

SAINT PATRICK'S DAY 17th MARCH



It is the national day in Ireland but people in other countries also celebrate this day.

SAINT PATRICK



He was born in the 4th century.

He brought Christianity into Ireland.



This is a diagonal red cross of Saint Patrick.

Legend says that he drove the snakes from Ireland.



SHAMROCK

- It is a small plant with three leaves.

It became the symbol of this holiday because Saint Patrick used its leaves to explain the idea of the Trinity.



FOUR-LEAF CLOVER

- It brings you . . . **GOOD LUCK!**



GREEN CLOTHES



- On this day people wear green clothes, ribbons and shamrocks because green is the popular symbol of Ireland.



If you forget to wear something green on Saint Patrick's Day, people can pinch you as a punishment.

PARADES

- You can see great parades in many cities. The most famous are the ones in Dublin and New York.



Sometimes people dye the rivers
green.



IRISH JIG

- People dance the Irish traditional dance called **JIG**.



People listen to harp music and sing their favourite songs.



The harp is the oldest symbol of Ireland.

FOOD AND DRINK

- People eat corned beef and cabbage.



- They eat green cakes and drink green drinks.



LEPRECHAUN



- He is an Irish elf.

If you catch a leprechaun . . .

... he can tell you

where the pot of gold is.



- It is hidden at the end of the rainbow.



This is the end of this short story

SO . . .



. . and don't forget to wear something green
on 17th March.

