23 April – Children's Day

Seviye A2 · Okuma · Konuşma

Warm-up

- What do you do at school on 23 April?
- Do you know any children from other countries?

Reading

On 23 April 1920, the Grand National Assembly of Türkiye opened in Ankara. Mustafa Kemal Atatürk gave this special day to the children of the country, because he believed that children are the future. That is why 23 April is called National Sovereignty and Children's Day.

On this day, schools organise shows with songs, dances and poems. Children wear their best clothes and wave Turkish flags. In some places, children sit in the seats of the president, ministers or mayors for a day and talk about their ideas.

The holiday is also special because children from many other countries come to Türkiye to join the celebrations. They stay with Turkish families, perform folk dances from their countries and make new friends.

For one day, children are the most important people in the country!

Vocabulary

English	Türkçe	Example
assembly	meclis	*The Grand National Assembly is in Ankara.*
sovereignty	egemenlik	*Sovereignty belongs to the nation.*
future	gelecek	*I want to be a doctor in the future.*
wave	sallamak	*The children waved their flags.*

perform	sergilemek, gösteri yapmak	*Our class performed a play.*
folk dance	halk dansı	*We learned a folk dance from the Black Sea region.*

Language focus

Kalıp	Örnek
Present Simple (gelenekler)	Children wear their best clothes. / Schools organise shows.
because + sebep	This day is special because children are the future.
Kutlama	Happy Children's Day! / Happy 23 April!

Discussion

1. What is your favourite part of 23 April?
2. Why do you think Atatürk gave this day to children?
3. If children from another country stayed with your family, what would you show them?

Tasks

Choose the correct answer. *(Doğru seçeneği işaretleyin.)*

1. What opened on 23 April 1920?

a) A school
b) The Grand National Assembly
c) A museum
d) A children's park

Fill in the blanks. *(Boşlukları doldurun.)*

2. Atatürk believed that children _____ the future.

3. On 23 April, children _____ (wear) their best clothes.

Write True (T) or False (F). *(Doğru mu yanlış mı?)*

4. Atatürk gave 23 April to the children of the country. ( )

5. Only Turkish children join the celebrations. ( )

Match the items. *(Eşleştirin.)*

6. Match the words and meanings.

1. assembly ( )
2. future ( )
3. wave ( )
4. folk dance ( )

a) halk dansı
b) meclis
c) sallamak
d) gelecek

Write your answers. *(Cevaplarınızı yazın.)*

7. Imagine you are the mayor of your town for one day. Write 3–4 sentences. Use “I want to …”.

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> Speaking tasks. *(Konuşma görevleri: sınıfta sözlü yapın.)*

8. Tell a partner how your school celebrates 23 April.