

April Fool's Day

April 1st has been known as April fool's day all over the world for many years.

People young and old play all manor of tricks on each other. Replacing the sugar in the sugar bowl with salt or ringing friends and pretending to be someone else. Newspapers and businesses have also been known to play pranks. A well known fast food restaurant once advertised its new 'left hand' burger. Made especially for its left handed customers it was advertised as having exactly the same ingredients as its normal burgers just that everything was rotated 180 degrees. Apparently thousands of customers went to the restaurant the next day and ordered the burger and others made sure they were getting the right handed version when they ordered!!

The origins of April Fool day are not exact some say its comes from the Roman Festival Cereali, others think it dates back to 1582. This is when Pope Gregory's new style calendar was introduced. New Year's Day was moved from April 1st to January 1st. It took a while for this news to filter through to everyone and anyone who heard the news late was called an April Fool or an April Fish.

In France the day is called Poisson D'Avril and children run around trying to stuff paper fish down each others shirts.

April Fool's Activities

Make a fish mobile

You need

A coat hanger

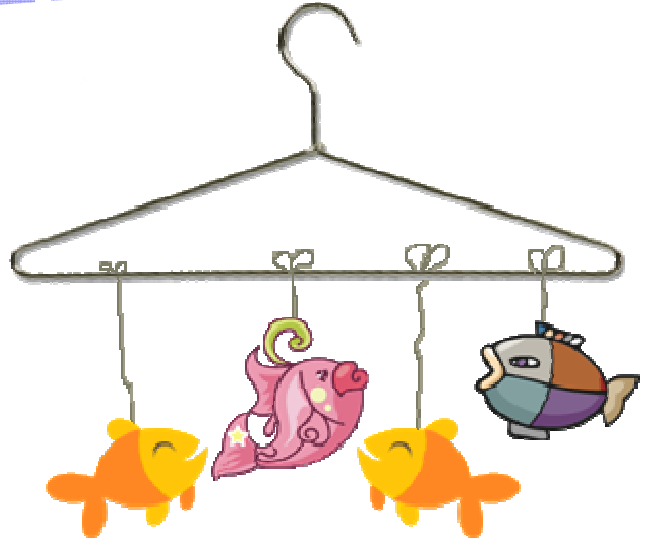
Thread

Paper

Scissors

Hole punch

Felt tip pens or crayons



Cut out fish shapes from the paper. Get the children to colour them in. Punch a hole in the top of each of the fish. Put the thread through this hole and tie a knot. Secure to the coat hanger with a knot making sure the fish are hanging down at different levels.

Apple April Fool

You need

2lb Apples

2 tablespoons of water

½ Pint of custard

½ Pint of cream

Lemon Juice

Sugar to taste

Red food colouring



Stew the apples in the water add sugar to taste. Once the puree is made fold it into the custard. Add a few drops of lemon juice and food colouring and stir well. The red food colouring will lead people to believe it's a berry flavoured desert when it fact its apple.