SAINT PATRICK'S DAY 17th MARCH

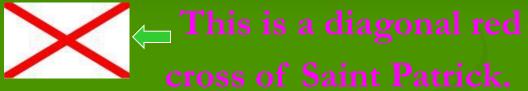


It is the national day in Ireland but people in other countries also celebrate this day.

SAINT PATRICK



He was born in the 4th century. He brought Christanity into Ireland.



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.







