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## ***Celebrating Olivia's birthday - Intercultural awareness and understanding***

### **ACTIVITY 1: ONE YEAR, MANY CELEBRATIONS**

Objectives/ aims of activity (children will be able to):

- Understand the tradition of birthday celebration
- Compare ways of celebrating birthdays across countries

#### Activities

- 1) Children bring a picture or artefact of their last birthday and explain their experience of celebrating their birthday.
- 2) The teacher shows children pictures of children celebrating their birthdays around the world and they identify similarities and differences (resource: pictures).
- 3) The teacher adds children's birthdays to a calendar to help children understand that they all celebrate their birthday once a year but not at the same time of the year (in contrast to Christmas).
- 4) Children compare the ways birthdays are celebrated based on children's narratives and pictures of children across the world (see resources).
- 5) One of the differences may be the games that are played. Children engage in typical games such as "musical chair" game, hide and seek (see resources).

#### Resources needed to carry out the activity

- Classroom calendar
- "Birthdays around the world": Story7\_ICAU\_1\_Res
- Typical birthday games in some European countries
- Video: Rituals and pictures of children across the world:  
<https://www.compassionuk.org/blogs/birthdays-around-the-world/>
- Short video of how different cultures celebrate birthdays:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7jrTgtX8q9k>

Approximative time indication for activity: adapt as needed

#### Links to other activities:

- PLAY LIKE ME, PLAY LIKE YOU (Intercultural awareness and understanding, Story 4, activity 2)
- GAMES FROM HERE AND THERE (Intercultural awareness and understanding, Story 4, activity 3)