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## Activity: Generations of love

Let's celebrate the love and special bond between grandparents and their grandchildren through creativity and storytelling for National Grandparents Day.

### Learning aims

- To create a positive and memorable experience that celebrates the special relationship between a grandparent/special older person and grandchild/child using art, creative expression and storytelling.

### Resources

- Colourful paper, markers, crayons, glue, scissors etc.
- Family photos of grandparents, parents, special older person, children
- Large piece of card or canvas
- Storytelling props e.g. puppets, toys etc.



### Activity outline

1. Introduction: Gather the children and explain that Grandparents' Day is a day to celebrate their grandparents/special older person and show them love and appreciation
2. Share and discuss the different names we use to refer to grandparents/special older person e.g. Baba, Papa, Grandad, Nana, Nonna etc. Demonstrate respect by using the name that the family member prefers to ensure everyone feels valued and included
3. Share an engaging story about a grandparent and a child. Use gestures, voices and props to bring the story alive
4. Provide the children with art supplies to allow them to create a piece of artwork that depicts their grandparents and themselves
5. Create a collage of images of the grandparents, parents, and child, emphasising their bond and relationship
6. Add personal messages e.g. words of love and thanks (transcribe for the child if requested)
7. Encourage the children to share stories and memories using the photos as a prompt if necessary.

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## Extension ideas

- Invite grandparents/special older person into the setting to celebrate their special day. The children could share their artwork, inspired by and for them. Share stories, memories and perhaps some tea and cake.

## NDNA products to support you with this activity

- [Cultural Capital](#) - factsheet