



Ireland and the Irish





Hello, my name is Roisín I am 12 years old and I come from Ireland. To be exact I come from the city of Limerick in the South west of Ireland. If I was to be even more exact I come from a suburb of Limerick called Mungret.

Limerick



My name is Irish and it means 'Little Rose'. It is pronounced Rosheen. In English it would be Rose or Rosaleen. I have two brothers Oisín and Fionn, these are old Irish Celtic names. We live in the countryside with our mum and dad. We have 2 dogs a cat and chickens.

I love living in the countryside very close to the village of Mungret as my friends live close by and I can walk to my school.

Hobbies

In my free time I play a game called Camogie. It is very popular in Ireland. When girls play it is called Camogie but when boys play it is called hurling. This is a very old game it dates back to 1272BC. It is a very fast game and can be dangerous so you must wear a helmet. It is played using a 'hurl or hurley' this is a stick made from Ash and a ball called a Sliotar



I also love to dance, my friends and I go to our dance class in the local hall every Wednesday. We are learning Irish dancing. This is also an old style of dancing but is still very popular.



We get to wear really beautiful costumes and I love to spend time with my friends.

You need to wear special shoes for Irish dancing, soft shoes and hard shoes. The soft shoes have lots of laces, hard shoes have fiberglass on the bottom to help make the sound.



Food

There are lots of traditional food in Ireland my dad cooks a beautiful Irish Stew, one of my favourites.



My granny is teaching me how to make Irish Soda bread it is very tasty with Jam.



My brothers and dad love Colcannon but I do not. It is mashed potatoes with milk and Cabbage mixed through it. It is very popular in Ireland



In Ireland traditionally we use a lot of potatoes in our cooking. This is still true today however we also eat a lot more European food. Boxties is a firm favourite in our house it is a potato pancake

School

I go to Limerick Educate Together school and I am in 6th Class. This is my last year in primary school. I LOVE my school. We are a multidenominational school which means that there are children of many different nationalities and ethnic backgrounds on my school. Most schools in Ireland are Catholic. This makes our school very important. I have friends from Croatia, Poland, Lithuania, Ireland, USA, Jordan and China in my class.

Having people from lots of countries means that we can share our experiences and culture with each other.

We have just 1 teacher for the whole year. This teacher teach us all subjects.

English literacy, Irish Language, Maths, History, Geography, Science, Music, Art, PE, SPHE and our Ethical Curriculum which is called Learn Together



What it means to be Irish

Irish people love to gather together with family and friends, we enjoy what's called her a 'good session'. It involved nice food and good music.



Our National feast day is called St. Patrick's Day. Irish people around the world celebrate this day with a parade and lots of food and drink.

Irish people are very superstitious and we have lots of items that are said to bring us luck. Like a 4 leafed Clover, a lucky penny or horse shoe



Story telling

In Ireland we love to tell stories, we have lots of really good Myths and Legends and some scary stories too.

My favourite story is the one about the Banshee. My Grandmother told me about this at Halloween



A banshee is a female spirit in Irish folklore who can be heard shrieking near a graveyard. I love scary stories and in Ireland we have lots of them. Did you know Halloween started in Ireland, here it is called Oíche Shamhna.

Our Language, ár teanga.

In Ireland there are two language spoken. English and Irish. Irish is not spoken by everyone only people who live in areas called the Gaeltacht. In school we learn Irish everyday. There is an old saying 'a country without a language is one without a soul'. We lost our language when English rule took over Ireland.

Tá dhá teanga in Éireann, and mbéarla agus an ngaeilge. Níl gach duine in Éire ábalta an Gaeilge a labhairt ach tá orainn é a foghlaim gach lá sa scoil. Is breá liom Gaeilge. Tá seahfhocail ann agus diarr sé 'tír gan teanga tír gan anam'.









