

International Bulletin 8

This month we are learning all about...

the Commonwealth!



Fact File

- **54** countries make up the Commonwealth in Africa, Asia, the Americas, Europe and the Pacific
- **2.5 billion** citizens live in Commonwealth countries. This is **around 30%** of the world's population!
- The people of the Commonwealth are a **diverse group**. Some live on very small islands like Nauru in the Pacific, and some live in big countries like India in Asia
- The Commonwealth Games are also called the **'Friendly Games'** because they use sports to bring people across the globe together. They are held **every four years**

June Challenge:

Draw and paint the flags of the 54 member countries and display them around your classroom!

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee and the Commonwealth

It was not just the UK that celebrated Her Majesty The Queen's Platinum Jubilee earlier in the month! [Click here](#) to see different countries lighting jubilee beacons.

Queen Elizabeth II was once the recognised Head of State for all the Commonwealth countries. Now, she is Head of State in **15 countries across the world**, with many choosing to become republic.

Barbados was the latest country to **replace the Queen with a president and gain independence**, and Jamaica is set to do the same. [Click here](#) to learn more about Queen Elizabeth's relationship with the Commonwealth.

The Commonwealth and service: during and after the World Wars

The Commonwealth played an incredibly important role in both World Wars. **Over 3 million soldiers and workers from across the Empire and the Commonwealth** served alongside the British Army in WWI. We must honour their service and sacrifice.

After WWII, Britain invited people from the Commonwealth to come to the UK and work to **rebuild the country**. They were given citizenship and the same rights. Lots of these people came from the Caribbean and are known as the **Windrush Generation**.

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Quiz time! (answers at bottom)

1. What % of the world's population live in the Commonwealth?
2. How many athletes attended the first Commonwealth Games?
3. When is Commonwealth Day?
4. What was the Commonwealth called in 1931?
5. Which country re-joined the Commonwealth in 1994?



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