## NATIONAL HOLIDAY "FORGIVENESS"



Club Kalina and friends celebrated this winter-spring holiday on Sunday, 7 weeks before EASTER.





## On the festive table there is a banitsa, bread, boiled eggs and halva.





On this day, relatives and friends ask for forgiveness and kiss the hands of the hosts with the words: "forgive me if I have sinned", here they answer with: "may you be forgiven by me and by God".





This way, traditionally, younger people ask for forgiveness from older people!



"HAMKANE" is thadition where with a red thread, a piece of halva or a boiled egg is tied on one side, and on the other side to a beam or a rolling pin, and it is rotated over the heads of children sitting around the table.



## The child who catches them with his lips gets the egg or halva.





## The other tradition of this holiday is to make bonfires to jump over for health and prosperity.



According to tradition, along with the tunes of the bagpipes, a dance is played around the fire and songs are sung for health and prosperity, because the fire drives away evil spirits and purifies.





Through this holiday, we returned to our roots and immersed ourselves in the magic of Bulgarian traditions in order to revive and preserve them! We asked for and gave forgiveness and wished each other health around the purifying fire! The tradition is alive!



