



TRANSCRIPT - ST. PATRICK'S DAY: THE INTERVIEW

- ***Where is St. Patrick's Day celebrated?***

St Patrick's Day is celebrated mainly in Ireland as St Patrick is the patron saint of Ireland. However, it is also celebrated in many other countries all over the world where there are a lot of Irish immigrants, for example, The United States, Australia, Britain and Canada.

- ***Why is Saint Patrick's Day important?***

St. Patrick's Day is very important because Saint Patrick is the patron saint of Ireland and it is the day when Irish people celebrate being Irish. It is a national holiday and shops and schools are closed and people spend the day with their family and friends.

- ***Who was St. Patrick?***

St. Patrick was a missionary who is famous for converting the Irish pagans to Christianity. He was captured and worked as a slave before he came to Ireland to teach the Irish about God. He used a shamrock to teach people about the Holy Trinity (God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit). He is most famous for eliminating the snakes from Ireland.

- ***How do you celebrate St. Patrick's Day in Ireland?***

St. Patrick's Day is a big celebration in Ireland. On the days before the 17th of March children in schools learn about the traditions of St. Patrick and do many activities relating to St. Patrick in Art class.

In my family, we often wear green clothes on St. Patrick's Day. We always go to church in the morning, then we eat lunch together at home. In the afternoon we watch the parade in my city, Galway. It's a little like the parade for the three kings on the 5th of January in Spain.

The weather is normally very cold and rainy - typical Irish weather!

- ***What are some traditions and symbols related to St. Patrick's Day?***

There are many fun traditions related with St' Patrick's day in Ireland! People traditionally wear green clothes because green is the colour that we associate with Ireland. People go to watch and take part in the parades in their local city. These parades are full of traditional Irish music and dance. Children paint their faces. Famous sights are turned green or with green lights for the day, for example, the main river, The Liffey, in the capital city, Dublin, is turned green.

St. Patrick's day is one of the best days to be in Ireland and to have fun with your family and friends.