Flat Stanley Goes to Northern Ireland to Visit Niall’s Nana & Grandy
Dear Niall and Mrs. Lanktree's Class,

Thank you so much for allowing Flat Stanley to visit us in Northern Ireland. It is quite a distance from Apopka, Florida to our village of Broughshane, but he made it.

His first day was spent helping Grandy clean and polish the car, outside our home. He did such a good job.
Once there, we took him to Stormont, which is the name of the building where all the politicians meet. It is a huge white building, set in very beautiful surroundings and, whilst we were there, the weather was very warm, which is very unusual for April.

Later in the week, we drove down the motorway to Belfast, which is the capital city of Northern Ireland.
Our final port of call in Belfast was Queen's University, where Niall’s second cousin, Rachel, is studying European Politics and History. This photo was taken by a lady from Wisconsin who knew all about Flat Stanley.

Then we traveled across Belfast to see the two giant, bright yellow Harland and Wolff cranes. These are known locally as ‘David’ and ‘Goliath’, because they are so very big. They were used by the shipyard-workers when the famous Titanic ship was built there all those years ago.
That was quite a busy day, so Flat Stanley, my friend Lyn, her daughter Niamh (pronounced 'Neeve'), and I all sat in the sun-room for a rest and a chat!
taken with Abby and Lucy, who work in the Visitor's Centre. They, too, were interested to hear his unusual story and how far he had traveled.

Our next trip was up the North Antrim Coast to The Giant's Causeway, which is a fantastic sight to see. It is Northern Ireland's top tourist attraction and displays formations of six-sided basalt columns. Whilst there, Flat Stanley had a photo
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... roast beef and Yorkshire pudding.
Yum!! Yum!!
The next day, Flat Stanley was in my garden and there he met Flat Larry, a well-known leprechaun from this area, who clearly has had a similar accident to that of Flat Stanley!! They immediately became good friends and they hope to meet up again in the near future.
On his last day in Broughshane, Flat Stanley and Grandy showed our good friend, Tom, what Grandy's new car was like.

We walked up to meet Tom's wife, Velma, who had heard so much about our visitor from Apopka. We had a chat in their kitchen and then it was time for lunch.

Then Flat Stanley launched into the last job of the day, repairing the lawn mower, with Grandy and Tom in the garage.
And now it is the end of the trip and we both hope that he has enjoyed his journey.

Nana & Grandy Lowe