

PLANTING DAFFODILS



Get your students excited about gardening for Daffodil Day! Your class can plant daffodils on the school grounds.

This activity will engage students in a more interactive way to understand Daffodil Day and cancer. This lesson plan aligns with the National Board of Studies Syllabus. Your class can help grow hope and make a difference to the many lives affected by cancer.

Summary

This activity will take approximately 50 minutes. It aims to raise awareness of cancer and to help students understand the importance of Daffodil Day and what the daffodil symbolises. Furthermore, it establishes how the money raised on Daffodil Day helps to grow hope and make a difference to people affected by cancer.

Learning Objectives

Students will:

- Experience gardening, how to plant a daffodil flower and maintain/assist its growth.
- Understand the basic concepts of cancer.
- Recognise what the daffodil represents and grasp an understanding of how the money raised on Daffodil Day is used.

Curriculum Links – PDHPE K – 6

- Social and emotional growth and development patterns.
- Encourages an understanding and valuing of self and others.
- Emphasises informed decision making leading to effective and responsible action.
- The development and maintenance of positive interpersonal relationships.



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Starter Activity 10 mins

Task: Ask students what they know about Daffodil Day and what the daffodil symbolises.

Ask a number of questions, here are some suggestions:

- 1 What is Daffodil Day?
- 2 As a community, why do we participate in Daffodil Day?
for more information www.cancer.org.au/aboutcancer/FactsFigures.htm
- 3 How does the money we raise help those affected by cancer?
for more information www.daffodilday.com.au/how-your-money-helps
- 4 What do you think would be a fun way to get more people involved in Daffodil Day?
- 5 What does the daffodil symbolise in relation to cancer?
for more information www.daffodilday.com.au/about-us

Main Activity 40 mins

Task: Assist students with planting daffodils, and ways in which to assist and maintain their growth.

Steps for planting a Daffodil:

- 1 Choose a place out of direct sunlight to plant your daffodils.
- 2 Ensure you have chosen to plant in a spot with healthy soil.
- 3 Dig a hole – approximately twice the size of the flower's current base, approximately two inches deep.
- 4 Spread a layer of loose dirt around the base of bulb.
- 5 Surround the flower's base with mulch until it is securely embedded in the ground, correctly upright.
- 6 Water the soil surrounding the flower through the mulch.

Activity steps:

- 1 Ask students to fill out a simple comprehension sheet, to create further understanding of the steps involved when planting daffodils.
- 2 Take your students outside, in a shaded area. Demonstrate to your students how their daffodils should be planted.
- 3 Now, ask your students to begin planting their daffodils. Allow no more than 5 to a group, so that each student has the opportunity to plant a daffodil and work closely with one another.
- 4 Allow the students to work together in their assigned groups, and ensure they are taking the appropriate steps when planting each daffodil.
- 5 When all students have finished planting their daffodil, ask them to think of their own hope message as a group, and then express their hope message to the larger group.

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**Concluding
Activity
10 mins**

Task: Reiterate what students have learned about Daffodil Day and praise their efforts on successfully planting a daffodil.

Here are some suggestions:

Conclude with a brief overview on what your students have learned about Daffodil Day and how it links with cancer. Then, recap what the daffodil means and how everyone can help to 'grow hope' this Daffodil Day.

Explain to students that maintenance of their very own daffodil is important and to do so by small amounts of daily watering.

Send us a short video or photo section

We would love to see the amazing daffodils your students have planted. Send us a photo or short clip for your school's chance to appear on next years Daffodil Day website!

Don't forget to include your school name, year group and class and email us at daffodilday@cancer.org.au