** The Subject.**

St Valentine’s Day Around the World

**The Objectives.**

 Practical: **-** to master students’ speaking skills;

- to foster listening skills;

- to provide opportunities for developing learners' communicative skills.

 Developing: - to develop students’ imagination, visual memory;

Upbringing: - to involve students in studying the culture , history and traditions of

 celebrating St. Valentine’s Day in the world.

**Equipment and visual aids.**

 **-** a video-projector ;

 - a tape-recorder.

**Lesson Plan**

**I. Introduction** (3min)

 1. Greeting and aim presentation (1 min)

 2. Warm (2 min)

**II. The main part of the lesson** (36min)

 1. Interesting facts from holiday’s history (3 min)

 2. St Valentine’s Day symbols (4min)

 3. A letter from a friend (4min)

 4. Relaxation period . Funny poems PowerPoint ( 3min)

 5. Thanksgiving Day around the world PowerPoint (10min)

 6. Song "Love is all around you"(5min)

 7. Funny quiz (5min)

 8. St Valentine's Day dance (2min)

**III. The end of the lesson** (1min)

 1. Summing up (1 min)

 **Procedure**

**I. Introduction**

 **1. Greeting and aim presentation**

Teacher. Good afternoon ,dear children and guests! Welcome to our English club “ELF” meeting which is devoted to the celebration of St Valentine’s Day around the world. We’d like you to leave everything that troubles you behind that doors and experience the atmosphere of love, tenderness, friendship and loyalty. I wish all of you good luck and success at the meeting. But your success greatly depends on your ability to be in a good mood, be happy and to say something pleasant toother people. So, let’s give compliments to your friends. ( Students make up the dialogues).

**2. Warm up**

*Dialogue 1*

P1: You look great today!

P2: Thanks a lot. And you look perfect, too.

P1: Thank you.

*Dialogue 2*

P3: You are so charming today!

P4: My sincere thanks. You too.

*Dialogue 3*

P5: You look cute today!

P6: It was so kind of you. And you look excellent!

P5: Very much obliged.

*Dialogue 4*

P7: I like your new red dress. You look awesome!

P8: Really? Thank you.

P7: Do you have any special reasons for wearing it?

P8: Yes,I do. St Valentine’s Day is coming and there is so much love in the air.

T: You are right. Love is in the air. Could you tell me what love is for you?

(Students write their answers on paper hearts and stick them on the board).

**II. The main part of the meeting**

**1. Interesting facts from holiday’s history**

T: Yes, love is very important in each person’s life. That’s why people dedicated a special day to honour this feeling. But, frankly speaking, I don’t know theroots of it. It would be interesting to learn how this festival came into being.Hey, do you remember any legends about this holiday?

**Pupil 1**. Certainly we do. One of the legends told that Valentine was a Christian who

 lived in the third century. The Roman Emperor at that time Claudius the

 Second decided that soldiers must not marry, because married soldiers

 weren’t good ones. Valentine worked for the Church, and one day he helped

 a soldier to get married. The Emperor said that Valentine had to die because

 he did wrong. In prison Valentine started to love the daughter of a man who

 worked in prison. The day he died, he sent a note, he wrote ”Your

 Valentine”.

**Pupil 2**. Another legend told that this same Valentine, well loved by all, wrote notes

 from his jail cell to children and friends who missed him.

**Pupil 3**. There is a beautiful custom in England. On February, 14th, every St.

 Valentine’s Day thousands of people travel to a small village on Scotland’s

 border with England to married. The village is called Gretna Green. Its

 romantic reputation began in 1754. In that time in England marriage for

 people under the age of 21 without parents permission was banned. However

 in Scotland, this permission was not required. Gretna Green was the first

 stop across the border. Many young couples came to Gretna Green to get

 married there.

 Nowadays in this place, at least one couple gets married every day of the

 year. Weddings for St. Valentine’s Day have to be booked for 3 months in

 advance.

**T.** Thank you for the legends. They were worth listening to.

**2. St Valentine’s Day symbols**

T: And now I’d like to know how familiar you are with St Valentine’s Day symbols. For that reason look at the board and try to guess the symbol.

a) PowerPoint Game

b) Multiple Choice Game

**3. A letter from a friend**

T. You know, you were very good at guessing the symbols. So, I believe that you’ll be able to help a Scottish boy whose letter I received yesterday. Nika, read the letter and let us know what the problem is.

T: Well, do you know any St Valentine’s Day poems that might be helpful to Freddy?

(Students present their poems).

**4. Relaxation period . Funny poems PowerPoint**

T. Good job. You know so many poems. I hope that Freddy will use some of them. Listen, do you know that animals, plants and other objects also celebrate St Valentine’s Day. Look.

(PowerPoint “Riddles”).

**5. St Valentine’s Day around the world**

T: That was really funny, wasn’t it? Well, it won’t be a secret if I say that St Valentine’s Day is celebrated all over the world and each country has its own traditions of celebrating it. For example, in France…

P: Sorry for interrupting you, … But we have already prepared some interesting facts about foreign countries. Can we present them?

T: Of course, you can.

P: Thank you. So, each of us pretends that he or she is from a certain country and wants to tell about traditions of celebrating St Valentine’s Day in it.

P1:**China**

The Chinese celebrate Valentine’s Day on February14th, but they also celebrate a special Valentine’sDay on July 7th. This celebration comes from a Chinese fairy tale from along time ago. It is the only night in the year when two stars meet in the skies above. One star represents a shepherd boy and the other is his love, a weaver.

P2: **Japan**

In Japan there are two Valentine’s Days as well. The first is on February 14th and the other is on March 14th. OnFebruary 14th women give chocolates to men. The men don’t have to give anything. On March 14th, which is called ‘WhiteDay’, the men must buy chocolates (or other sweets) for their girlfriends or wives.

P3: **Denmark**

In Denmark, Valentine’s Day is a day for young people. They express their love to each other with cards. Men sometimes send a special card called a “joking card” and they don’t sign their name. They only use dots to show how many letters in their name are. The woman has to guess who the card is from. Instead of roses men send snowdrops to their sweethearts.

**P4:Italy**

In Italy, Valentine’s Day is only celebrated by lovers. Couples go out to dinner at a romantic restaurant and afterwards give gifts of perfume, chocolates, flowers, cards or jewelry.

A popular chocolate for this day is called Baci. It is a chocolate covered hazelnut. It comes with a romantic quote written in four languages.

**P5: France**

In France, lovers send St Valentine’s Day cards to each other. They also visit a monument to St Valentine! It’s a wall where sweethearts write their confessions in all languages; it attracts thousands of tourists.

**P6: Germany**

In Germany, St Valentine is considered to be a patron saint of mentally disabled people. On this day people decorate asylums with red ribbons and a special Mess is served in churches all around Germany.

**P7: Wales**

In Wales, they cut “love spoons” of wood and give them to those they love. Those “love spoons” are decorated with hearts and keyholes. The keyholes mean : “You’ve got the keys to my heart”.

**P8: England**

In England on the eve of St.Valentine’s Day, women used to pin four bay leaves to the corner of their pillow and then eat boiled eggs with salt. They believed they would dream of their future husbands.

**6. Song**

T: Well, thank you for such interesting facts. As I have understood, people aroud the world celebrate this holiday in different ways and present their lovers various things. But there is one more symbol of St Valentine’s Day that you haven’t mentioned yet. That is a St Valentine’s Day song.

(Students listen to the song and complete the task).

**7. Funny quiz**

T: Well done.

P: May I ask our guests to advise us something about love and friendship?

(Guests answer funny questions)

**8. St Valentine’s Day Dance**

**III. The end of the meeting**

1. Summing-up

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