Important Dates in November and December KS2

What is National Day?

• National Day is one of the most celebrated days in the UAE as the historical moment when the seven emirates came together to form one country.

When is National Day?

• 2nd December

History

• 1968 the British decided to withdrawal from the Trucial States

• Sheikh Zayed and Sheikh Rashid bring six Emirates together

• Federal constitution agreed 1st December

• 2nd December 1971 UAE is born

• Sheikh Zayed becomes first president of UAE

• February 1972 RAK joins union

What is Commemoration Day?

In 2015, His Highness Sheikh Khalifa Bin Zayed Al Nahyan, decreed that November 30th would become an annual public holiday.

It is a day off, but not a celebration in the same way as National Day, but a day to remember and honour those who have given their lives for the UAE.

Everyone is reminded to be respectful on this day at all times.

At 8am, the UAE flag is lowered across the country until 11am. It is followed by a one minute's silence from 11.30am to 11.31am.

What is Flag Day?

Flag Day will be celebrated on Thursday November 2 this year.

• Much of the country will be covered in red, white, black and green.

• The day was launched in 2013 by HH Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, to honour the country's past, present and future.

• Flag Day is usually celebrated on November 3, the anniversary of HH Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan becoming the president of the UAE in 2004.

• Flag Day isn't a public holiday (no days off), but it is still a special occasion, and marks just a month until National Day. All government departments raise the UAE flag at 11am, but you can see flags all over the place on this day.