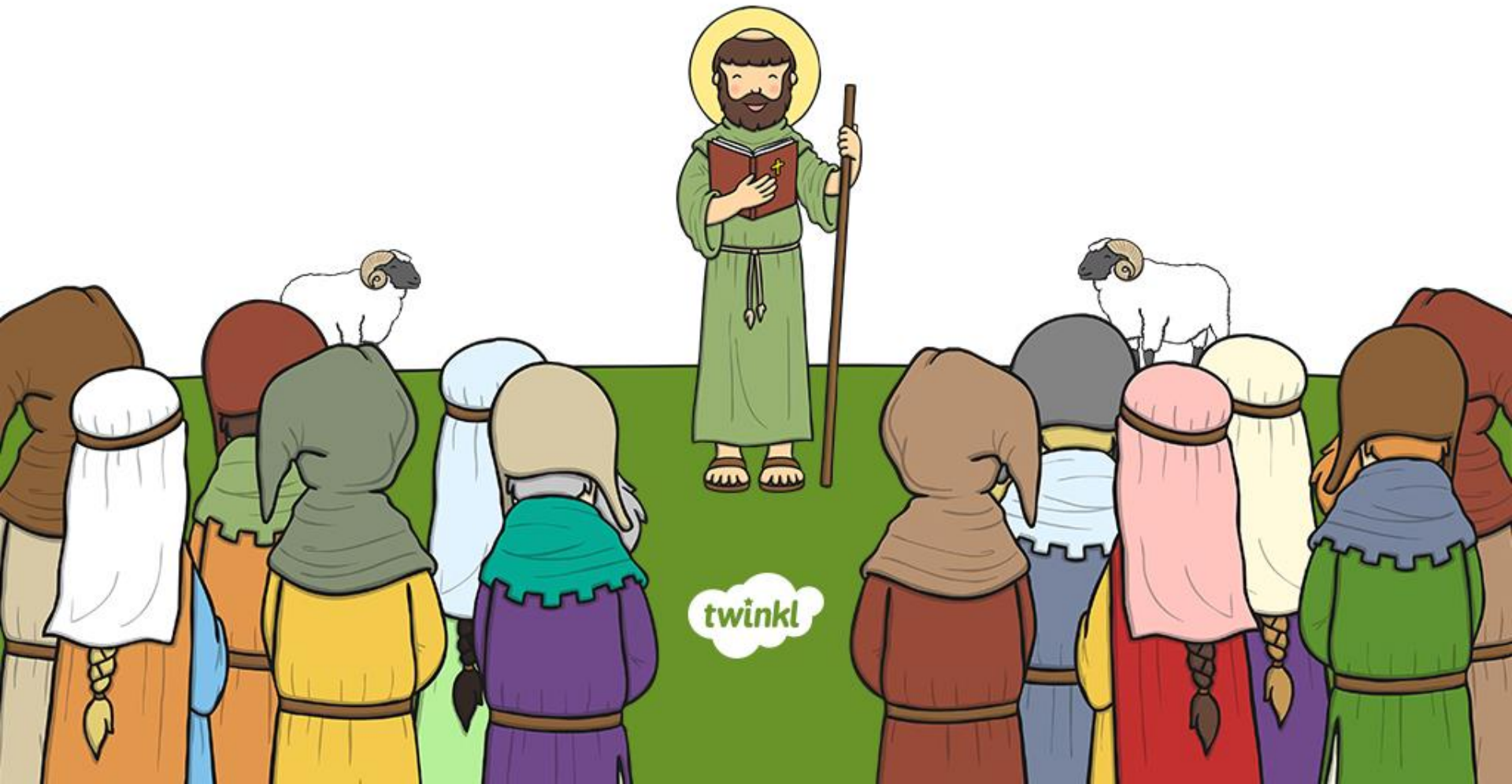


# St David's Day



# When is St David's Day?

- St David's day is on 1<sup>st</sup> March.

Saint David is the patron saint of Wales. We have found Wales on the maps before.



# Who Was Saint David?

Saint David was a Celtic monk, abbot and bishop who died in AD 589.

His mother was Saint Non and his father was Sant, King of Ceredigion.

He spread the word of Christianity throughout Wales.

Saint David was famous for the miracles he performed. One day, he caused the ground to rise beneath him so everyone could see and hear him.



# Leeks and Daffodils

On St David's Day, people sometimes wear daffodils or leeks on their clothes!

## Why Leeks?

One version is that Saint David advised the Britons, on the eve of a battle with the Saxons, to wear leeks in their caps so that they could easily distinguish friend from foe. This apparently helped to secure a great victory.



## Why Daffodils?

Leeks and daffodils have similar names in Welsh - Cenhinen (leek) and Cenhinen Pedr (daffodil). Some people believe that this is why daffodils are also national emblems of Wales.



# Welsh National Dress



On St David's Day, some children wear the national dress of Wales. They are allowed to wear their costumes to school.

This consists of a tall black hat, white frilled cap and a long dress.

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# St David's Day Parade

The biggest event is the St David's Day parade which makes its way right across Cardiff city centre. Cardiff is the capital city of Wales.

There are colourful street dancers and school children in Welsh traditional costumes and Welsh traditional music.

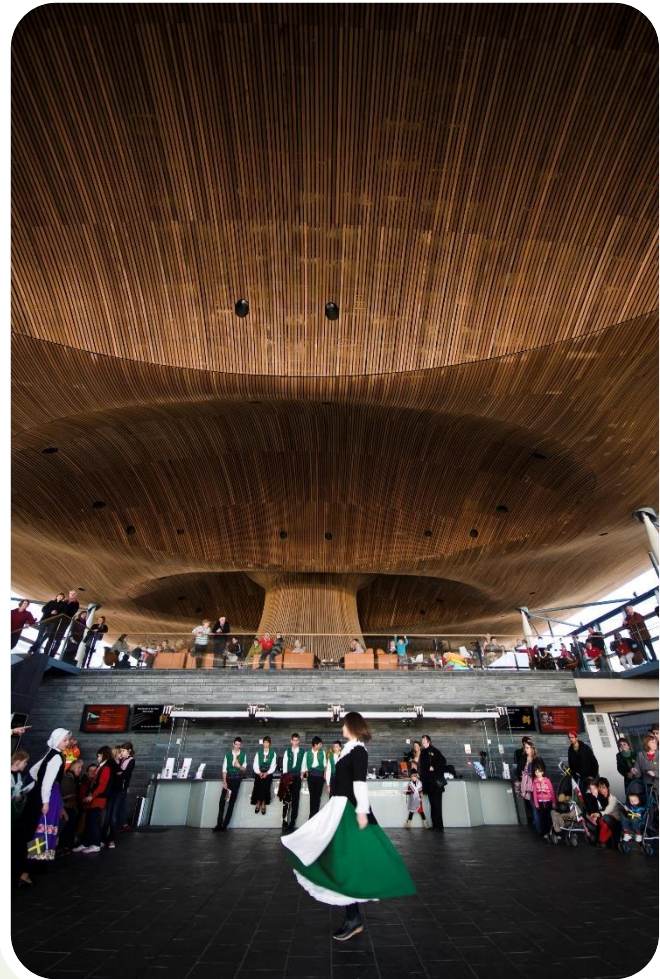


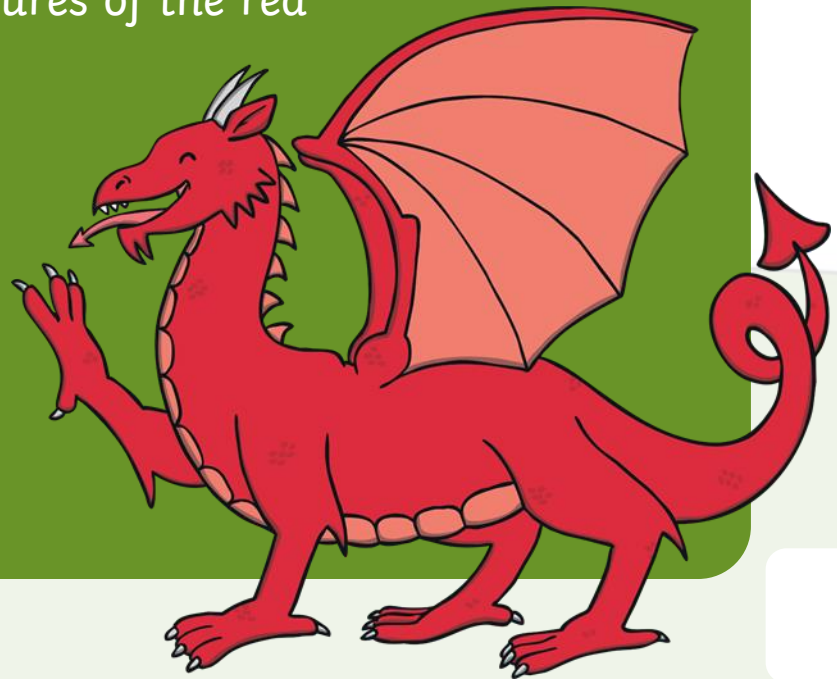
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# St David's Day Parades

Many villages and towns in Wales arrange St David's parade on 1st March.

Some parades are very colourful with flags being waved as well as sculptures of the red dragon being carried.

Children sing Welsh songs, such as the Welsh National Anthem and Calon Lan. I will put links to both of these songs after this power point.



# The Welsh National Anthem

The Welsh National Anthem is sung on St David's Day

Mae hen wlad fy nhadau yn annwyl i mi,  
Gwlad beirdd a chantorion, enwogion o fri;  
Ei gwrol ryfelwyr, gwladgarwyr tra môd,  
Tros ryddid gollasant eu gwaed.

Cytgan:

Gwlad, Gwlad, pleidiol wyf i'm gwlad,  
Tra môr yn fur i'r bur hoff bau,  
O bydded i'r heniaith barhau.

Hen Gymru fynyddig, paradwys y bardd,  
Pob dyffryn, pob clogwyn, i'm golwg sydd hardd;  
Trwy deimlad gwladgarol, mor swynol yw si  
Ei nentydd, afonydd, i mi.



