

The 10th of November in Turkey, Commemorating Mustafa Kemal Atatürk

At 09:05 on the 10th of November in Turkey in 1938 Mustafa Kemal Atatürk died at the Dolmabache Palace in İstanbul ending his 15 year Presidency of Turkey.

Atatürk is known as the founder of the Turkish Republic and the first President of Turkey, after he started and won the War of Independence freeing Turkey from the occupied forces and then creating the Republic of Turkey.

Every year on the 10th of November in Turkey, the country remembers Atatürk by stopping for 2 minutes on at 09:05 the time of his death. The Turkish flag is flown at half staff as a sign of mourning on November 10. Vehicles honk their horns, people stop what they are doing and schools and business pause.

Throughout the day there are many memorial ceremonies with the main memorial taking part at Atatürk's mausoleum the Anıtkabir, where the leaders of the Turkish Government lay wreaths in his memory.

In our school on the 10th of November, we commemorated the Republic of Turkey's founder and the Head Teacher Mustafa Kemal Atatürk's 78th Death anniversary with respect and gratitude. The ceremony started at 9:05, together with the siren sounds, we all stood in 2 minutes silence afterwards the Turkish National Anthem was sung with the accompaniment of the pupils, teachers and the parents. Then pupils and the teachers took part in many memorial ceremonies.

At the end of the ceremony, all the pupils and the teachers placed flowers on the Atatürk Monument with great respect and gratitude.