on **the fourth Thursday in November.**

The theme of Thanksgiving has always been peace and plenty, health and happiness. To be truly observed, it involves not merely “thanks” but “giving”, too. It is a time for special generosity and helping the less fortunate.



What is Thanksgiving?

It is a holiday. It began in 1621 when Indians and Pilgrims got together for a 3 day feast of food and games

Who were the Pilgrims?

The Pilgrims came from England to North America to start a new life.

They sailed on the Mayflower ship in 1620.

Remember !

Thanksgiving Day is in autumn.

Its on the 4th Thursday in November.

The Pilgrims came to America in 1620.

They sailed on a ship named the Mayflower.

The first Thanksgiving Day was in 1621 with Indians and Pilgrims.

Famous Tourist

Destinations in Romania

A country of captivating stories, unique sites, beautiful scenery and amazing personalities, Romania is a surprising land. From the best-preserved delta in Europe to the largest outdoor museum, the country is brimming with natural, architectural and artistic treasures.

Here are some fascinating facts about Romania.



It boasts the tallest wooden church in Europe. ...

In Peri, a 78-meter (255-feet) church raises majestically to the skies, and is allegedly the tallest wooden church in Europe.

It has the best preserved delta in Europe. ...

The Danube forms a wonderful delta before flowing into the Black Sea. The Danube Delta is home to 23 natural ecosystems, and from April to September is home to more than 300 bird species that come to live on delta's channels and lakes.

The biggest Gothic church is in Romania. ...

The Black Church of Braşov is unparalleled in Eastern Europe, being the biggest Gothic church between Vienna and Istanbul. Partially destroyed by the fire in 1689, the church's walls darkened and so the church got its name. Inside, you can admire a magnificent Bucholz organ and the biggest collection of oriental carpets in Europe.

An underground glacier is hidden here. ...

The Scărişoara Glacier can be found underneath the Bihor Mountains, and is the second largest underground glacier in Europe. With a volume of 75,000 cubic meters, the glacier has been in existence for more than 3,500 years.

There's a whole village displayed in a museum. ...

The Astra Museum of Folk Civilisation is an open-air museum located next to Sibiu, displaying more than 300 traditional houses, watermills, windmills, gigantic presses for wine, fruit and oil, stables and barns, giving visitors the feeling of wandering around a traditional village. The museum is also the second-largest outdoor museum in the world.

The second largest building in the world is in Bucharest...

Topped only by the Pentagon, the **Palace of Parliament** is the second largest administrative building in the world. Built on 12 storeys, the monument has 1,100 rooms. According to Guinness World Records, it is also the heaviest building on the planet.

Romania has its own Mount

Rushmore.....



On Danube's banks, carved in stone is the statue of the former Dacian ruler and ancestor of the Romanians, Decebal.

Sculpted by 12 alpinist-sculptors over a period of 10 years, the statue is 55 meters (180 feet) tall, and is the highest stone sculpture in Europe.

The world's best driving road is in Romania

Top Gear's host declared that the Transfăgărășan Road in Romania is the 'world's best driving road'. Stretching over 90 kilometres, cutting through the Făgăraș Mountains, the Transfăgărășan is filled with hairpin turns.



Some famous megastructures in the world

A megastructure is a very large artificial object, The lower bound of megastructural engineering might be considered any structure that

has any single dimension of 1 megameter (1000 km) in length. Many architects have designed such megastructures. Here are just a few of the most incredible megastructures from around the world.

Manhattan Bridge, New York City



The Manhattan Bridge is a suspension bridge that crosses the East River in New York City. The bridge's total length is 2,089 m.

The Burj Khalifa, the world's tallest building.



The Burj Khalifa has been the tallest structure and building in the world since its

AGORA GARDEN

(TAIPEI, TAIWAN)



topping out in 2009.

Agora Tower is a high-rise luxury residential building in the Xinyi District of Taipei, Taiwan.

The eco-friendly residential tower, the green and twisting tower broke ground for construction in March 2013 and was completed in September 2017.

Empire State Building, New York

Construction of the world-famous Empire State building was completed in just one year and 45 days.



It was declared by the American Society of Civil Engineers to be one of the Seven Wonders of the Modern World and is known around the world as an icon of New York City.

Sydney Opera House, Sydney



Sydney Opera House is widely regarded as one of the greatest architectural works of the 20th century.

The beautiful building comprises three groups of interlocking shells, which roof two main performance halls and a restaurant. A masterpiece of modern architecture, the opera house has become an iconic symbol of both Sydney and the Australian nation.

The Basílica de la Sagrada also known as the Sagrada Família,



is a large unfinished Roman Catholic minor basilica of Barcelona, Catalonia, Spain. Designed by the Spanish architect Antoni Gaudí, his work on the building is part of a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Read us!

You will find interesting things about your school, your town, your country; this is the place for you to express your opinions, to find out interesting facts from all around the world.

Short Fall Jokes

What did the tree say to autumn?

Leaf me alone.

What falls in autumn? *Leaves!*

What is the cutest season? *Awwtumn.*

What's the ratio of a pumpkin's circumference to its diameter? *Pumpkin Pi*

Q: If there are three apples and you took away two, how many do YOU have?

A: *Two, because YOU took two.*



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