



Primary Lesson Series

Suggested Series of Purple Cake Day Lessons / Activities For Primary Age Children (Approx 7 - 11 years old)

Below is a suggested structure for teaching and activities to introduce Purple Cake Day in your class / school. It is necessarily flexible and adaptable and you are encouraged to tailor it to suit the need of your own students.

- **Introduce the idea of Purple Cake Day by telling Emily's story.**

Emily Sanson Rejouis is the Founder of Purple Cake Day. She was inspired to begin the organisation after losing her husband and two of her three daughters in the Haiti earthquake of January 2010.

You can find more details on our website:

<http://www.purplecakeday.org/aboutus/founderstory.aspx>

- **Explain that this year, Purple Cake Day will help children continue to attend school in Kenya as well as continuing to support schools in Nepal and Haiti.**

- **Find the 3 project partner countries on a map.**

- **Choose one or more of the partner countries and download the background information from the Resources page of our website. What is life like for children in your chosen country?**

Use the diary writing worksheet (available from the resources page of our website) to encourage children to empathise with a child in a different situation.

- **Show children examples of Purple Cake Day activities from the last 3 years.**

There are numerous photos and descriptions of what children have done to support Purple Cake Day on our website: <http://www.purplecakeday.org>

- **It's time to start getting creative! Ask children for their own ideas.**

What can you do as a class or as a school to support Purple Cake Day this year?

From here you will differ in your approaches - you may want students to run activities themselves (e.g. making and selling purple cakes or friendship bracelets, organising buskers at lunchtimes, or setting up an art exhibition). Further lesson ideas could include:

- **Design a Flag or Create Flags of Hope**

Use the activities from the resources page of the Purple Cake Day website to create flags to decorate your classroom and 'set the purple scene'.

- **Create Kids 4 Kids Art**

See the 'Get Involved' page of our website for inspiration.

- **Discuss the UN 'Declaration of The Rights of The Child'**

There are activity ideas on the resources page of our website.