



Invitation to schools to celebrate the
International Day of Mathematics 2021

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Background: At its 40th General Conference in November 2019, UNESCO proclaimed 14 March as the International Day of Mathematics. In 2020, more than 1000 celebrations in over 110 countries have been announced, as well as official launches at UNESCO and the Next Einstein Forum. Many of these events have been cancelled due to the COVID-19 epidemic. However, this great mobilization is a testament to the enthusiasm generated by this initiative.

One of the aims of the International Day of Mathematics (IDM) is to convey the love of mathematics to young people and the messages that mathematics is everywhere and that it is useful and beautiful. In this time of pandemic, the theme chosen for IDM 2021 is:

Mathematics for a Better World

While public gatherings will most probably be banned in March 2021, it should be possible to celebrate in the classrooms. Teachers are invited to:

- Explain to their class that the planet is celebrating the International Day of Mathematics and explore the theme on the site: <https://betterworld.idm314.org/>
- Carry out classroom enrichment activities around the theme, for example by using the material proposed on the website in several languages: <https://www.idm314.org/organize.html>,
- Register their activities on the site so that they appear on the IDM site map,
- Visit <http://www.idm314.org> and share photos or videos of their activities on the site and on social networks,
- Take part until March 1st in the [poster challenge](#) for IDM 2021,
- Participate to the live coverage of March 14 (similar to <https://www.idm314.org/launch-2020.html>),
- Invite students to participate in the virtual celebration in English, French and Spanish on Sunday March 14, 14:00 to 17:00 UTC.
- [Subscribe to the IDM newsletter](#) to receive all the information in the run-up to IDM 2021,
- The [logo](#) already exists in 23 languages and more will be added as and when requested.

All schools around the world are invited to celebrate!

As 14 March 2021 is a Sunday, it is understood that many schools will choose to celebrate around 14 March, for instance on Friday 12 March 2021 or Monday 15 March 2021.

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