**Рождество рядом**

**Цели мероприятия**: 1. Обобщить лингвострановедческий материал по указанной теме. Углубить и расширить знания по теме.

2. Совершенствовать умения и навыки практического владения английским языком по данной теме по всем видам речевой деятельности: чтению, аудированию, говорению и письму.

3. Повысить интерес к изучению иностранного языка.

**Ход урока**

Teacher: Dear boys and girls! We are very glad to see you at our competition today. There are two teams: the first team and the second team. They will show us their knowledge of the holidays, customs and traditions in the United Kingdom, because our competition is devoted to it. We’ll speak about different holidays in the United Kingdom. You’ll have several tasks. Some of them were prepared by you at home but most of them were not prepared. I hope our competition will be fun. The pupils who show the best knowledge of the holidays in the United Kingdom will be given special prizes. Let’s start our competition and introduce our teams to each other.

Teacher: You are right. It’s a calendar. (На доске огромный календарь с 12 месяцами и названиями известных британских праздников).

1. 1. What public holidays do you know in the United Kingdom?
2. 2. Name holidays of religious origin.
3. 3. What movable holidays do you know in the United Kingdom?
4. 4. What are the names of four national holidays of the countries of the United Kingdom?
5. 5. What is the most popular holiday in the United Kingdom?
6. 6. What is the most popular holiday in Scotland?

Pupils sing a song “Christmas – tree”.

O Christmas – tree, o Christmas – tree,

Your branches green delight us.

O Christmas – tree, o Christmas – tree,

Your branches green delight us.

They’re green when summer days are bright.

They’re green when winter snow is white.

O Christmas – tree, o Christmas – tree,

Your branches green delight us.

Teacher: (asks questions – two questions for each team)

1) Christmas pudding was first made many, many years ago. Now it is the highlight of Christmas dinner. Children often put holly on the pudding. Traditionally a coin is placed into the pudding. Why do the British do it?

Answer: It is a tradition. It brings good luck to a person who finds it.

2) Every English family sends and receives many Christmas cards. What is there traditionally on almost every card?

Answer: Traditionally on almost every Christmas card there is a Robin – a Christian bird.

3) It is an evergreen plant with small white berries. On Christmas Eve there is a bunch of evergreen plant in every house. Under this bunch boys kiss girls. What is the name of this evergreen plant?

Answer: It is Mistletoe. Mistletoe is a symbol of peace and friendship.

4) Father Christmas comes into children’s homes on Christmas Eve. He has a white beard and white and red clothes. He is always merry. He brings presents for children. Where does he come from?

Answer: They say that Father Christmas comes from the North Pole.

Teacher: Thank you, children. Now, let’s listen to the second team.

Teacher: Fill in the missing vowels:

H…ll…w… …n, M…nst…r, w…tch, c…st…m, d…rk, gh…st, sc…r…, d…v…l, g…bl…n, cl…wn, sk…l…t…n, m…sk, h…b…, p…mpk…n.

Give the right answer.

1) Welsh people have their national day on the 1st of May. (March)

2) The day is called Saint Patrick’s Day. (David’s)

3) The saint was known traditionally as “the milkman”. (waterman)

4) Saint David’s emblem is a leek. (a dove)

Teacher: Now, children, match the country, the holiday and the date.

Saint David’s Day England November, 30

Saint Andrew’s Day Wales March, 1

Saint George Day Ireland March, 17

Saint Patrick’s Day Scotland April, 23

Teacher: Let’s play a game “Hunters”

December, 31 New Year’s Eve

February, 14 Saint Valentine’s Day

December, 25 Christmas

December, 26 Boxing Day

January, 1 New Year’s Day

January, 25 Burn’s Night

March, 1 Saint David’s Day

March, 17 Saint Patrick’s Day

April, 1 Fool’s Day

April, 21 Queen’s birthday

April, 23 Saint George’s Day

May, 1 May Day

October, 31 Hallowe’en

November, 5 Guy Fawkes Day

November, 11 Remembrance Day

November, 30 Saint Andrew’s Day

the fourth Sunday in Lent Mother’s day

the day, preceding the first day of Lent Pancake Day

the last Friday before Easter Good Friday

the Monday after Easter Sunday Easter Monday

the last Monday in August Summer Bank Holiday

the last Monday of May Spring Bank Holiday

The Holiday Quiz

1) The most popular holiday in Britain is …

a) Easter

b) Christmas

c) New Year’s Day

2) There are … public holidays in Great Britain.

a) Seven

b) Ten

c) Fifteen

3) The symbol of St. Valentine’s Day is …

a) A rose

b) A “valentine”

c) A daffodil

4) To make a jack-o-lantern is a favourite … custom.

a) Hallowe’en

b) Christmas

c) Easter

5) Saint Valentine’s Day now is a day for …

a) Sweethearts

b) Children

c) Elderly people

6) On New Year’s Day people eat …

a) Pancakes

b) Haggis

c) Boiled eggs

7) Egg – rolling is a traditional … pastime.

a) Easter

b) Christmas

c) Hallowe’en

8) People light fireworks and burn a guy on a bonfire on the …

a) 31st of October

b) 5th of November

c) 14th of February

9) Saint Andrew’s Day is the national day of …

a) England

b) Wales

c) Scotland

10) The emblem of Saint George’s Day is …

a) A red rose

b) A daffodil

c) A dove

Keys: 1-b, 2-a, 3-b, 4-a, 5-a, 6-b, 7-a, 8-b, 9-c, 10-a.