





There's something in the air. It's something you can't touch, you can't always see it, but you can feel it. Do you know what I mean? That kind of fluttery, swishy, glowy feeling. It's something that you tend to notice more at this time of year.

That thing that you're feeling...that's magic, and it's everywhere but during the Holidays, there's a little more of it about. At this time of year, there's more magic around because everyone has a wish that they're hoping will come true.

But there are other things that make this time of year very special indeed. Around the Holidays, there are hundreds of traditions – some which might go back generations, some which might only be a few years old. Everyone has them and sometimes, these traditions are as important as the Holidays themselves as they evolve and we make them our own, ready to pass on and share with our own friends and family. What festive family traditions do you have?

Here is an idea of the steps you could take,
The festive jumpers to wear and the cookies to bake,
Karaoke to sing, lots of songs for a choir,
Paper lanterns to craft and hang by the fire,
Help to spread magic, it's the best thing to do
To help us make lots of wishes come true
Get ready for fun and forget about chores,
Happy Holidays, from our family to yours.

Love from Make A-Wish and DISNEP



At Make-A-Wish UK, we need magic to make lots and lots of wonderful wishes come true. We grant wishes for children who are living with serious illnesses. These wishes bring hope and joy to the children who need wishes the most. They really can change lives and this year we're asking you to help us make them come true.

Have you ever thought about how you could make that magic go a bit further? How to send out those sparkles to reach further and light up places that may be a little bit dark?

#### Why don't you give it a try?

This year Disney and Make-A-Wish are working together to support wishes through Disney's **From Our Family to Yours** campaign.

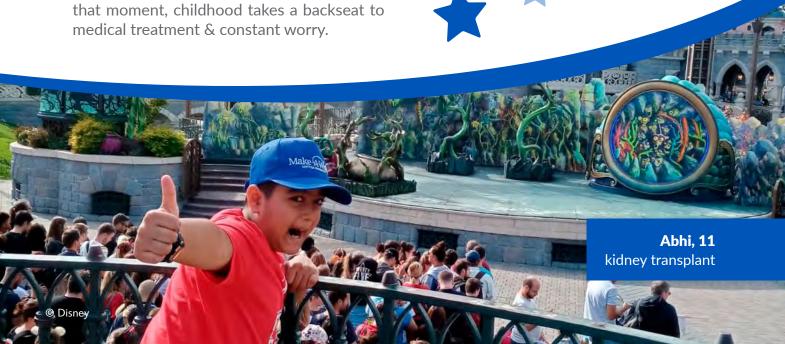
Whether it's at your school with your friends or at home with your family, there are lots of ways you can help us make wonderful wishes come true this Holiday season. We've put together lots of fun activities and ideas that you can use to get you into the spirit of the season whilst helping to raise money for wishes!

Every day the lives of 10 families in the UK are changed forever when a child is diagnosed with a critical condition. From that moment, childhood takes a backseat to medical treatment & constant worry.

A wish brings back that childhood & puts worry on the backseat

The coronavirus hasn't stopped those daily diagnoses. That means during just the first 100 days of lockdown in the UK, more than 1,000 children received a diagnosis. Unless Make-A-Wish receives funding that allows us to open our doors to new applications for wishes once more, these children will not have a wish granted.

Your donation will inch us ever closer to being able to open our doors to new applications for wishes again.



#### Fundraising ideas and activities

The Holidays are all about having fun with your friends and family. Our friends at Disney have given us some fantastic activities you can do throughout the festive season – you can download all the activities from our website.

Whether you get involved with these activities at home or even with friends and family over video chat. Make a small donation, set up a team and make it into a friendly competition!

### **Disney Karaoke**



Why not crank up the tunes and hold your own Disney Karaoke event, either at home or online via Zoom. You could even dress up like your favourite Disney characters to a add little extra magic! Get your friends together to perform a group number or take the spotlight and go solo!

Everyone taking part pay £1 to get involved.

## **Festive Jumper Day**



What better way to celebrate the Holidays than to keep cosy in your favourite festive sweater? Everyone in the class pays £1 to wear a Holiday sweater – whose will be the most outrageous? If you don't have a festive sweater, why not get creative with glitter and tinsel decorate one you already own? Don't forget to share your creations on social media using **#FromOurFamilyToYours** 

## **Holiday Wishes Decorations**



It's time to flex those creative muscles and make some beautiful Holiday Wishes decorations. Choose your favourites to display or make a whole selection to give as gifts to friends and family!

We know that this year has been unlike any other and this Holiday season, we might not be able to spend time with some of the people who mean the most to us. Why not write a special message for them. You can even create a special wish tree to hang your message on. This way, they will know that you're thinking of them! You can use the <a href="Holiday Wishes">Holiday Wishes</a> decorations to hang on your tree with a message written inside.

If you don't have a tree, you could set up a special Wish Board and get very creative making some fun backgrounds to hang your messages on. Perhaps a snowy scene or a starry sky?

Give a £1 donation for your message to go on the tree or board.



## Mickey Mouse Cupcakes

Get creative in the kitchen and bake up some fantastic Mickey Mouse cupcakes as a tasty seasonal treat, you could even hold a cake sale to raise money to help make wishes come true.

#### **Ingredients**

#### **Chocolate sponge:**

6oz Butter 6oz Caster Sugar 6oz Self Raising Flour 1oz cocoa powder 3 eggs

#### **Butter cream:**

7oz cold unsalted butter 14oz icing sugar Oreo Cookies to decorate

#### Method

Pre heat the oven to 180°C (150°C fan). Place large cupcake cases or muffin cases into a muffin tray.

Mix the butter and sugar until smooth. Sieve in half the flour and cocoa powder and add the eggs. Then add the other half of the flour and cocoa powder. Mix until smooth and spoon into the cake cases.

Bake for approximately 12-15 mins (until the cakes have risen and a skewer inserted into the middle comes out clean)

Whilst the sponges cook, make the buttercream. Mix together the cold butter and icing sugar until the mixture is smooth and lump free, but still firm. Spoon into a piping bag with a fluted nozzle.

Leave the sponge to cool on a wire rack. Once completely cool, pipe the butter cream on top, to completely cover the sponge and add 2 full Oreo cookies as ears.







Put your acting skills to the test by acting out your favourite Disney movies

– or if you wanted to make things a little more difficult, you could act out a particular scene. Split into two teams and see who will come out on top!



Use your powers of deduction to work out which mystery Disney character you are! Players will wear a headband with a picture of a character stuck to it. They will have to ask the other players questions to work out which character they are...but to make things a little trickier, the other players are only allowed to answer either yes or no! See who can guess their character the quickest!



At the heart of Disney's Holiday story is the heart-warming celebration of festive traditions that build life-long memories and bring families together.

Now you can create your own beautiful Mickey Mouse star lanterns to decorate your home.

If you have any other ideas for festive fundraising and would like the help of one of the Make-A-Wish team, please do get in touch by contacting fundraising@makeawish.org.uk

#### Sharing your stories

Thank you so much for helping to raise money to make wonderful wishes come true for the children who need them the most. We would love to hear all about what you've been up to and would love to share any of your traditions! Connect with us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram and use **#FromOurFamilyToYours**. Who knows, some of your activities might even become brand new traditions for years to come!

#### Look what your money can do!

Raising money for charity is an amazing thing and it will go a long way to helping us make even more wishes come true.

We understand that this year has been a difficult one for everyone, but we also know that it's often the little things that make a difference. If you decide to fundraise for Make-A-Wish UK this year, you will be helping to make wishes come true for the children who need them the most. However, we also know that you might also want to fundraise for your school as well – so why not do both and split the funds between the two?

You don't need to raise a lot to make a difference, even a small amount will go towards helping make amazing wishes come true! Before coronavirus, 2,000 seriously ill children had turned to us with a wish. Today, many of those children are still waiting, hoping their wish will still come true.



## A message for the grown-ups

#### Paying in your fundraising

There are lot of ways for you to pay in your fundraising when you've finished your activities! If you have any queries or need a hand, please contact us **fundraising@makeawish.org.uk**.

Alternatively, you can set up a Just Giving page for your fundraising and have people donate directly to it. You can set up your fundraising page here: www.justgiving.com/makeawish

#### Make an online payment

Just <u>click on this link</u> and pay online using a debit/credit card. Please include your details, stating how the money was raised when making the donation.

#### Bank transfer

**Account Name:** Make-A-Wish Foundation (UK)

Bank Name: Nat West

Account Number: 88931242

Sort Code: 60-04-20

Ref: DYXFRA

#### Send a cheque

You can send a cheque and cover note, quoting reference DYXFRA to:

Make-A-Wish Foundation UK

Seventh Floor, Thames Tower, Station Road, Reading, Berkshire RG1 1LX



# Thank you so much for your support and happy holidays!

from all of us at



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