

Saint Patrick's Day

- short history



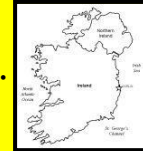
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St. Patrick's Day is on March 17th.



Schools, banks and post offices are not closed.

St. Patrick is the patron saint of Ireland.



A long time ago, many Irish people came to live in America.

They brought their holiday with them.

People who are not Irish can enjoy St. Patrick's Day, too.



There are parades on St. Patrick's Day. Bagpipes play Irish music. People sing Irish songs and dance jigs (a very fast dance).



Green is everywhere on St. Patrick's Day. People wear green clothes or ribbons. Green colour is added to cakes, cookies, and even beer.



Favorite food on this day is corned beef with cabbage and Irish stew (lamb, onions and potatoes cooked in a thick gravy).



Symbols of St. Patrick's Day are :

- the shamrock (a three-leaf clover)
- the shillelagh (a wooden club)
- the leprechaun (a tiny little man)





Choose the best answer.



1. St. Patrick's Day is celebrated on _____
- a) 27 March
 - b) 17 March
 - c) 13 March



2. Schools, banks and post offices are _____
- a) open
 - b) close
 - c) close in the afternoon



3. St. Patrick is the patron saint of _____
- a) America
 - b) Ireland
 - c) Great Britain



4. On St. Patrick's Day, there are many _____
- a) people
 - b) parades
 - c) bagpipes



5. Bagpipes play Irish music and people dance _____
- a) jigs
 - b) Irish songs
 - c) Irish music



6. People wear _____ clothes and this colour is added to cakes, cookies and beer.
- a) yellow
 - b) red
 - c) green



7. Symbols of St. Patrick's Day are _____
- a) a clover, a big man and an Irish woman
 - b) a shamrock, a shillelagh and a dancing girl
 - c) a shamrock, a shillelagh and a leprechaun

