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Goodies



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17-21°C

Irish Charm

TODAY is St Patrick's Day! The day is named after the Patron Saint of Ireland and it commemorates the arrival of Christianity to Ireland. It is a cultural and religious holiday widely celebrated around the world by Irish and local people!

Turn the page to learn about the origin of this energetic day and how it is celebrated across the globe.

Let's wear green!

Editor's Note

There are works of art that have survived for hundreds of years. In 100 years' time people will still go to the Louvre in Paris to admire *The Mona Lisa*, students will still be studying Shakespeare plays and music lovers will still listen to the works of Beethoven. Will people still be listening to Eason Chan's music in the future? Hard to say. Read about Beethoven on G04 to learn about a real musical legend.



Simon

Vocabulary Builder

origin



origin (n) 起源

- They are proud of their aristocratic **origins**.
- original (adj) 原先的
- The land was returned to its **original** owner.
- originate (v) 發起
- Where did this email chain **originate** from?

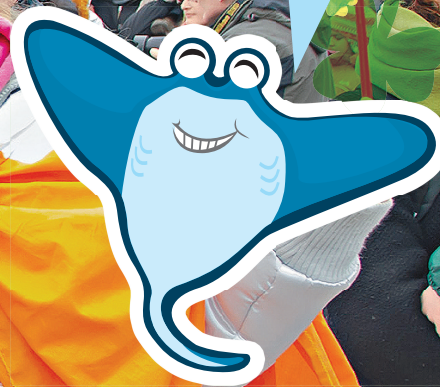
Goodies Learning Card





Agatha

St Patrick used a shamrock to explain the concept of the Trinity to the Irish people. Each leaf represented the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.



Saintly beginnings

St Patrick was born in England to a wealthy family. When he was a teenager, he was **kidnapped** and forced to be a slave by Irish raiders.

He later **escaped** and became a priest in England. But he soon returned to Ireland as a **missionary**, in order to **spread** the teachings of Christianity.

Ways to celebrate

Look the part at the St Patrick's Day celebrations with some of these Irish symbols!

- Green clothes
- A **shamrock**
- An Irish flag
- Face paint
- Irish music

Cut out the shamrock below and bring it to a St Patrick's Day celebration today!



Around the world

Many cities have massive parades and most **revellers** wear green in honour of St Patrick.

In London, Britain

Thousands of people go out on the streets, waving Irish flags during the parade in central London.



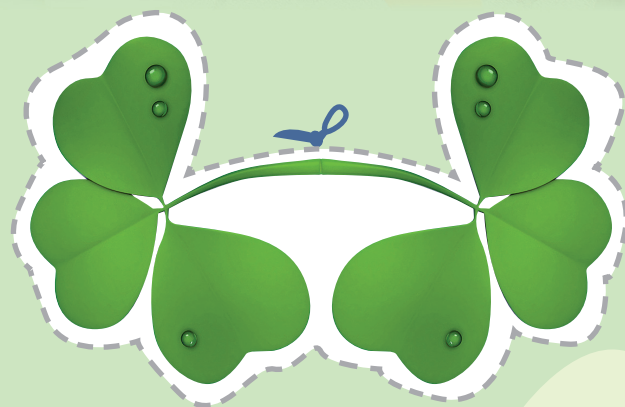
In Shanghai, China

Hundreds of foreigners, wearing traditional Irish clothes, parade the street in celebration of Saint Patrick's Day.



In Tokyo, Japan

People and their dogs participate in a parade. They all wear green and put shamrocks stickers on their faces.



Game

Which of the following is not a symbol of St Patrick's Day?

- A. a green hat 
- B. a shamrock 
- C. a birthday cake 

Answers on G12

