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November is here. It is a very special month for Polish, British and American people.

**National Independence Day** is a national holiday in Poland celebrated on the 11<sup>th</sup> November to commemorate the anniversary of the restoration of Poland's sovereignty as the Second Polish Republic in 1918 from the German, Austro-Hungarian and Russian Empires. Following the partition in the late 18<sup>th</sup> century, Poland ceased to exist for 123 years until the end of World War I, when the destruction of the neighbouring powers allowed the country to re-emerge. It is a non-working day in Poland.

**In Britain** on 11<sup>th</sup> of November people honour members of the armed forces who lost their lives in battle. In the weeks leading up to the 11<sup>th</sup> of November, The Royal British Legion charity sell paper poppy flowers to raise funds for veterans and their families (the poppy is a symbol of **Remembrance Day**). It is customary to observe a two-minute silence at 11am.

**Thanksgiving** is celebrated on the fourth Thursday of November in the USA. It is a wonderful holiday with wonderful food. It is a time to celebrate all that God has given us. It is also a time to get together with family and eat delicious food. Americans settle onto their couches and enjoy a couple of football games. What could be more American than Thanksgiving? It is the American Holiday that is celebrated more than any other.



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## National Independence Day

Poland is independent now, but more than one hundred years ago Poland didn't exist.

In 1795, three countries Russia, Austria and Prussia conquered parts of Poland and occupied Polish land for 123 years. In 1914, the World War I started, so Prussia, Austria and Russia were fighting with themselves and they recruited Polish people to their armies. Crucial to restoring independence was the defeat in the war of all three of the occupying powers. Russia was plunged into the confusion of revolution and civil war, Austria-Hungary disintegrated and went into decline, and the German Empire bowed to pressure from the forces of the Entente. For Poles, this was a unique opportunity to reclaim their independence.

Following the defeat of the occupying forces, the Poles seized military and civil power, building the foundations of their future state. On 11th November 1918 Poland proclaimed independence.

For many Poles it is a day to reflect on their country's history and an opportunity to express their patriotic sentiment. Those watching the military parades wave flags, put on red and white hats with "Poland" written on them and paint flags on children's faces. Many Catholics attend mass celebrated for their homeland. Many Poles also spend this time actively. Commemoration runs, such as the Warsaw's Independence Run are being organised, attracting several thousand runners, Nordic walkers, wheelchair athletes and rollerblade enthusiasts.

We (me and my family) usually take part in Independence parade. There are always a lot of people there and we can't move until everybody does.



## National Independence Day

National Independence Day is a national day in Poland celebrated on 11<sup>th</sup> of November. It is celebrated to commemorate Poland regaining independence in 1918, after 123 years of partitions. This celebration was ultimately established in 1989. It is a non-working day. We can go for a parade or something similar in this day. We can celebrate by watching the President and military ceremony performed on Piłsudski Square, before the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Warsaw or go to another event for example the Independence Run organized since 1989 in Warsaw. This year my dad took part in this run, because he likes running very much.

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**Author: Julka Knap**

## THANKSGIVING

Thanksgiving day is an American feast. This is a day when Americans meet with their family and friends. Then they eat festive supper. For food they have turkey with bread base stuffing and cranberry sauce; as a desert they have pumpkin pecan or apple pie. Thanksgiving Day is one of the most important days in the year. It is celebrated on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of November. Americans celebrate it because they are grateful for their country.

**Author: Iza Czernek**



# THANKSGIVING



The Thanksgiving



Day

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by J.L.

*No ghosts or goblins and trick-or-treats,  
No candy or flowers for your sweets,  
No gifts to buy or presents to give,  
Just be THANKFUL for the life that you live.*

*by Mandy Cidlik*

Thanksgiving Day is a national holiday celebrated on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of November in the USA. Although Thanksgiving has historical roots in religious and cultural traditions it has long been celebrated as a secular holiday as well. Thanksgiving, currently celebrated on the fourth Thursday in November by federal legislation in 1941, has been an annual tradition in the United States by presidential proclamation since 1863, and by state legislation since the Founding Fathers of the United States. Historically, Thanksgiving has traditionally been a celebration of the blessings of the year, including the harvest. What Americans call the "Holiday Season" generally begins with Thanksgiving. Thanksgiving is celebrated both with family and in public places with parades such as for example Macy's Thanksgiving Parade in New York City or Bayou Classic Thanksgiving Parade in New Orleans. This first day after Thanksgiving Day - Black Friday (shopping) - marks the start of the Christmas shopping season.



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## MOVIE REVIEW

Last Saturday I saw the film “Maleficent: Mistress of Evil” which was released in the United States on October 18, 2019, and has grossed \$458 million worldwide. It was directed by Joachim Ronning. The script was written by Linda Woolverton, Micah Fitzerman-Blue and Noah Harpster. Starring Angelina Jolie, Michelle Pfeiffer, Harris Dickinson, Sam Riley and Elle Fanning.

The film received mixed reviews from critics, with praise for the performances of Jolie, Fanning and Pfeiffer, but criticism aimed at the "muddled plot and overly artificial visuals". The film is about the relationship between Aurora and her godmother Diaboline. Aurora falls in love with prince Philip. She wants to marry him but Diaboline isn't happy about it. The love between Aurora and prince Philip causes confrontation between two kingdoms.

In the five years since King Stefan's death Aurora has reigned as Queen of the Moors and Maleficent as its protector. Despite her service, the neighbouring kingdom of Ulstead, home to Prince Phillip, deems Maleficent a villain. Diaval, Maleficent's raven and confidant, overhears Phillip proposing to Aurora. When he relays this to Maleficent, she advises Aurora against the union, though Aurora insists she will be proven wrong.

I liked this film but I think it could be better. In my opinion too much of the film was about the war.

**Author: Blanka Sut**



## MY FAVOURITE BOOK

My favorite book is "The Magic Tree". It is a series of 10 books which are all about the problems and journeys of a few children because of objects made from wood of the Magic Tree.

The author of the books is Andrzej Maleszka. The series follows the story of a magical oak tree whose special properties are unknown to the world until it is cut down and turned into a variety of items.

The first book is about a magic chair and three siblings. There is a character, aunt Maryla which is very unkind, rich and elegant. The three siblings dislike her because she is mean to them. I think that the best part of the book is the middle because it is very realistic. I recommend the book to fifth-graders.

**Author: Natalia Garstka**



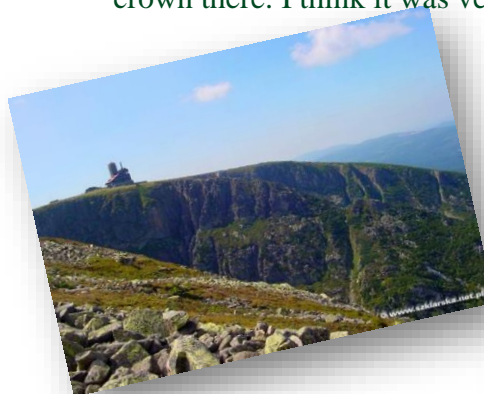
## WE MISS HOLIDAYS!

This summer I went to Karkonosze. Karkonosze are the mountains in the west part of Poland. I think it is a good place to visit. The most famous and highest peak of Karkonosze is Sniezka. It is 1602m high. There is a meteorological observatory on Sniezka. You can rest in two shelters on the way to the top of Sniezka: "Lomniczka" and "Dom Śląski". I had the best sour cabbage soup in "U Ducha Gór" restaurant in Karpacz. All the food was delicious there. In my opinion the most beautiful place in Karkonosze is Sniezne Kotly. Everybody should go there. Interesting places include waterfalls: Kamienczyk and Szklarka. It is recommended to visit Julia Glassworks. You can see the whole process of manual crystal production there.

**Author: Blanka Sut**

Last holiday I was in the museum of Polish Crown. There were many necklaces and pins made of gold and silver. First I went to the necklaces and pins, later to the dresses and crowns. There was an exhibition for little children, too. You could make your own paper crown there. I think it was very interesting.

**Author: Iza Czernek**





## AUTUMN AUTUMN AUTUMN

The fact that autumn days are shorter has a huge impact on my lifestyle. Because I have a lot of studying and homework to do, I don't have enough time (not to mention free time) for anything! When it's dark outside, we want to sleep and we don't want to do anything, so my days in autumn are less productive. Although I really like autumn I don't like studying at this time of the year.☺



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Immediately after summer autumn and frosts begin. Autumn begins in September. The trees lose their leaves in autumn. I think autumn is beautiful and colourful. In autumn it is worth going for a walk to the forest or to the park. It is nice to collect leaves in autumn. During this season you can go to the forest to collect mushrooms and berries. Children can collect leaves, chestnuts and acorns. In autumn you can go to some beautiful places and take some beautiful pictures. I like autumn very much☺!

**Author: Ania Nguyen**

During Autumn I love eating pancakes with maple syrup. I like cooking so sometimes during the weekends (because I have a lot of free time then) I fry pancakes with maple syrup for breakfast or supper. I like eating them during the fall because they are delicious and sweet. I love waking up when it is cold and windy outside and eating a hot breakfast. I love eating a sweet breakfast in autumn and winter, therefore pancakes are the best option.

**Author: Karolinka Rychlicka**



# Meet the Journalists

Meet the people behind this amazing edition of  
**The Bingo Times!** We meet up once a month – on the second Friday of each month.  
Our next meeting is in December.



Marta Burzyńska



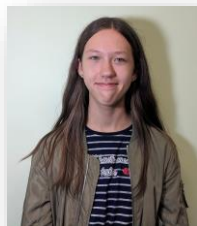
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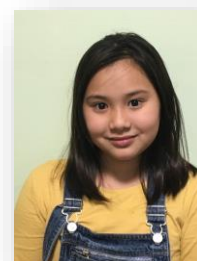
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