

# March 2023

Remember to wash your hands



## Laugh

Like a **Leprechaun**

- Why did the leprechaun go outside?

**To sit on his paddy-o**

- What type of bow cannot be tied?

**A rainbow**

- What is a leprechaun's favorite type of music?

**Sham-rock 'n' roll**

- What do ghosts drink on St. Patrick's Day?

**BOOs**

- What do you call an Irish spider?

**Paddy long legs**

- How does a leprechaun work out?

**By pushing his luck**

- What's long and green and only shows up once a year?

**The St. Patrick's Day parade**

- Why do people wear shamrocks on St. Patrick's Day?

**Because real rocks are too heavy**

- What does it mean when you find a horseshoe?

**Some poor horse is going barefoot**



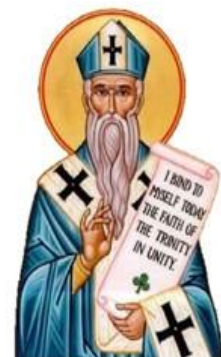
**Saint Patrick was actually British.**

Although he's one of Ireland's most celebrated figures, Patrick was born around the year 390 in what is now England, Scotland or Wales. He was kidnapped and brought to Ireland as a slave at the age of 16. He later escaped but returned to Ireland and was credited with bringing Christianity to its people.



**His real name was Maewyn Succat.**

Yes, you read that correctly. Maewyn Succat was his name until he changed it to Patrick when he became a bishop.



**March 17 is not Saint Patrick's birthday.**

St. Patrick's Day observers who might have thought they were celebrating the saint's birthday will be surprised to learn that March 17, 461 AD is actually the day he died.



**It used to be a dry holiday.**

St. Patrick's Day was considered a religious holiday in Ireland for most of the 20th century so all pubs would close on March 17<sup>th</sup>. Once it became a national holiday in 1970, everything changed, and pubs became a go-to spot for many to celebrate



**Everyone should be wearing blue, not green.**

Blue was actually the color that was most associated with Patrick and green was considered unlucky. Blue is still considered symbolic of Ireland. Historically, green has been the color that's been linked to a series of Irish rebellions that took place in order to gain independence from the English crown. The color stuck once waves of Irish immigrants made their home in America and began wearing green and carrying the Irish flag to show their pride for their home country.



**There are no female leprechauns.**

Ever wonder why you've never seen a lady leprechaun? The answer is: They don't exist! There has been no record of female leprechauns and what's even more interesting is that leprechauns are considered to be part of the fairy family. Some have even said that leprechauns are the rejected fairies who have been ousted by the fairy community, which explains why they're usually described as grouchy creatures who are prone to mischief



## We are blessed to have a community of support

After weeks of preparation, we had a fantastic Bake Sale on February 14th to raise funds for our Excursion Committee! We raised \$334.35...much thanks to all the staff and families that donated goodies for the sale...and to our residents for all the planning, preparation and baking. We couldn't have done it without Melissa in Recreation, for coordinating and having the vision...thank-you.

Our residents were overwhelmed with love from our community...they received lots of goodies, cards and LOVE from....the Hummingbird Montessori School in Wasaga, the Collingwood Youth Council, The North Simcoe Muskoka Specialized Geriatric Services Program, Barrie Police and Catholic Family Services Simcoe County.



# GET YOUR GREEN ON!

HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY!