

Istanbul Gelişim University

# School of Foreign Languages' Monthly Bulletin

February 2024



## Breaking News

↓ READ MORE ↓

### Latest News of SOFL

- World Cancer Day 4th February
- International Book Giving Day 14th February
- Valentine's Day 14th January
- World Day of Social Justice 20th February
- International Mother Language Day 21st February
- World Thinking Day 22nd February
- The History of Valentine's Day
- English Idioms
- English Riddles
- Our Staff's Academic Activities
- SFOL on Social Media



**Block E**



# Latest News of SOFL

---



- **The results of proficiency exam held on Thursday are announced.**
- **1st February proficiency exam appeal forms are announced.**
- **The results of the proficiency exam held on 5th February are announced.**
- **5th February proficiency exam appeal forms are announced.**
- **Track II Progress Test appeal forms are announced.**
- **12th February proficiency exam student lists are announced.**
- **12th February proficiency exam results are announced.**
- **12th February proficiency exam appeal forms are announced.**
- **2023-2024 Spring semester exemption list is announced.**
- **19th February proficiency exam student lists are announced.**
- **19th February proficiency exam appeal forms are announced.**
- **2023-2024 Spring semester exemption list II is announced.**

**FEBRUARY**

---

February 4th

---

# World Cancer Day

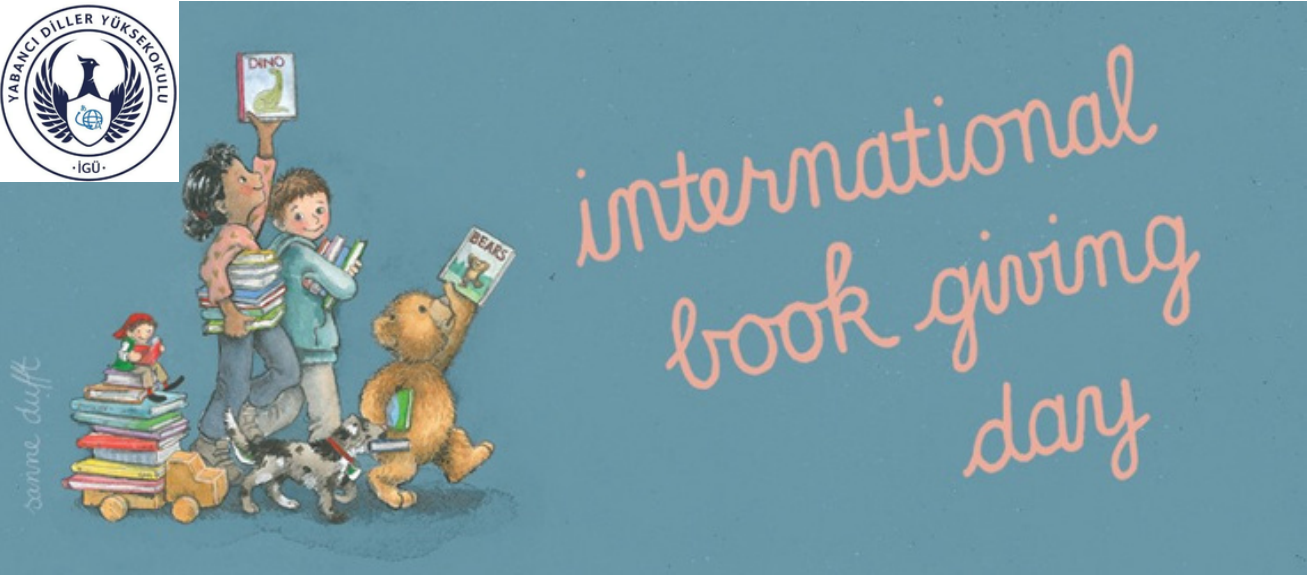


---

February 14th

---

# International Book Giving Day



---

February 14th

---

# Valentine's Day



.HAPPY.  
Valentine's  
Day

---

February 20th

---

# World Day of Social Justice



**WORLD DAY OF  
SOCIAL JUSTICE**

---

---

February 21th

---

# International Mother Language Day



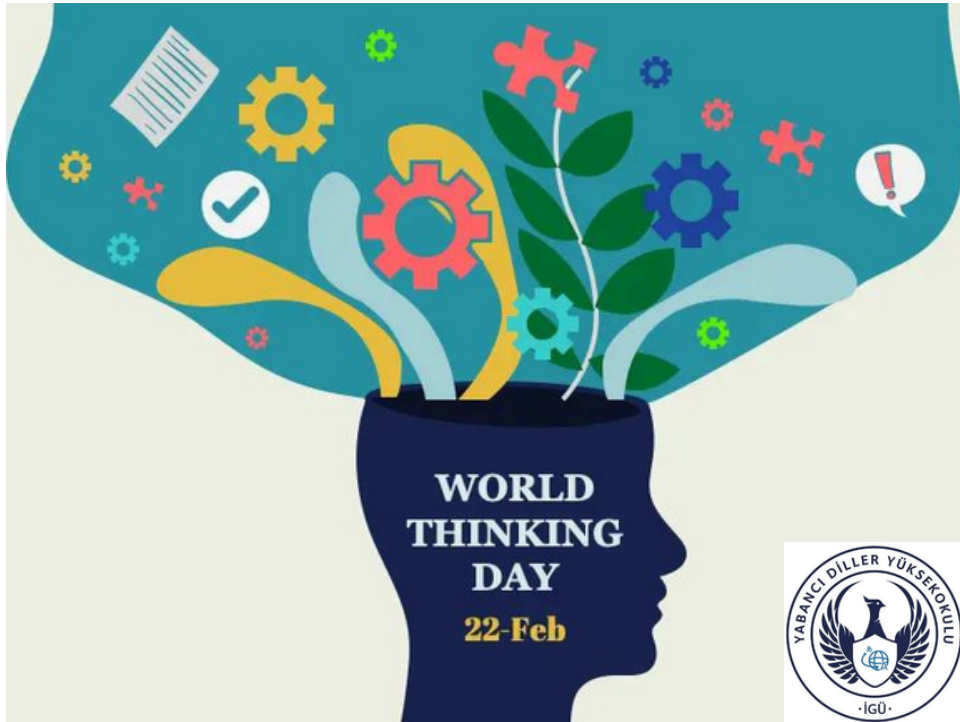


---

**February 22nd**

---

# **World Thinking Day**



# Valentine's Day



**Valentine's Day is the time of the year when people has a chance to show how much they care for their beloveds. It has been celebrated in many countries for a long time. People spend time together and give present to each other. Let's see where it came from.**





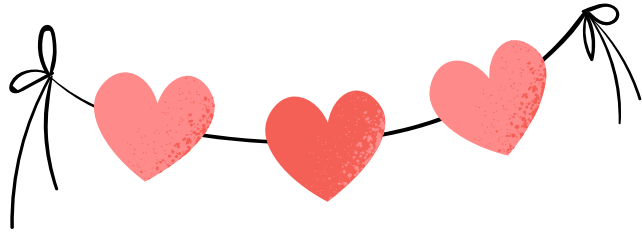
# Where did it come from?



**It is believed that Valentine's day goes back to an ancient Roman Festival called Lupercalia. It was a festival where animals were sacrificed and young women were slapped with animals' skin and blood for the sake of fertility. In the fifth century, in order to make this festival less Pagan, more Christian, Pope Gelasius declared February 14th as Saint Valentine's day.**

**Yet, who is Valentine? The well-known is a Roman priest named Saint Valentine.**

---



## **Saint Valentine**

**Emperor Claudius II who was an ambitious ruler, was into war and he asked for all the young men to join his army instead of marrying.**

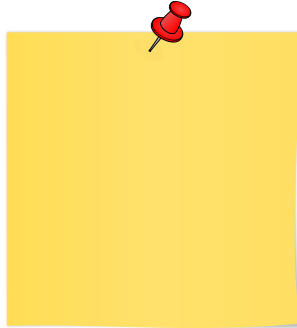
**Consequently, he banned marriages all together.**

**Father Valentine, on the other hand, kept marrying young couples secretly. When he was caught, he was sentenced to death immediately. He was put in a cell, nevertheless, couples who could get married thanks to him sent him some flowers and notes so as to show their gratitude. On the February 14th, before he was executed, he sent a card to the girl he loved and wrote: 'from your Valentine'**

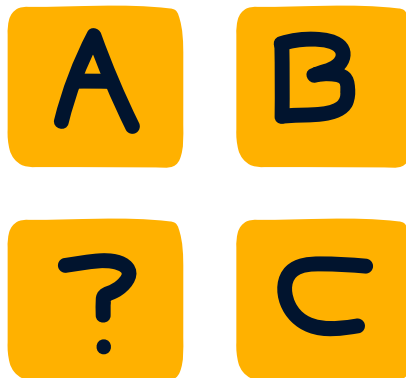
---

# Did you know?

---



**Screeched is the longest one-syllable word in English**



**The word "alphabet" comes from the first two letters of the Greek alphabet: alpha, bēta.**

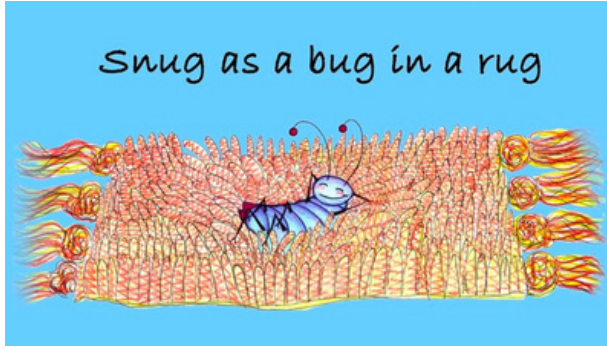
---

---

# English Idioms

---

*Snug as a bug in a rug*



warm and cozy

**Once in a blue moon**

Rarely

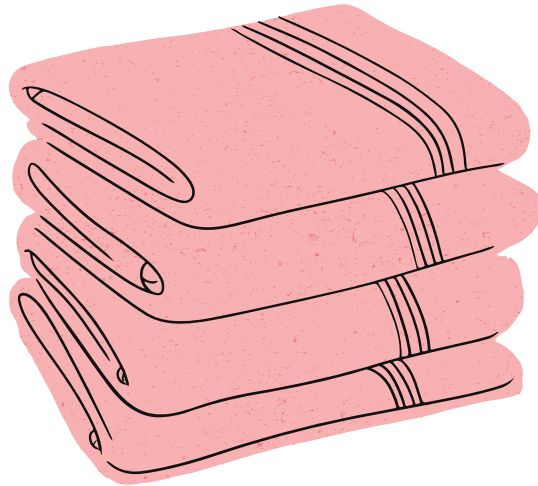


---

# English Riddles

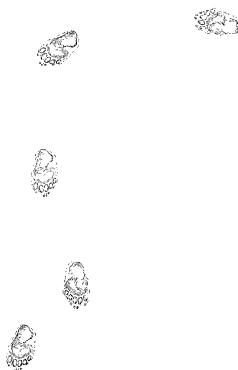
---

**What gets wetter as it dries?**



**Answer: Towel**

**The more you take the more you leave behind**



**Answer: footsteps**

---

---

# Our Staff's Academic Activities

---

In SFOL, we support our instructors' academic endeavors.



## Webinars

**Webinars and events take place on a regular basis because the need for being up to date when it comes to teaching in the 21st century, makes seminars an inseparable part of professional development. For a detailed list of webinars on English language teaching, you can visit the following website:**  
**<https://webinars.eltngl.com>**

---



---

# Our School On Social Media

---

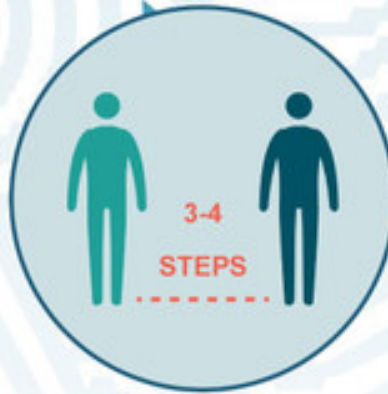




# PROTECTING FROM THE VIRUS IN OUR HANDS



COVER YOUR MOUTH AND NOSE WITH DISPOSABLE PAPER TISSUES DURING COUGHING AND SNEEZING. IF THERE IS NO TISSUE, USE THE INNER SIDE OF YOUR ELBOW.



AVOID CLOSE CONTACT SUCH AS HANDSHAKING AND HUGGING.



AVOID CROWDED PLACES AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE.



DO NOT TOUCH YOUR MOUTH, NOSE AND EYES WITH DIRTY HANDS.



WASH YOUR HANDS WITH WATER AND REGULAR SOAP FOR AT LEAST 20 SECONDS.



USE HAND SANITIZER IF THERE IS NO WATER AND SOAP.