

Celebrate Peace Day 2019

An activity of "Funeral for a dead glacier"

Every year, the **International Day of Peace** is celebrated on **21 September**. On this day, there will always be special activities all over the world to celebrate Peace Day. Plan a special way for your class to become a part of this worldwide observation.

This year, the theme is "**Climate Action for Peace**". People who yearn for world peace are seeing clear links between taking care of our planet and being able to cultivate a culture of peace amongst human beings.

1. To warm up for your planning, read "**Funeral for a dead glacier**" (page 7, *What's Up* September 2019). Iceland sees the death of an ancient glacier as a wake-up call for climate action. Likewise, people elsewhere recognise that such climate upheavals have to be addressed if we are to experience true peace. Think about what this means to you.
2. Visit the official website of the UN International Day of Peace at <https://internationaldayofpeace.org/>. Select (click on) "Get Involved" and go to "Children and Youth". Browse through the examples of Peace Day activities there. As Peace Day draws nearer, more activities will be posted.
3. Brainstorm by conducting a whole-class discussion. List all the suggestions related to taking care of your school as a green space as well as growing a culture of peace amongst your friends.

My Peace Day ideas for sharing with my class:

4. As a class, decide which ideas to carry out on Peace Day. One way to do this is to have all students vote. Think about what is doable, meaningful, and fun.
5. Celebrate Peace Day 2019 by carrying out your plans on September 21st. Share what your class did with other *What's Up* readers by writing to letters@whatsup.sg.