



olmcille
1500

521AD - 2021AD

Welcome TO THE **COLMCILLE 1500** COMIC, WHICH TAKES A LIGHTEARTED LOOK AT THE FOLKLORE AND LEGENDS OF THE INFAMOUS DONEGAL SAINT. THIS COMIC IS PART OF THE YEAR-LONG COMMEMORATIVE CELEBRATIONS FOR THE 1500TH ANNIVERSARY OF COLMCILLE'S BIRTH. ST COLMCILLE OR COLUMBA WAS BORN IN GARTAN, CO. DONEGAL ON THE 7TH OF DECEMBER 521. HE IS ONE OF IRELAND'S THREE PATRON SAINTS, AND THE PATRON SAINT OF DERRY. COLMCILLE IS PARTICULARLY RENOWNED FOR FOUNDING MONASTERIES IN IONA, SCOTLAND AND DERRY AMONG OTHER LOCATIONS AND SPREADING CHRISTIANITY THROUGHOUT SCOTLAND. COLMCILLE DIED IN IONA ON THE 9TH JUNE 597 A.D.

THE COMIC WAS DEVELOPED AS PART OF A CROSS BORDER COLMCILLE DIGITAL SCHOOLS' FOLKLORE PROJECT, IN PARTNERSHIP WITH DONEGAL COUNTY COUNCIL LIBRARY SERVICE AND LIBRARIES NI. THE PROJECT INVOLVED CHILDREN AND TEACHERS FROM FIVE SCHOOLS IN DONEGAL AND FIVE SCHOOLS IN DERRY, WORKING WITH THE NERVE CENTRE CREATIVE LEARNING CENTRE TO PRODUCE DIGITAL ANIMATIONS ON THE STORY OF THE SAINT. THE AIM WAS TO RAISE AWARENESS AND INTEREST IN THE COMMEMORATIONS AND TO REVITALISE THE FOLKLORE OF COLMCILLE FOR CHILDREN.

AS PART OF THE PROJECT, STORIES BASED ON THE CHILDREN'S ANIMATIONS WERE DEVELOPED INTO THIS BEAUTIFULLY ILLUSTRATED COMIC. WE HOPE BY READING THE COMIC WE BRING COLMCILLE TO LIFE FOR YOU. WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE TEACHERS AND PUPILS FROM THE FOLLOWING SCHOOLS FOR THEIR WILLING PARTICIPATION IN THE PROJECT.

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- GAELSCOIL EIRNE, BALLYSHANNON, CO. DONEGAL
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- OAKGROVE PRIMARY SCHOOL, DERRY
- ST PATRICK'S PRIMARY SCHOOL, DERRY
- LONGTOWER PRIMARY SCHOOL, DERRY
- NAZARETH HOUSE PRIMARY SCHOOL, DERRY
- HOLLYBUSH PRIMARY SCHOOL, DERRY

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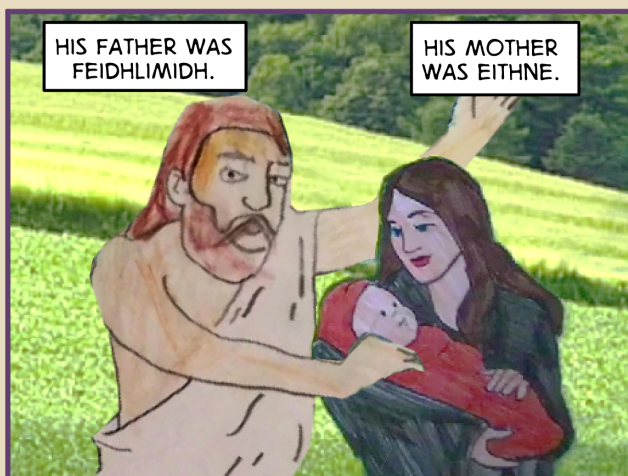
Robertson Primary School - Early Life

1500 YEARS AGO...

COLUMBA WAS BORN ON DECEMBER 7TH
521 AD (1500 YEARS AGO).

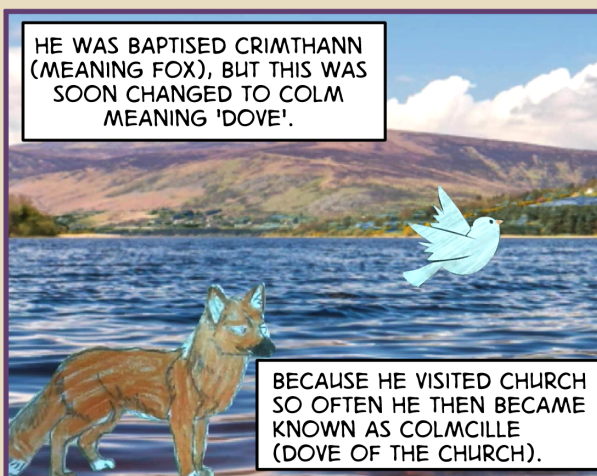


HE WAS BORN IN GARTAN, CO. DONEGAL.



HIS FATHER WAS
FEIDHLIMIDH.

HIS MOTHER
WAS EITHNE.

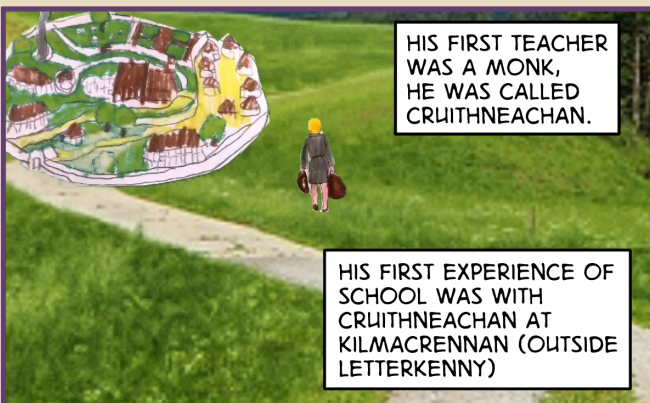


HE WAS BAPTISED CRIMTHANN
(MEANING FOX), BUT THIS WAS
SOON CHANGED TO COLM
MEANING 'DOVE'.

BECAUSE HE VISITED CHURCH
SO OFTEN HE THEN BECAME
KNOWN AS COLMCILLE
(DOVE OF THE CHURCH).



WHILE HE WAS YOUNG HE DECIDED
HE WANTED TO BE A MONK AND
LEARN THE THINGS OF GOD.



HIS FIRST TEACHER
WAS A MONK,
HE WAS CALLED
CRUITHNEACHAN.

HIS FIRST EXPERIENCE OF
SCHOOL WAS WITH
CRUITHNEACHAN AT
KILMACRENNAN (OUTSIDE
LETTERKENNY)



IT WAS HERE IN THE VALLEY
OF THE RIVER LEANNAN (LENNON)
THAT COLMCILLE RECEIVED HIS
TRAINING FOR RELIGIOUS LIFE.

COLMCILLE WOULD HAVE
SPENT MANY HOURS PRAYING,
MEDITATING AND FASTING.

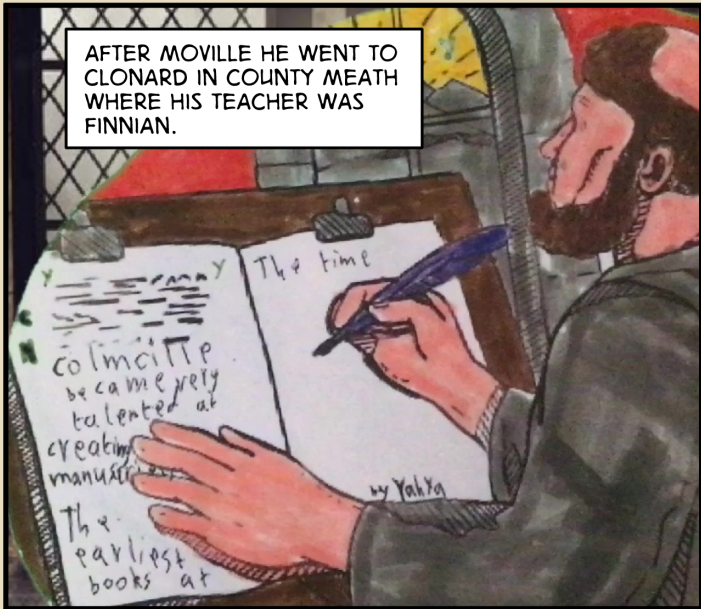
'AT GARTAN WAS
COLUMBA BORN
'AT TEMPLE DOUGLAS
CHRISTENED
'IN KILMACRENNAN'S
HAPPY SCHOOL
'TO HOLY LORE
HE LISTENED'



LATER COLMCILLE ATTENDED ST. FINNIAN'S SCHOOL IN MOVILLE, NEAR NEWTOWNARDS ON THE EDGE OF STRANGFORD LOUGH IN COUNTY DOWN.



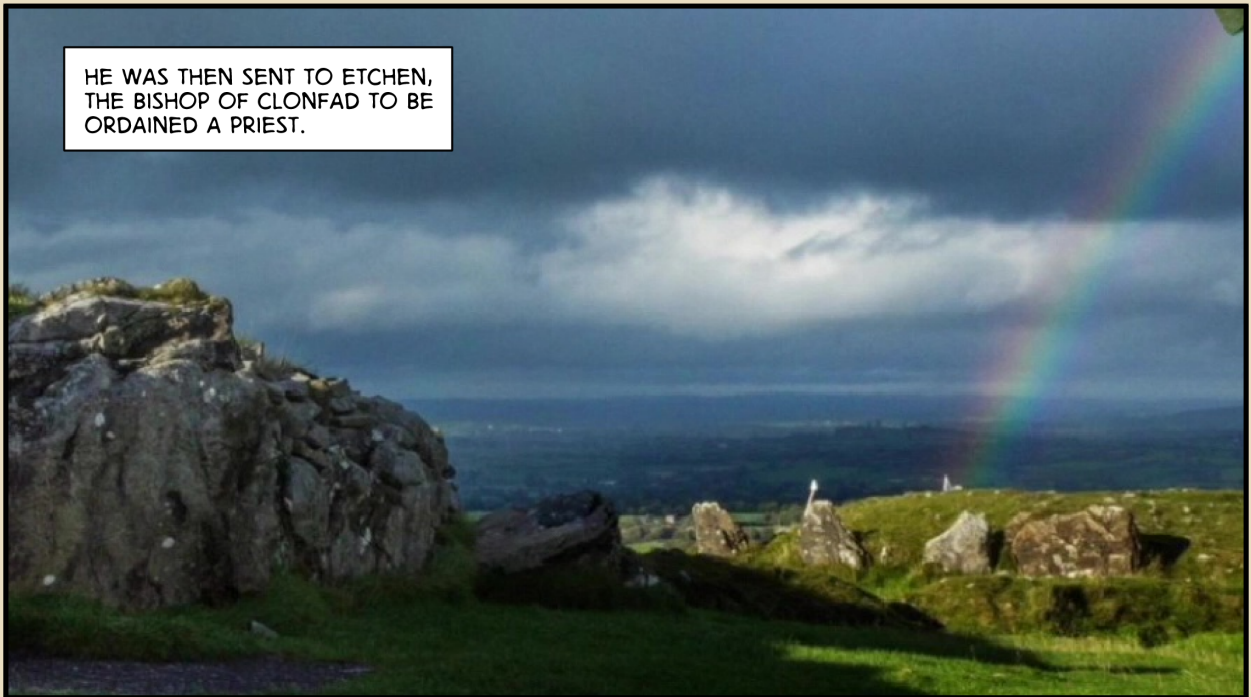
COLMCILLE BECAME VERY TALENTED AT CREATING MANUSCRIPTS (THE EARLIEST BOOKS AT THAT TIME).



AFTER MOVILLE HE WENT TO CLONARD IN COUNTY MEATH WHERE HIS TEACHER WAS FINNIAN.



IN 546 AT THE AGE OF TWENTY FOUR, COLMCILLE HAD COMPLETED HIS STUDIES.



HE WAS THEN SENT TO ETCHEN, THE BISHOP OF CLONFAD TO BE ORDAINED A PRIEST.



Scoil Naomh
Cholmcille -
Deoraíocht
(Exile)

THARLA CATH CÚL DREIMHNE SA BHLIAN 561.
CATH NA LEABHAR AN LEASAINM A TUGADH
AR AN CHATH SEO.



NUAIR A D'FHÁG COLMCILLE ÉIREANN
SA BHLIAN 563, SHOCRAIGH SÉ
GHABHÁIL CHUIG ÁIT NACH LEAGADH
SÉ SÚIL AR ÉIREANN GO DEO NA
NDEO.



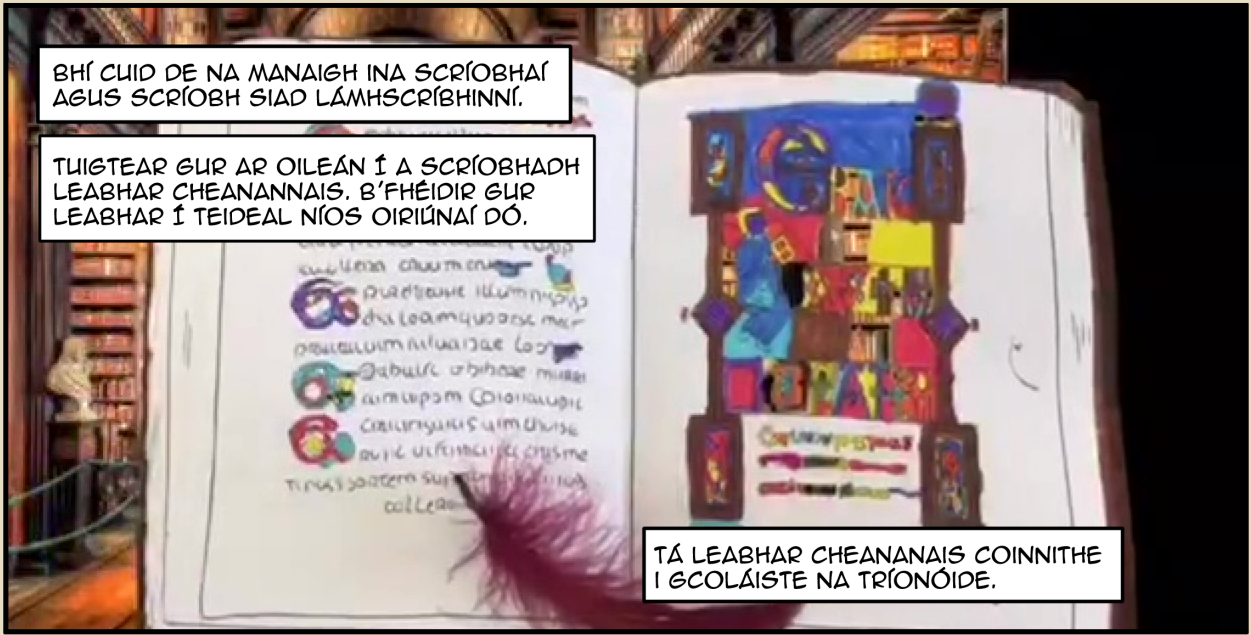
SHOCRAIGH SÉ GHABHÁIL GO HOILEÁN Í.
OILEÁN IARGÚLTA AMACH Ó CHÓSTA
THIAR NA HALBAN.

THAISTEAL DHÁ MHANACH DHÉAG I
GCUIDEACHTA CHOLMCILLE GO HOILEÁN Í.



BHUNAIGH COLMCILLE A CHÉAD MHAINISTIR
I NDOIRE SA BHLIAN 545. INA DHIAIDH SIN
BHUNAIGH SÉ THAR TRÍ SCÓR
MHAINISTREACHA FUD FAD NA HÉIREANN.

CHAN ÁBHAR IONTAIS DÚINN É MAR SIN
GUR BHUNAIGH SÉ CEANN AR OILEÁN Í
AGUS I GCUIDEACHTA NA MANAIGH EILE
LEAN ORTHU AG SPREADH BRIATHAR DÉ.



BHÍ CUID DE NA MANAIGH INA SCRÍOBHAÍ
AGUS SCRÍOBH SIAD LÁMHSCRÍBHINNÍ.

TUIGTEAR GUR AR OILEÁN Í A SCRÍOBHADH
LEABHAR CHEANANNAIS. B'FHÉIDIR GUR
LEABHAR Í TEIDEAL NÍOS OIRIÚNAÍ DÓ.

TÁ LEABHAR CHEANANNAIS COINNITHE
I GCOLAISTE NA TRÍONOIDE.

BHÍ FEAR AG SNÁMH I LOCH NIS LÁ,
NUAIR A THÁINIS OLLPHÉIST ANIAR
ADUAIÐH AIR. ACH GURB É GO RAIBH
COLMCILLE ANN, BHEADH SÉ MARBH
AG AN OLLPHÉIST.

SEO AN CHÉAD CUIR SÍOS ATÁ AGAINN DEN
OLLPHÉIST I LOCH NIS AGUS TÁ NAOMH
COLMCILLE I GCROÍ LÁR AN SCÉIL.

THIONTAIGH NA PÍOCHTAÍ AR AN
CHRÍOSTAÍOCHT I NDIAIDH NA HEACHTRA
SEO NUAIR A SHABHÁIL COLMCILLE
AN FEAR ÓN OLLPHÉIST.

FAOI STIÚIR CHOLMCILLE BHUNAIGH NA
MANAIGH MAINISTIR A BHÍ CLÚ AGUS CAIL
LIIRTHI. THAISTEAL DAOINE FUD FAD NA
TÍRE LE GHABHÁIL CHUIG OILEÁN Í.

AN OÍCHE SULA BHFUAIR SÉ BÁS
THÁINIS A SHEAN CHAPALL CHUIGE
AGUS CHAOIN SÉ GO TRUACÁNTA.

IS COSÚIL GO RAIBH A FHIOS AIGE
GO RAIBH AN BÁS I NGAN DO
CHOLMCILLE.

BAISTEADH COLMCILLE AIR, AS CHOMH
MINIC IS A BHÍ SÉ LE FEICEÁIL AG GUÍ
SA THEACH PHOBAL.

CHAOIN SÉ DEORA MÓRA
BRÓIN AN OÍCHE SIN.

IS AG GUÍ AG ALTAR THEACH
A'PHOBAL A BHÍ SÉ NUAIR A
FUAIR SÉ BÁS.



BHUNAIGH COLMCILLE A LÁN MAINISTREACHA TIMPEALL NA HÉIREANN.



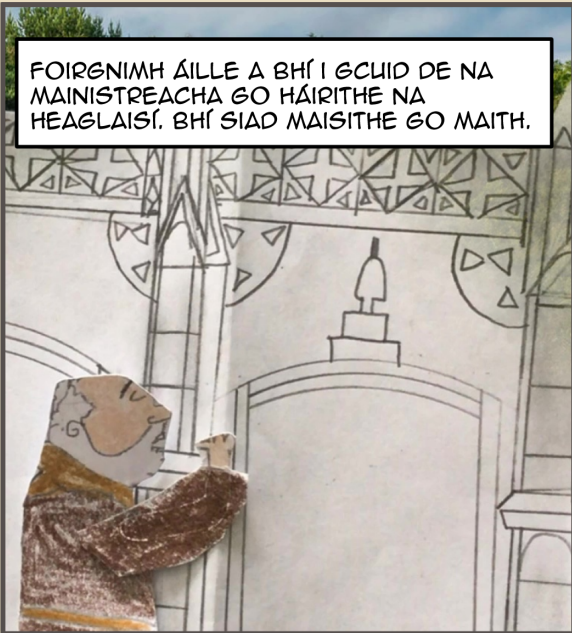
BHÍ AN CHÉAD CHEANN SUITE I NDOIRE NÓ I DOIRE COLMCILLE.



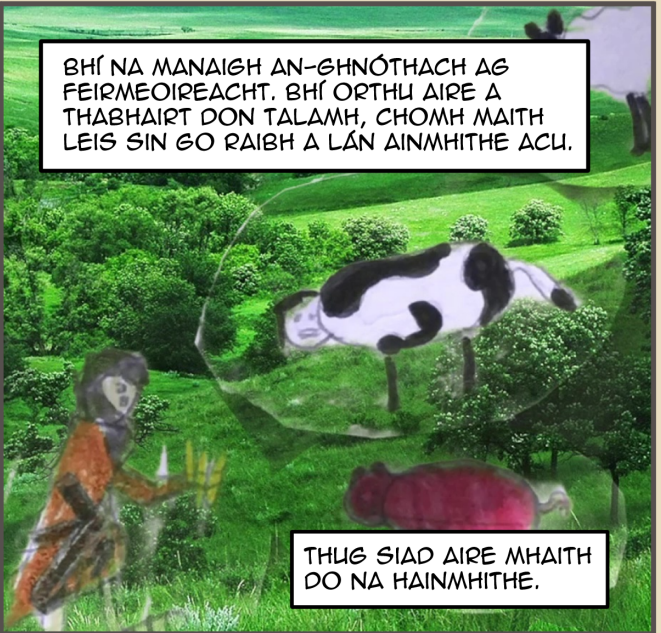
AR DTÚS B'ÉIGEAN DÓIBH CRAINN A CHOPÁIL CHUN NA MAINISTREACHA A THÓGÁIL. BHÍ GO LEOR ADHMAID AG TEASTÁIL UATHU.



TAR ÉIS ROINNT AMA THÓG SIAD NA MAINISTREACHA LE CLOCH.



FOIRGNIMH ÁILLE A BHÍ I GCUID DE NA MAINISTREACHA GO HÁIRITHE NA HEAGLAISÍ. BHÍ SIAD MAISITHE GO MAITH.



BHÍ NA MANAIGH AN-ÉHNÓTHACH AG FEIRMEOIREACT. BHÍ ORTHU AIRE A THABHAIRT DON TALAMH, CHOMH MAITH LEIS SIN GO RAIBH A LÁN AINMHITHE ACU.

THUG SIAD AIRE MHAITH DO NA HAINMHITHE.

BHÍ AR NA MANAIGH A GCUID BIA FÉIN A FHÁS.



OIBRÍONN SIAD GO CRUA I RITH NA BLIANA LENA CHINNTIÚ GO RAIBH GO LEOP BIA AG NA MANAIGH AGUS NA HAINMHITHE.



BHÍ AR NA MANAIGH TÚIR BHABHTA A THÓGÁIL CHUN A GCUID EARRAÍ LUACHMHARA A CHOSAINT. THÓG SIAD IAD LE FANACHT SLÁN Ó NA LOCHLANNAIGH.



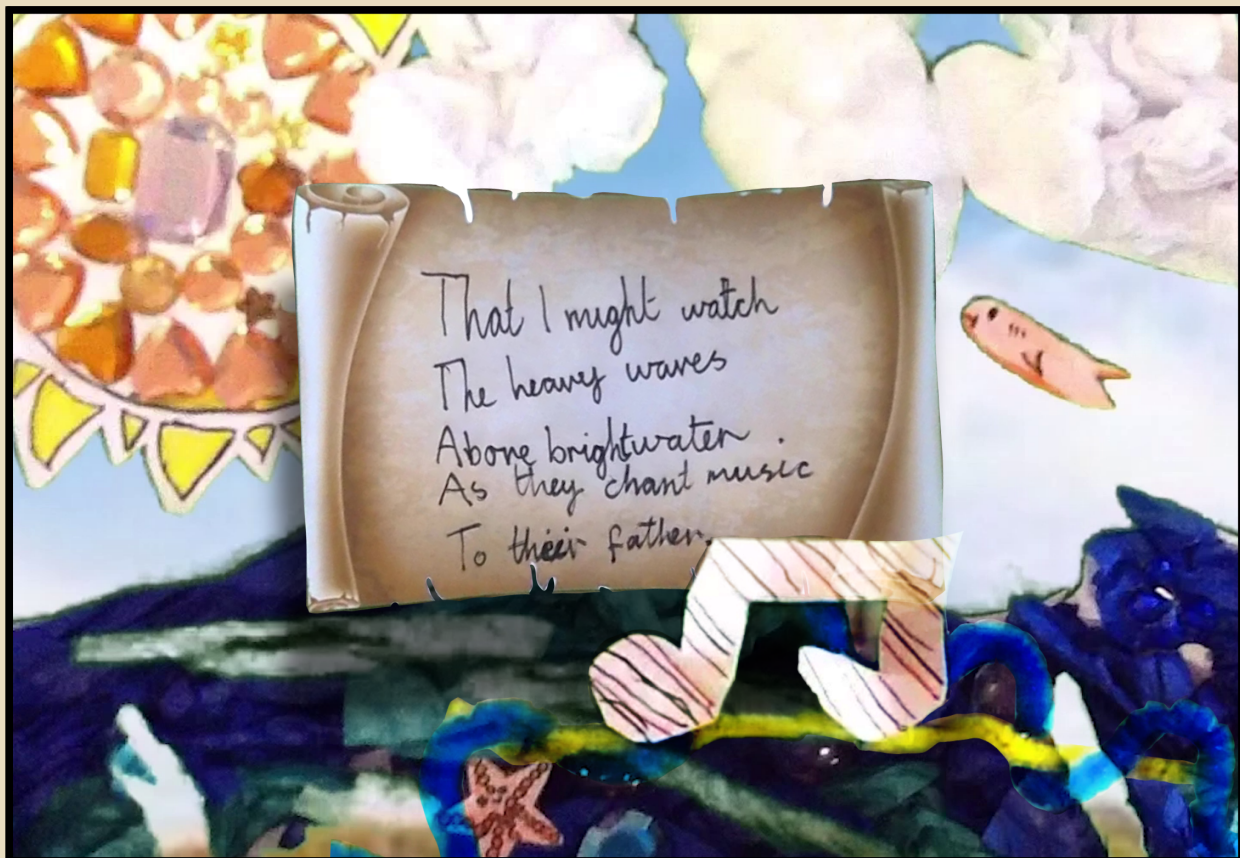
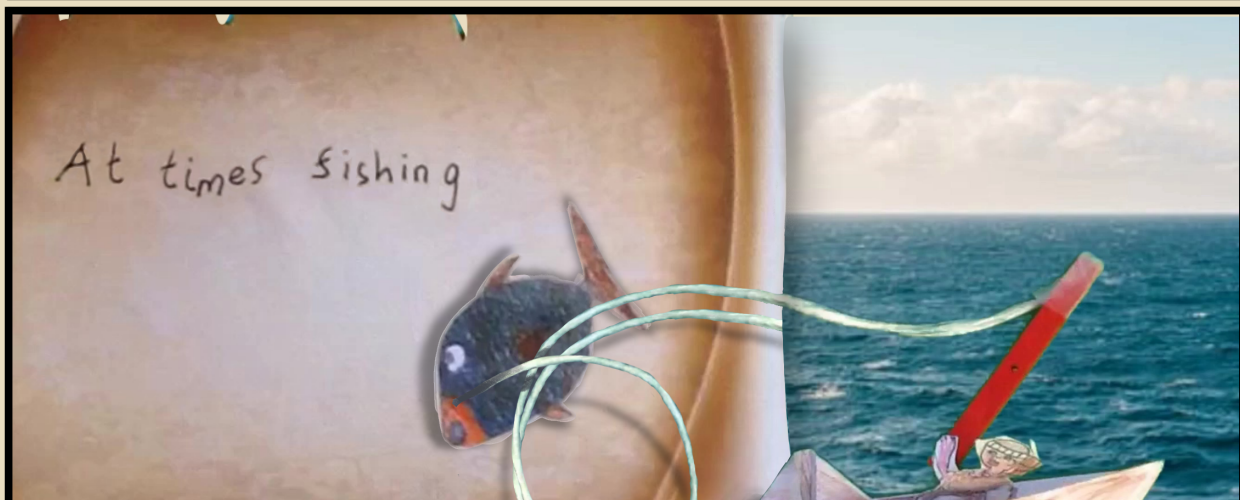
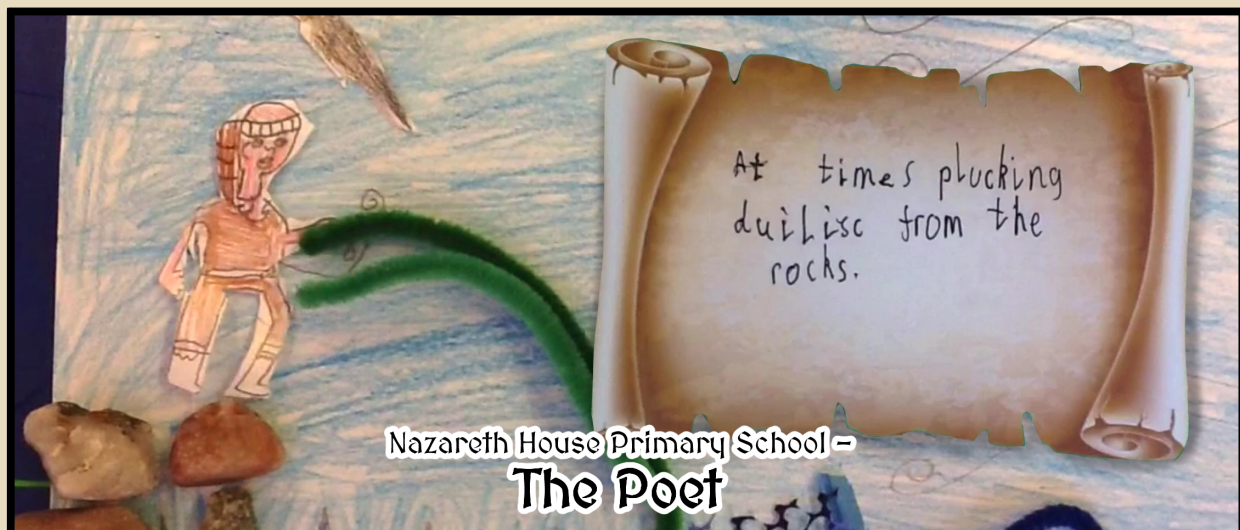
IS MINIC A GHÓID NA LOCHLANNAIGH NA PRÓSAÍ MÓRA A RINNE NA MANAIGH.

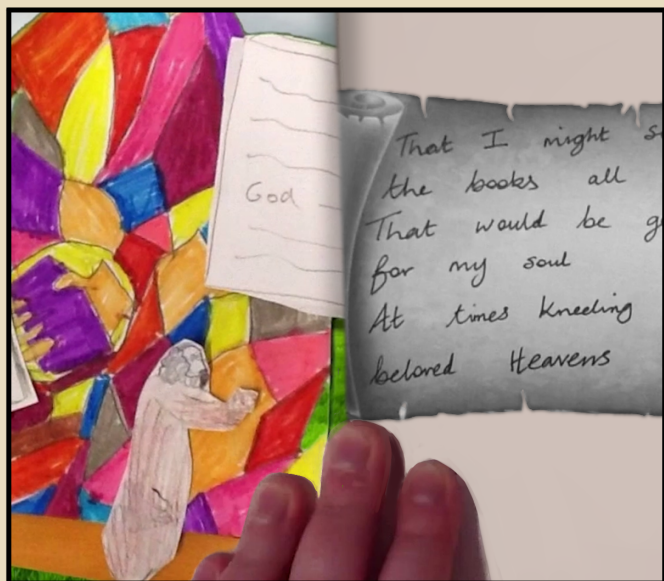
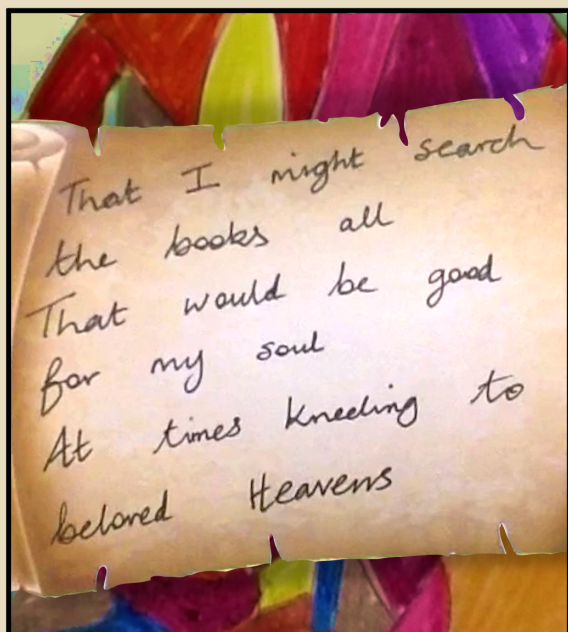
BHÍ SEOMRAÍ SPEISIALTA SNA MAINISTREACHA, ÁIT A BHFÉADFADH NA MANAIGH OBAIR AR A GCEIRD.

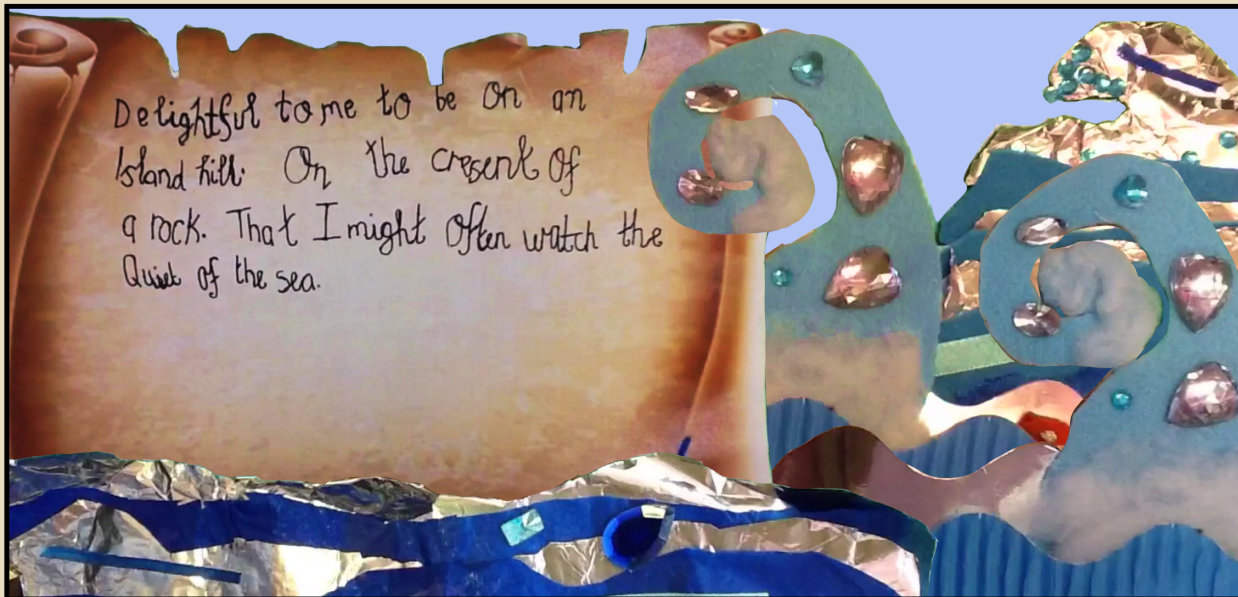
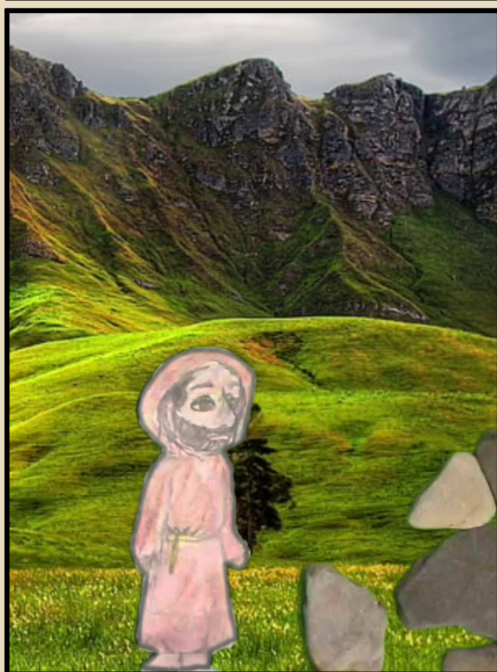
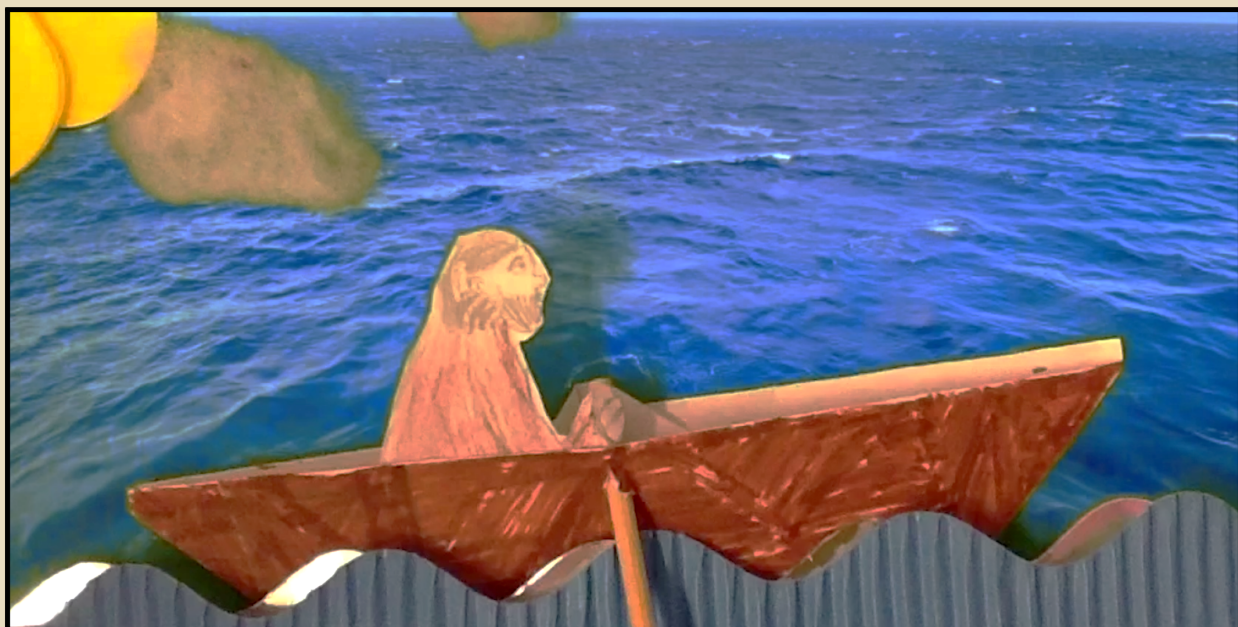


SCRÍOBHADH LEABHAR CHEANANNAIS SNA SEOMRAÍ SEO. TUGADH 'SCRIPTORIUMS' AR NA SEOMRAÍ SEO.





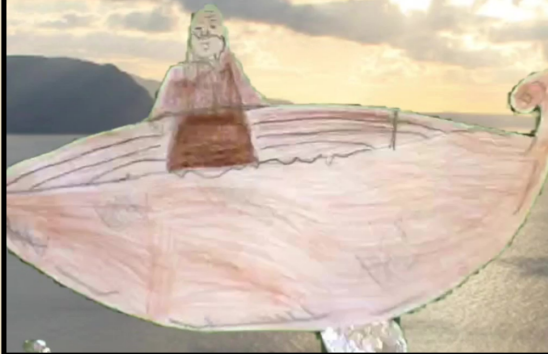




ST COLUMBA IS THE PATRON
SAINT OF ALL POETS.



COLUMBA TRAVELLED FROM IONA TO
DRUMCEAT TO SPEAK AT THE CONVENTION.



THE HIGH KING WANTED
TO EXPEL THE BARDS.



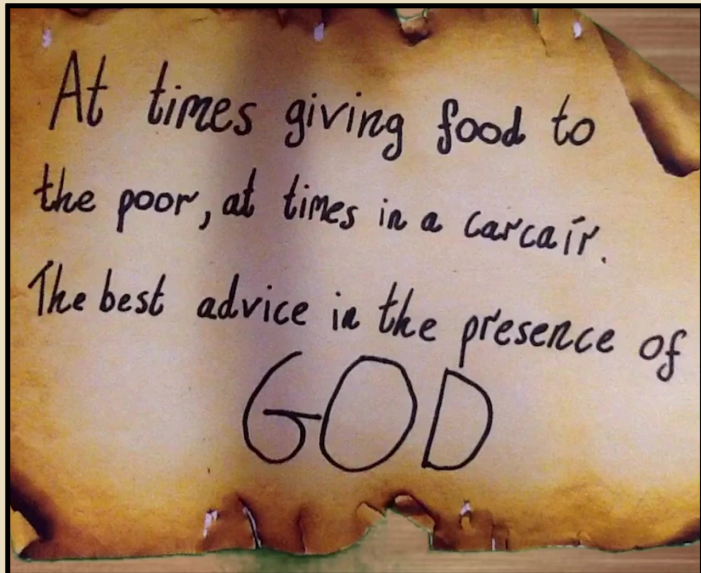
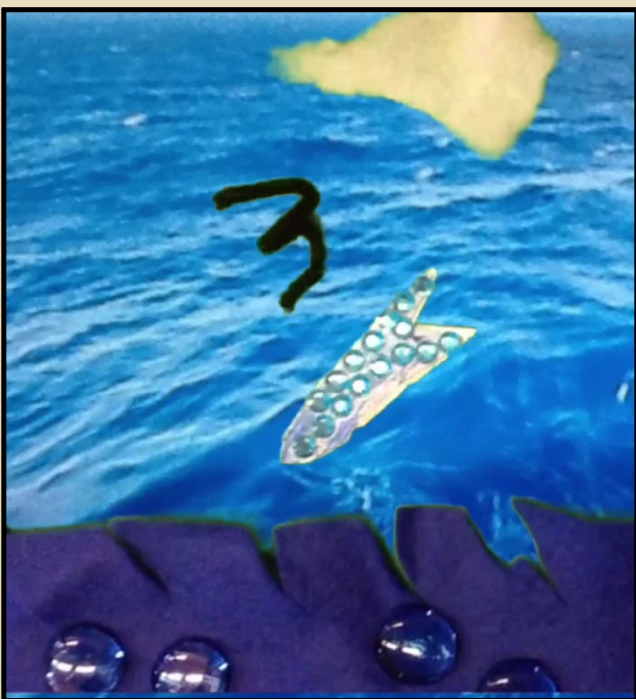
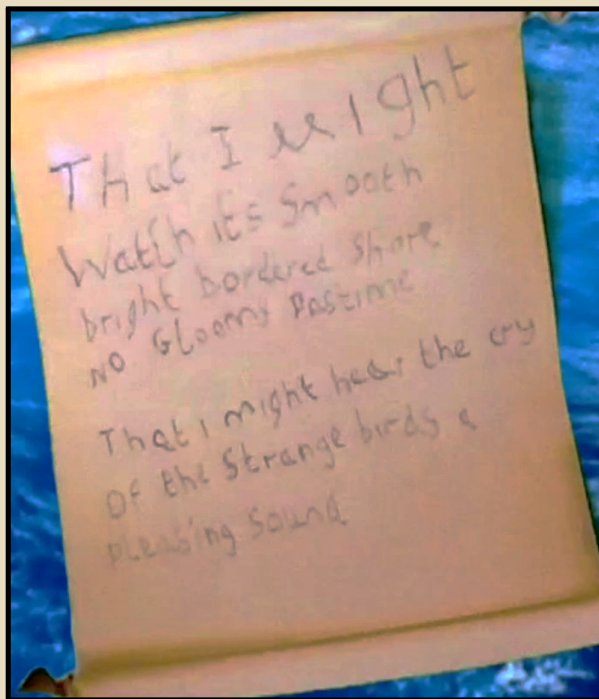
COLUMBA ARGUED ON THEIR BEHALF BECAUSE
HE BELIEVED THEY WERE GOOD MEN.





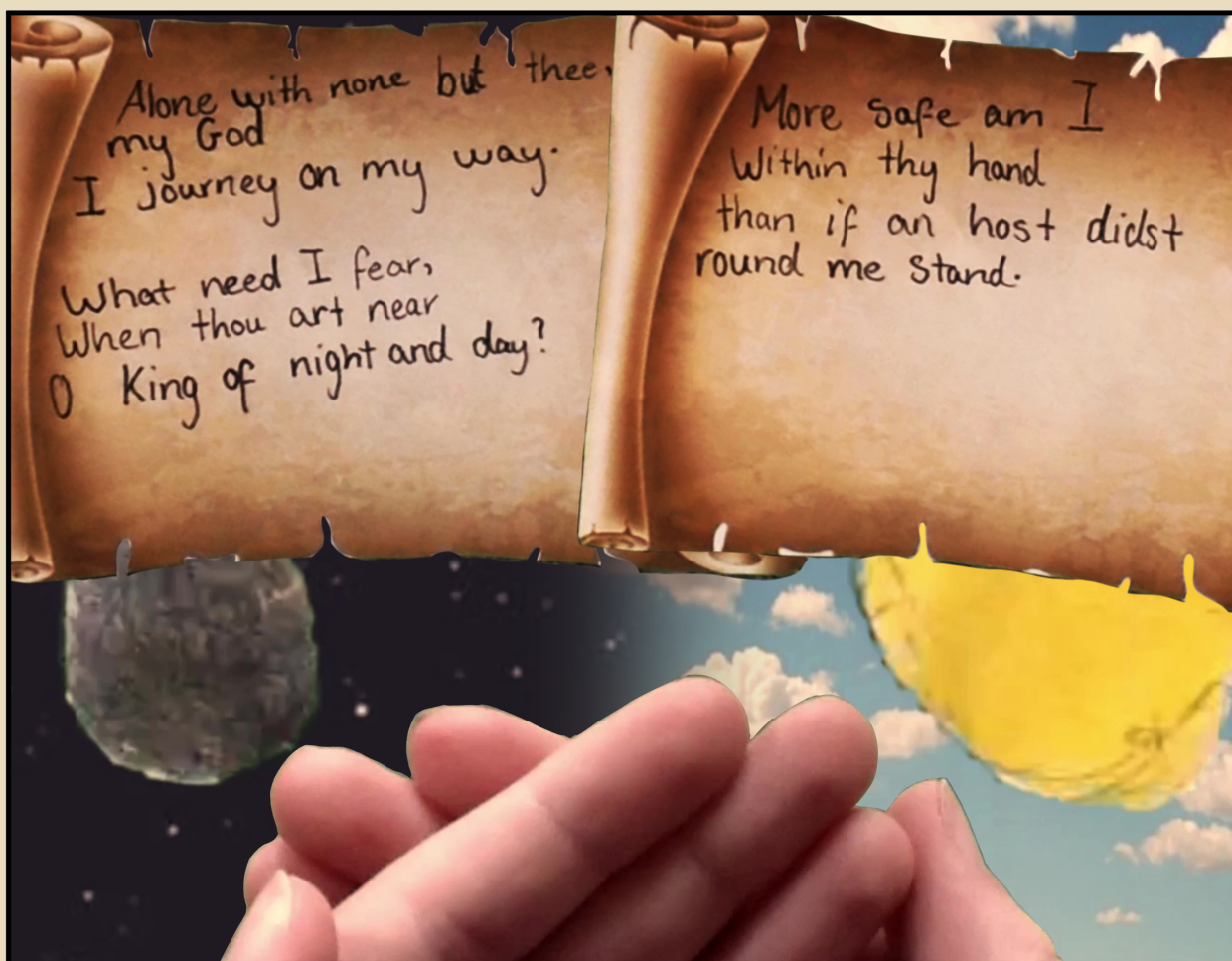
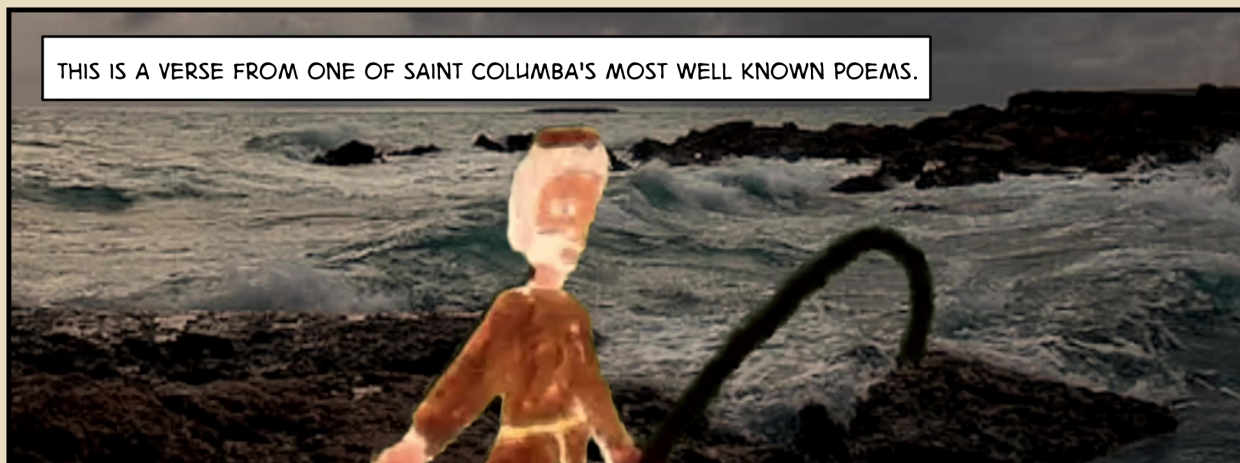
That I might see its
mighty whales
the greatest wonder







THIS IS A VERSE FROM ONE OF SAINT COLUMBA'S MOST WELL KNOWN POEMS.



Hollybush Primary School - The Convention of Drum Cett

COLMCILLE HAS NOW SPENT 30 YEARS IN SELF IMPOSED EXILE ON THE ISLAND OF IONA, WEST OF SCOTLAND. HE HAS SPENT HIS TIME PRAYING, FASTING AND COMPLETING MANUSCRIPTS — HOPEFULLY THIS TIME NOT CAUSING ANY OFFENCE!



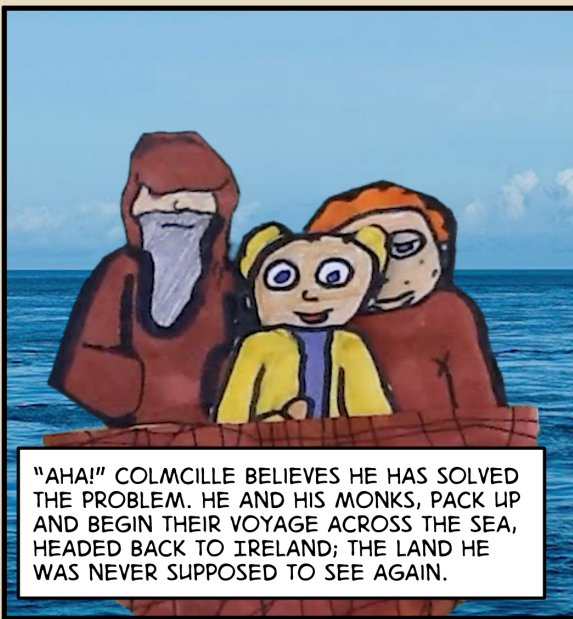
WORD HAS JUST ARRIVED FROM HIS HOMELAND, IRELAND. HE IS WANTED TO SPEAK AT AN IMPORTANT MEETING. THIS MEETING WOULD BECOME KNOWN AS THE CONVENTION OF DRUM CETT.

COLMCILLE IS NOW FACED WITH A REAL DILEMMA. WHEN HE LEFT IRELAND SEEKING TO MAKE AMENDS AFTER THE BATTLE OF CUL DREIMNE, HE SWORE HE WOULD NEVER AGAIN SET EYES ON OR SET FOOT ON THE LAND OF HIS BIRTH.

Dear Colmcille
please come down
to Drum Cett to share
your wisdom and help
us solve our conflict.



HE HAS MANY FRIENDS STILL LIVING IN IRELAND, POETS AND BARDS WHO NEED HIM TO SPEAK ON THEIR BEHALF. HE WANTS TO HELP, BUT IS DETERMINED NOW TO BREAK HIS SOLEMN PLEDGE.



"AHA!" COLMCILLE BELIEVES HE HAS SOLVED THE PROBLEM. HE AND HIS MONKS, PACK UP AND BEGIN THEIR VOYAGE ACROSS THE SEA, HEADED BACK TO IRELAND; THE LAND HE WAS NEVER SUPPOSED TO SEE AGAIN.

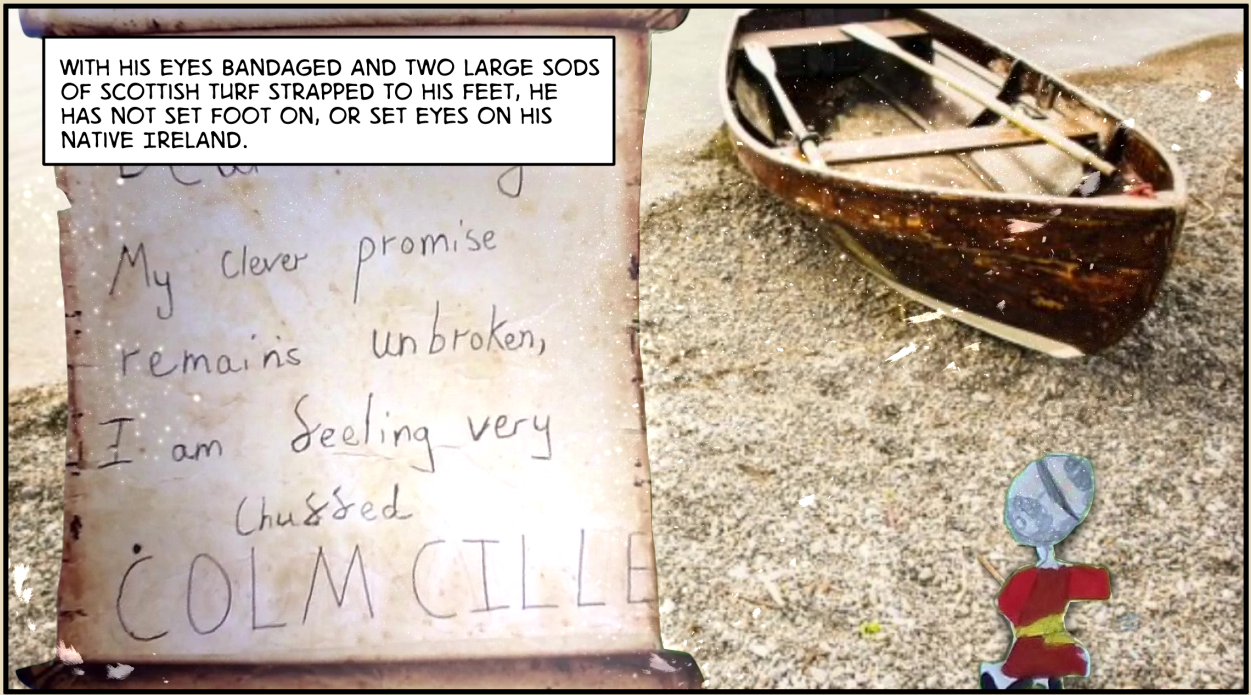


COLMCILLE ARRIVES BACK IN IRELAND. HE TRAVELS TO DRUM CETT, NEAR LIMAVADY. HE ADDRESSES THE GATHERED PEOPLE — THEY ARE ALL A LITTLE CONFUSED AT HIS APPEARANCE.

THEY BEGIN TO WONDER IF ALL THIS TIME ON THE ISLAND HAS REALLY GOT TO HIM!



HIS CLEVER PLAN SEEMS TO HAVE WORKED, HE IS DELIGHTED. HIS SOLEMN PROMISE REMAINS UNBROKEN.



WITH HIS EYES BANDAGED AND TWO LARGE SODS OF SCOTTISH TURF STRAPPED TO HIS FEET, HE HAS NOT SET FOOT ON, OR SET EYES ON HIS NATIVE IRELAND.

My clever promise
remains unbroken,
I am Seeling very
chuffed
COLM CILLE

Cartan National School - Miracles

THE BATTLE

THE KING WAS GOING TO WAR. THE NIGHT BEFORE HE HAD A VISION AND COLMCILLE APPEARED.

HE TOLD THE KING THAT HE WOULD WIN.
"YOU WILL WIN THE BATTLE."

THE NEXT DAY THE KING'S ARMY WENT
INTO BATTLE AGAINST A BIG ARMY. THEY
WON THE BATTLE.



THE SPILT MILK

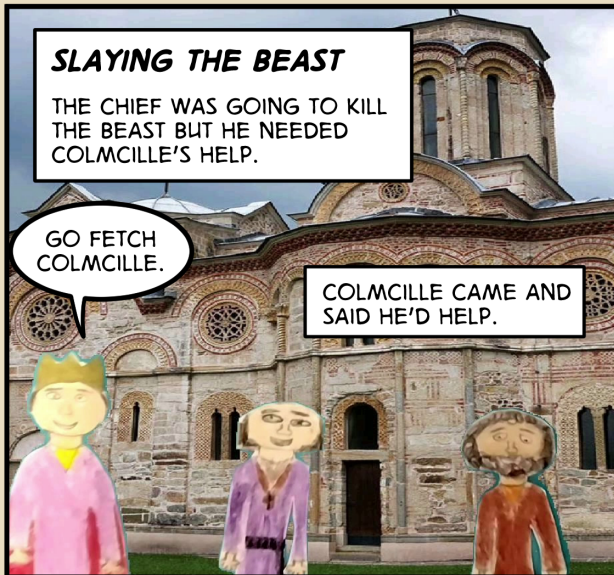
SAINT COLMCILLE WAS VISITING HIS
FRIEND'S HOUSE AND HE SPOTTED
A DEMON IN THE MILK.



I SHALL BANISH
THIS DEMON FROM
THE MILK.

SPLASH!

IT WAS PERFECT AGAIN.



SLAYING THE BEAST

THE CHIEF WAS GOING TO KILL
THE BEAST BUT HE NEEDED
COLMCILLE'S HELP.

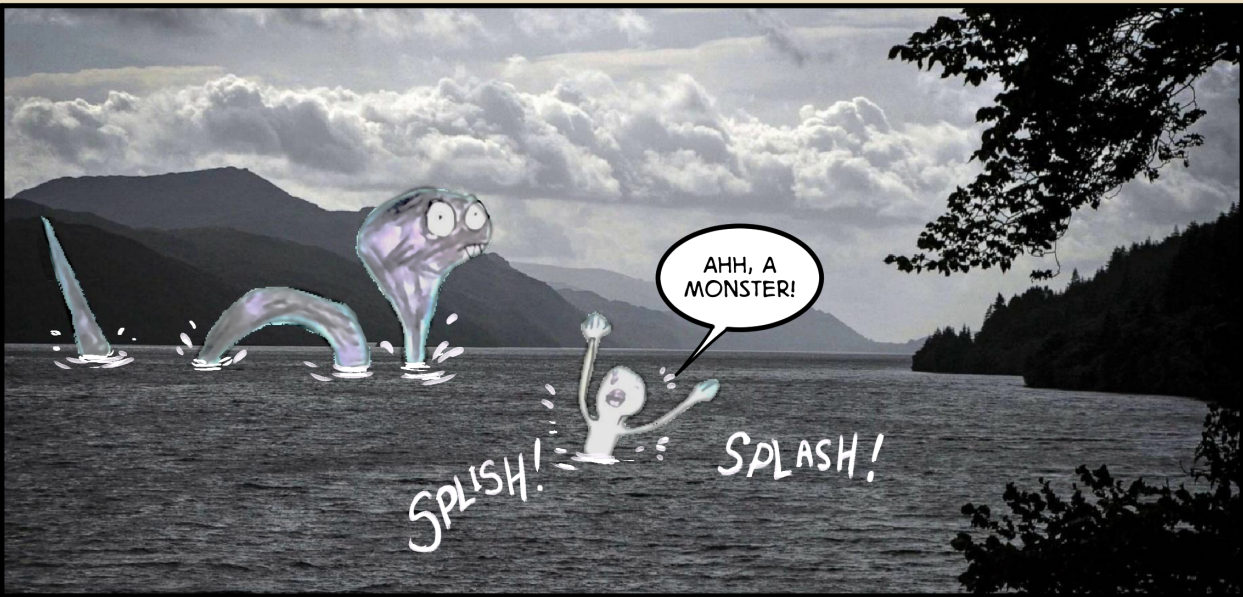
GO FETCH
COLMCILLE.

COLMCILLE CAME AND
SAID HE'D HELP.



COLMCILLE AND THE CHIEF WENT
TO GO FIGHT THE BEAST BUT
WHEN THE CHIEF SAW HOW SCARY
THE BEAST WAS, HE RAN AWAY.

AHH, I'M
OUTA HERE!



Longtower Primary School - The Founding of Derry

THE YEAR WAS 545AD. A DEADLY
PLAGUE EXPLODED IN GLASNEVIN
AND SWIFTLY SPREAD ACROSS THE
LAND.

IT WAS A CHAOTIC TIME. PEOPLE WERE
TERRIFIED, STARVING AND MANY PEOPLE
PERISHED.

ONE HEROIC MAN HELD ON FOR DEAR LIFE
DETERMINED TO SURVIVE.

DO YOU THINK
IT'S WISE TO
LEAVE THE AREA
COLUMBA?

IF WE CONTINUE
TO SPREAD CHRISTIANITY
I THINK WE MUST.

SO BE IT,
THOUGH I
SHALL MISS
YOU.

ALTHOUGH I MAY BE FAR AWAY
I WILL WORK HARDER THAN EVER
BEFORE BUILDING MONASTERIES
ALL OVER THE PLACE.

BEFORE YOU
SAY ANYTHING MORE
THERE IS ONE THING
I MUST TELL YOU.

COLUMBA LISTENED VERY CAREFULLY
TO HIS TEACHER AND AFTER THE
CONVERSATION FLED THE AREA AND
JOURNEYED NORTH TO HIS HOMELAND
OF TIRCONNELL.

HE TRAVELED FOR MANY DAYS AND NIGHTS WHEN HE
FINALLY ARRIVED HOME AND KING ÁED WAS THRILLED
TO HEAR OF HIS RETURN. HE SUMMONED COLUMBA
AND WELCAME HIM WITH OPEN ARMS.

GREETINGS COLUMBA MY
OLD FRIEND. I WAS SO HAPPY TO
HEAR OF YOUR RETURN AND I
HAVE AN OFFER FOR YOU.

AN OFFER?

KING ÁED TOOK COLUMBA
TO THE BANK OF A
BEAUTIFUL RIVER.

I'M GIFTING YOU THE
PIECE OF LAND IN THE DISTANCE.
THE OAK GROVE. I WOULD LIKE
YOU TO BUILD OUR FIRST
MONASTERY.

COLUMBA REMEMBERED HIS CONVERSATION WITH MOBHÍ AND FEARED SPIES WOULD BE WATCHING HIS EVERY MOVE.

I AM TERRIBLY SORRY MY KING BUT I'M UNABLE TO ACCEPT YOUR OFFER.



'COLUMBA YOU CANNOT BUILD A MONASTERY WITHOUT MY PERMISSION.'

COLUMBA WAS DEVASTATED HE COULD NOT ACCEPT THE LAND.

HE FEARED THAT MOBHÍ WOULD HAVE SENT SPIES TO WATCH HIS PROGRESS AND AS HE WAS RETURNING HOME HE MET TWO OF MOBHÍ'S STUDENTS.



I KNEW IT!
I KNEW IT.

I KNEW HE WOULD SEND SPIES. DOES MOBHÍ NOT TRUST ME?

OH NO NO NO!
YOU'VE GOT IT ALL
WRONG COLUMBA.

WE BRING
BAD NEWS.



OUR MASTER
MOBHÍ HAS
PASSED AWAY.

DO YOU REALLY
EXPECT ME TO
BELIEVE YOU?

WE WOULD NOT
JOKE ABOUT SUCH
THINGS. HERE!

IT'S HIS
BELT.



TEARS FILLED UP IN COLUMBUS' EYES AT THE SIGHT OF THE BELT HIS MASTER ONCE WORE.

HE SAW IT AS A SIGN. HE WOULD RETURN TO KING AED, ACCEPT THE LAND. HIS MISSION WAS CLEAR.



HE HAD TO FOUND THE FIRST MONASTERY BY THE OAK GROVE.

COLUMBA RETURNED TO KING ÁED AND ACCEPTED THE LAND. THE KING'S OVERJOYED AND LOOKED FORWARD TO THE DAY WHEN PILGRIMS COULD COME TO THIS AREA TO LEARN ABOUT GOD. HE LEFT COLUMBA TO HIS WORK.



IF THIS WILL BE A HOME FOR GOD IN THESE PARTS, I MUST BANISH THE PAGAN PAST.

THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY.

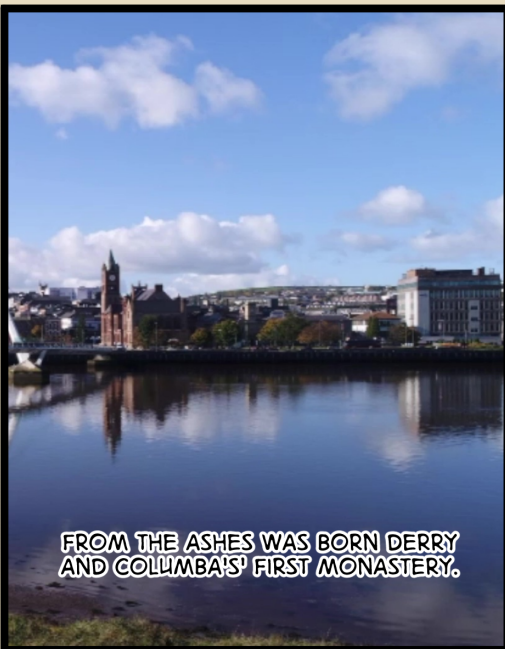


COLUMBA SET FIRE TO THE OAK GROVE. FOR THIS TO BECOME A HOLY PLACE HE FELT HE NEEDED TO DO THIS.



AS THE FIRE RAGED ON IT BEGAN TO SPREAD. PEOPLE BEGAN SCREAMING IN FEAR AND RUNNING.

COLUMBA REMAINED CALM AND FELL TO HIS KNEES AND BEGAN TO PRAY.



FROM THE ASHES WAS BORN DERRY AND COLUMBA'S FIRST MONASTERY.

St Patricks Primary School - The Book of Kells

THE BOOK OF KELS IS 1200 YEARS OLD AND WAS ONE OF ST. COLUMBA'S LEGACIES.

AT THE MONASTERY ST. COLUMBA TAUGHT THE MONKS HOW TO WRITE AND DRAW THE BOOK OF KELS.

THE BOOK OF KELS IS ABOUT JESUS AND THE FOUR GOSPELS.

THEY HAD TO KILL OVER 150 COWS TO MAKE THE BOOK OF KELS.



THEY USED DIFFERENT TYPES OF FLOWERS TO MAKE THE INKS FOR THE BOOK OF KELS.

IT TOOK SIX PEOPLE TO MAKE THE BOOK OF KELS, THREE WRITING AND THREE DRAWING.



THESE ARE THE VIKINGS CHASING AFTER THE MONKS FOR THE BOOK OF KELS.




Oakgrove Primary School - The Legacy



COLMCILLE IS ONE OF THE THREE PATRON SAINTS OF IRELAND.
HIS NAME IN IRISH MEANS DOVE.



HE WAS BORN ON THE 7TH OF SEPTEMBER 521AD.
HE WAS BORN IN GARTAN NEAR LETTERKENNY.



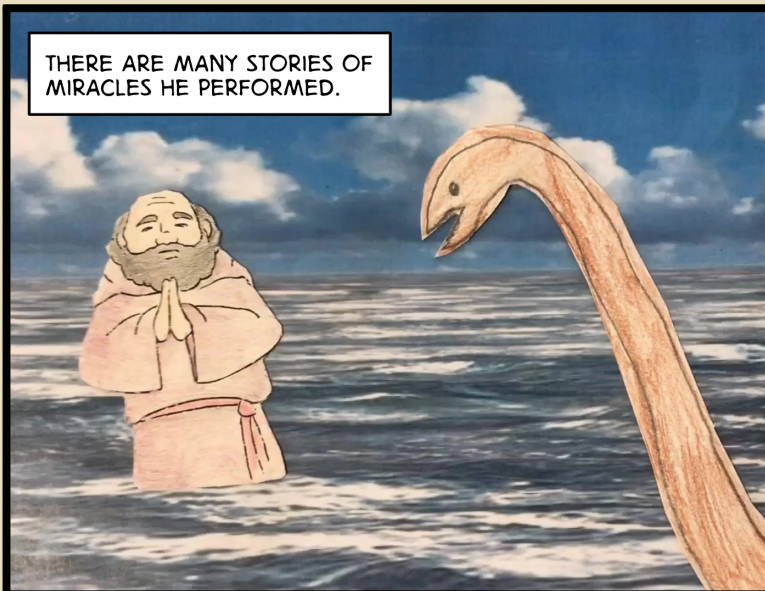
HE STUDIED AT A MONASTIC SCHOOL IN MOVILLA. WHEN
HE WAS 20 HE BECAME A
DEACON.



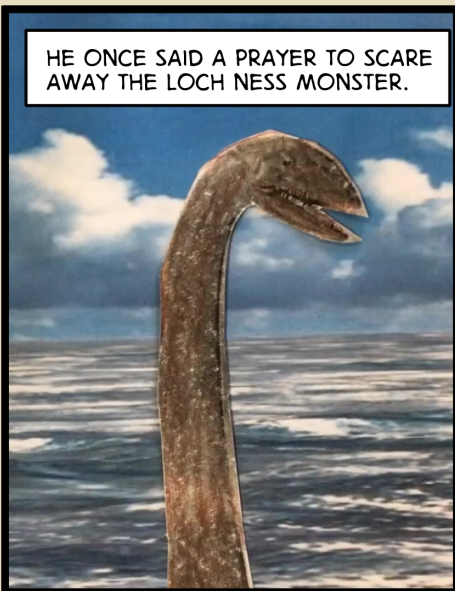
HE THEN MOVED TO CLONARD ABBEY IN COUNTY
MEATH AND HE BECAME AN APOSTLE.

HE BECAME KNOWN AS ONE OF THE
TWELVE APOSTLES OF IRELAND.
HE EVENTUALLY BECAME A MONK.

THERE ARE MANY STORIES OF
MIRACLES HE PERFORMED.



HE ONCE SAID A PRAYER TO SCARE
AWAY THE LOCH NESS MONSTER.



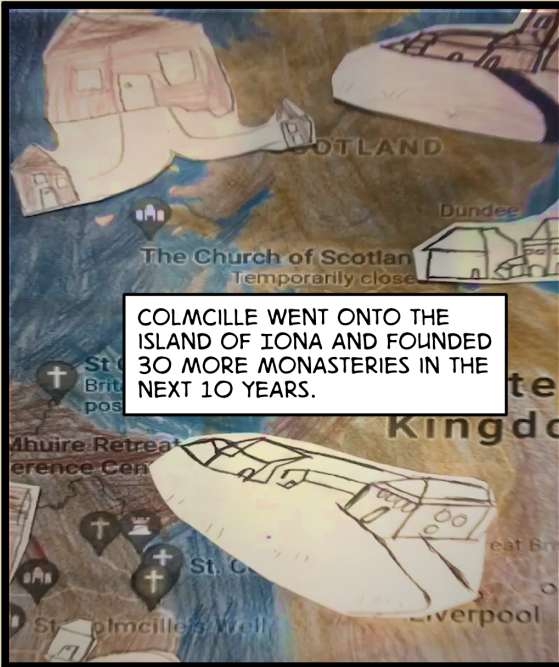
A KING GAVE HIM A SITE IN DERRY.
THIS SITE WAS ON A HILL TO THE
EAST OF THE RIVER FOYLE.



HE BUILT HIS FIRST MONASTERY IN 548
ON THE SITE, IT IS NEAR ST AUGUSTINE'S
CHURCH ON THE WALLS.



ST COLUMB'S CATHEDRAL IN DERRY IS
DEDICATED TO COLMCILLE.



SCOTT CHOLMCILLE -
Life after
Colmcille

EVERY YEAR, COLMCILLE'S FEAST DAY IS CELEBRATED ON THE 9TH OF JUNE (THE DAY HE DIED).

ON THIS DAY PEOPLE SAY PRAYERS,
THEY GO TO CHURCHES NAMED AFTER
HIM, TO HOLY WELLS BLESSED BY HIM,
AND THEY GO ON A TURAS OR
PILGRIMAGE.

THERE ARE MANY PILGRIMAGE ROUTES DEDICATED TO COLMCILLE IN DERRY AND DONEGAL SUCH AS THE SLI CHOLMCILLE AND THURAS CHOLM CILLE.

DURING A PILGRIMAGE, PEOPLE WALK TO PLACES CALLED STATIONS, AND SAY PRAYERS.

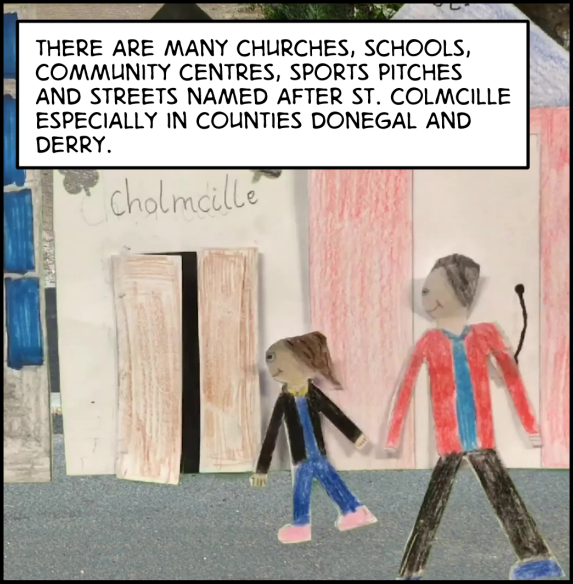
Saint Cholmville
Born: December 7 521 AD



SOME PEOPLE WEAR OAK LEAVES ON ST. COLMCILLE'S FEAST DAY, WHILE OTHERS WALK THE PILGRIMAGE BAREFOOT!



THERE ARE MANY CHURCHES, SCHOOLS, COMMUNITY CENTRES, SPORTS PITCHES AND STREETS NAMED AFTER ST. COLMCILLE ESPECIALLY IN COUNTIES DONEGAL AND DERRY.



IT IS COLMCILLE'S FOLLOWERS WHO CREATED THE BOOK OF KELLS, ONE OF THE WORLD'S GREAT TREASURES. OVER 1 MILLION PEOPLE VISITED THE BOOK IN TRINITY COLLEGE LIBRARY IN 2018.



TO THIS DAY COLMCILLE'S LEGACY CAN BE SEEN FAR AND WIDE, ALL OVER THE WORLD.



COLUMBA'S LEGACY HAS REACHED ALL FIVE CONTINENTS.



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