

# My Heritage

Poems and Art

by Children in Counties Kilkenny, Carlow and Tipperary

## Calendar 2015





# Welcome

*My Heritage* calendar developed from the *My Heritage* publication - a publication of poems by primary school children about their heritage. Children were invited, with the support of their teachers, to write a poem under four heritage themes: My Nature; My Ancestors; My Waterways and Rivers; My Architecture. The result was a beautiful and thought provoking book. See <http://www.kilkennycoco.ie/eng/Services/Heritage/My-Heritage-.pdf>. This calendar gives a further flavour of what heritage means to the children who participated in the project.

Poetry and art are wonderful means of encouraging children to bring their attention to, and give a personal value to, their local heritage.

*"For the child possesses by nature that valuable quality all adult artists seek to retain or regain: the ability of being able to view the world ... as if for the first time ... unblurred by time or experience or tact or expediency."* (Charles Causley, Poet and Teacher)

It was a pleasure to work with Kilkenny Education Centre on this project. We hope that you enjoy the calendar and that by seeing the school children's wonderful words and drawings each month, as you move the pages of the calendar forward, it encourages you to explore your own heritage, perhaps again through the eyes of a child.

***Dearbhala Ledwidge, Heritage Officer, Kilkenny County Council***

In this collaboration with the Heritage Office of Kilkenny County Council, the young participants were challenged to think about heritage in a broad and expansive sense. By examining our heritage we connect with the past in a special way, and at the same time acknowledging that what we do and who we are in the present, will be the heritage of the future.

Kilkenny Education Centre acknowledges the important input from the Heritage Office and especially the hard work of Heritage Officer, Dearbhala Ledwidge whose enthusiasm for this initiative drove it to fruition. I also want to add my appreciation for the work of our staff – namely Monica Skehan, Honorah Rochford, David Phelan & Trisha Maher as well as our very committed Director, Paul Fields. A special word of thanks to Tanya Jones who took on the task of designing the finished product, and to Frances Cotter and Polly Minnett who worked with the children during a one day workshop aimed at further developing their writing and artistic skills. Thank you to all the children who took part in the project and a sincere word of appreciation to their families, teachers and schools who supported them in their endeavours.

We hope the calendar, along with *My Heritage* book of poetry, will inspire more budding artists and poets as well as prompting us all to reflect on the importance of our heritage.

***Eithne McKenna, Chairperson, Kilkenny Education Centre***

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Art & Poem - **Ferdia Roche:** 6<sup>th</sup> Class, Kilkenny School Project, Kilkenny

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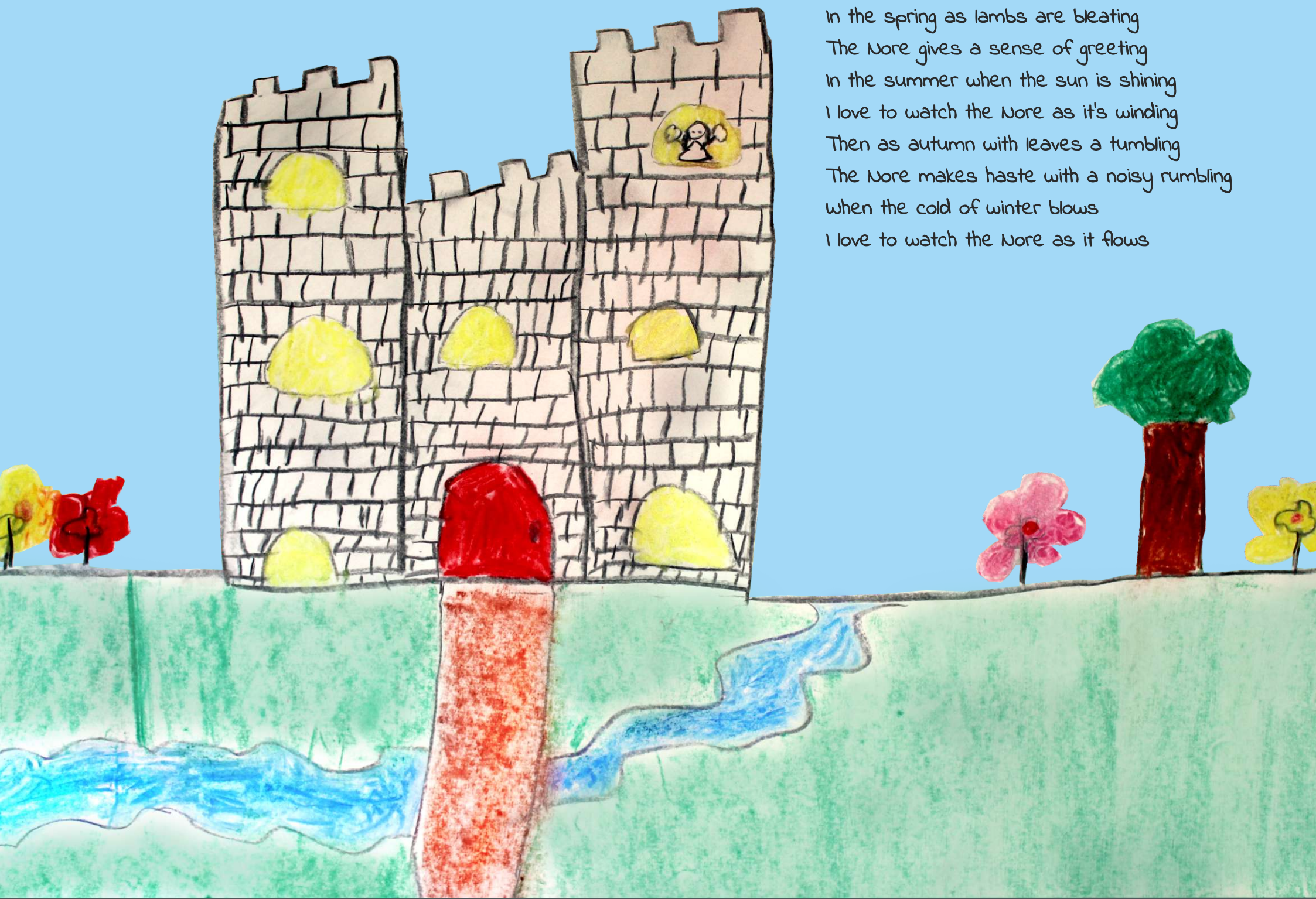
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The River Nore

In the spring as lambs are bleating  
The Nore gives a sense of greeting  
In the summer when the sun is shining  
I love to watch the Nore as it's winding  
Then as autumn with leaves a tumbling  
The Nore makes haste with a noisy rumbling  
When the cold of winter blows  
I love to watch the Nore as it flows

Art & Poem - **Emer Barron**: 3<sup>rd</sup> Class, Scoil San Nicolás, Windgap, Co Kilkenny

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January





Snowdrops

Snowdrop, snowdrop  
Will you grow?  
Yes I will  
Nice and low.

Art - **Lily Mackey**: Senior Infants, Presentation Convent GNS, Mooncoin

Poem & Art - **Sadhbh Kirwan**: Senior Infants, Presentation Primary, Kilkenny

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2  World Wetlands Day	3	4	5	6	7	8
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February





The old House  
on our farm there is a building  
It is built with stone and mortar  
And some walls are two feet thick  
The stones are laid one on one  
with each the perfect fit.

Art - **Edmund Lauhoff**: 1<sup>st</sup> Class, St Patrick's De La Salle NS, Kilkenny

Poem - **Darin Taylor**: 6<sup>th</sup> Class, Slieveardagh NS, Co Tipperary

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
						1  1-7 March: National Tree Week
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16	17  St. Patrick's Day	18	19	20	21  World Poetry Day	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
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March





Old Photograph

I am a camera in an old photograph.  
As my master props me up on my stand,  
I wonder what this photograph is for?  
Who the people are?  
Why they want me to use my skills for them?

Art & Poem - Grainne Mallon: 5<sup>th</sup> Class, Scoil Mhuire NS, Paulstown, Co Kilkenny

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
		1	2	3 Good Friday	4	5
6 Easter Monday	7	8	9	10	11	12
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20	21	22 World Earth Day	23	24	25	26
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April





Tramore Shell

when I was down at the sea  
A cockle shell lay beside me  
I scooped it into my hand  
And imagined it under the massive ocean.  
O how we adore Tramore  
when we dive, splash and explore.

Art & Poem - Leigh Happe: 4<sup>th</sup> Class, Johnswell NS, Co Kilkenny

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4 May Day	5	6	7	8	9	10
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18	19	20	21	22 International Day for Biological Biodiversity	23	24
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May



Kilkenny Castle

In the winter it sleeps  
Snow on its battlements  
Icy puddles  
In spring it awakens  
Like a child awakening on a school morning

Trees bud  
Beautiful summer  
Dogs running on the lawns  
Teenagers play soccer and eat lunch  
Autumn lanterns  
Kilkenny Castle looks like a ghost house



Art & Poem - **Ferdia Roche**: 6<sup>th</sup> Class, Kilkenny School Project , Kilkenny

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
1  Jung Bank Holiday	2	3	4	5  World Environment Day	6	7
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June



Ireland's Fine Architecture

There is a lovely walk by The vee  
Bunratty Castle is my favourite place to be  
The Devil's Bit is in County Tipperary

when you look down from the top of a castle, it can be scary  
The Rock of Cashel is quite a sight  
with all the people there it is not that quiet



Art - **Glen O'Sullivan**: Junior Infants, Poulacapple NS, Co Kilkenny

Poem - **Hannah Hughes**: 6<sup>th</sup> Class, Dualla NS, Co Tipperary

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July





### My Best Tree

I climb it a lot

There's a squirrel's nest

At the top of the tree

Loads of leaves in summer

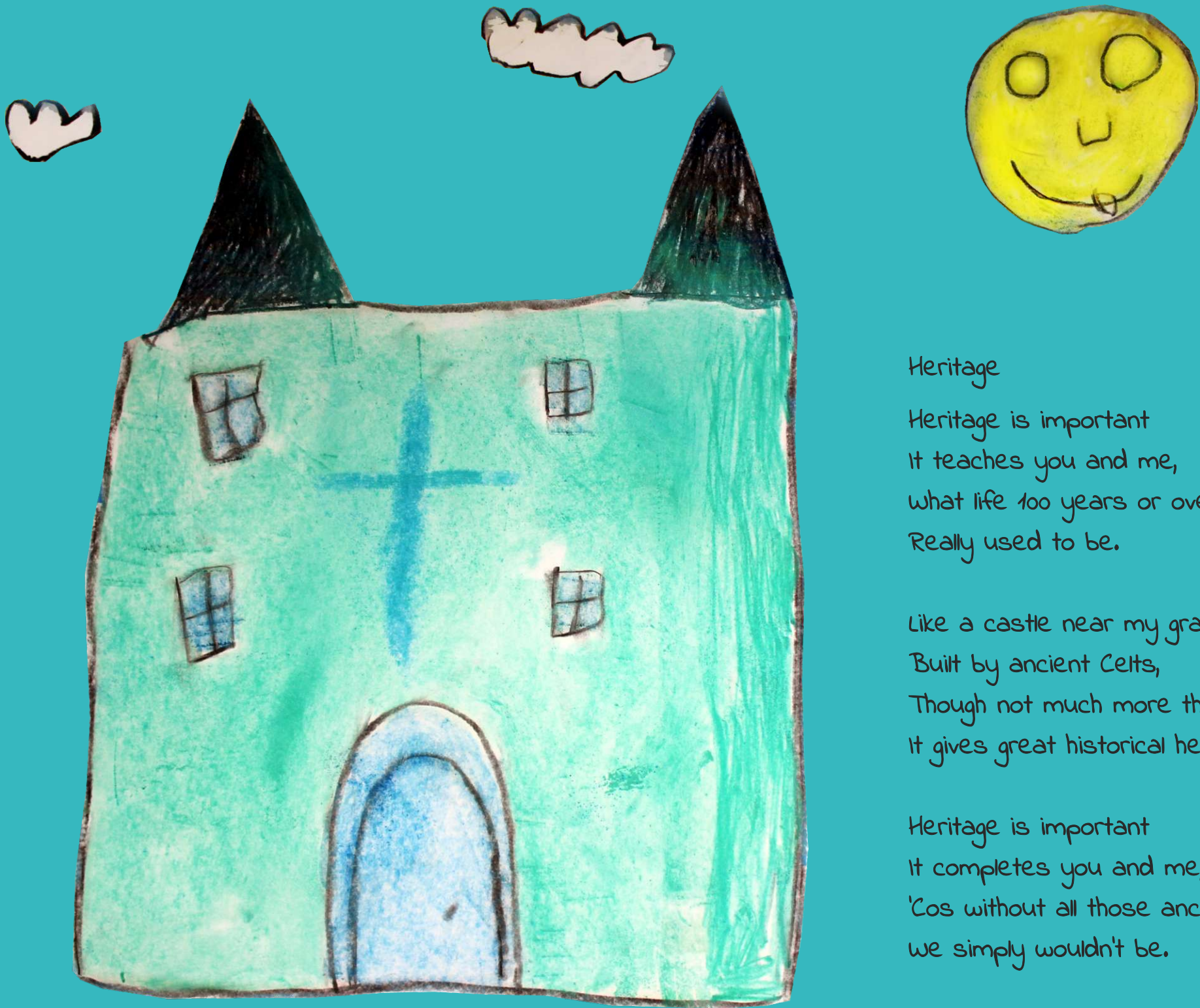
It's like a snowman in winter with branchy arms

Art & Poem - **Dillon Abbott**: Senior Infants, St. Beacon's NS, Mullinavat, Co Kilkenny

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3  August Bank holiday	4	5	6	7	8	9
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# August





Heritage

Heritage is important  
It teaches you and me,  
what life 100 years or over  
Really used to be.

Like a castle near my granny  
Built by ancient Celts,  
Though not much more than rubble  
It gives great historical help.

Heritage is important  
It completes you and me,  
'Cos without all those ancient lads  
we simply wouldn't be.

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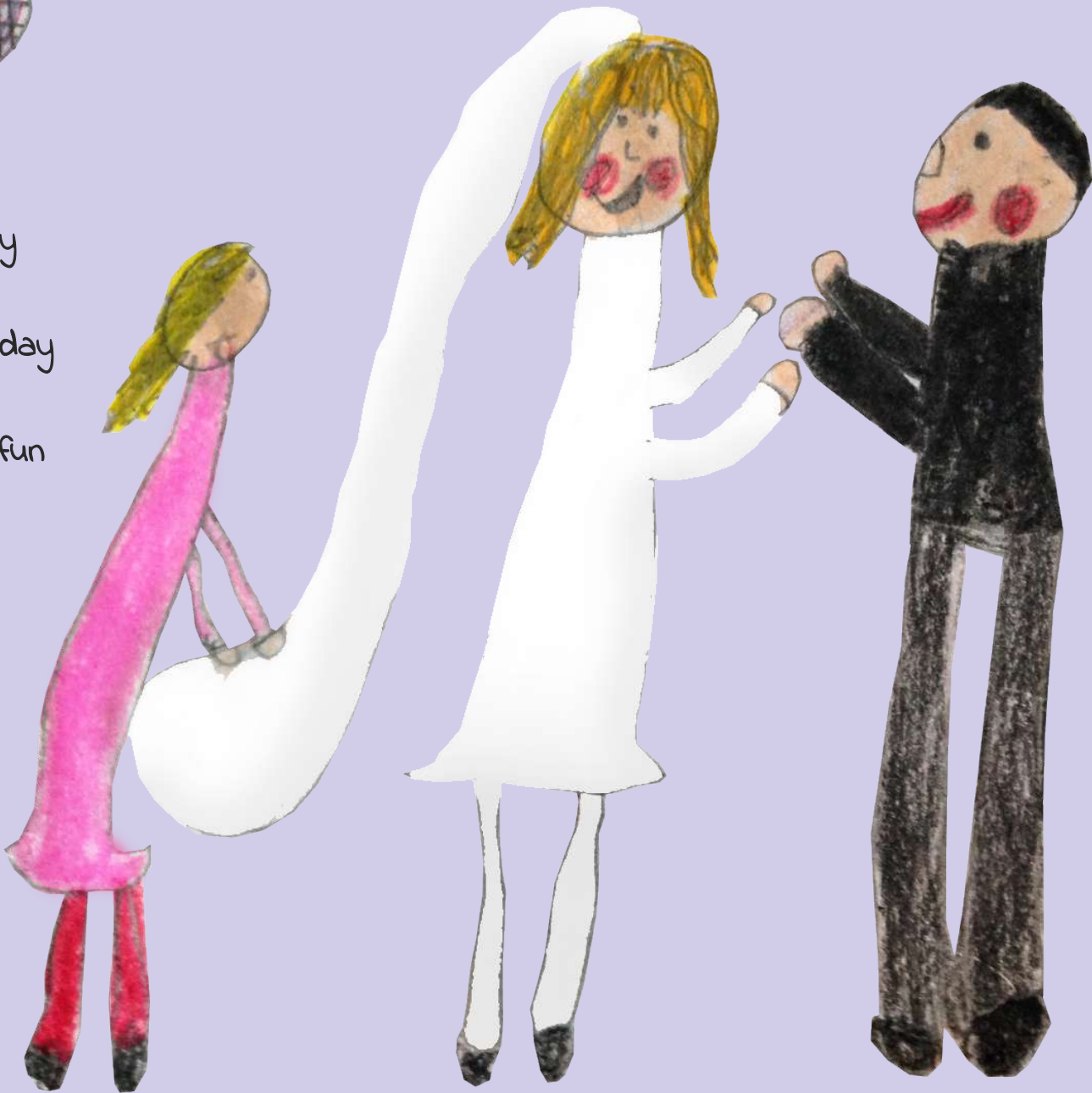
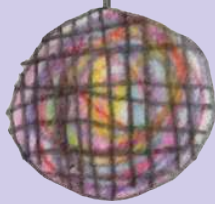
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September



I Love Memories

I love my granny  
She loves me  
we play together  
My granddad died when I was a baby  
I don't remember him  
But I saw a photo of their wedding day  
They were dancing in the photo  
I love to dance, so I'd say they had fun



Art & Poem - Lily Nolan: 2<sup>nd</sup> Class, Ballinkillen NS, Co Carlow

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5 World Teachers Day World Habitat Day	6	7	8	9	10	11
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26 October Bank Holiday	27	28	29	30	31	

October





# Siláire wood

The woods by Graigenamanagh are wonderful  
 I once saw a fox  
 He ran into the trees when he saw me  
 I saw all of him  
 But mostly his bushy tail



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# November





Snow Flakes

Falling falling snow flakes  
on my hat  
I like snow flakes

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Poem - **Natalia Lawncizak**: Junior Infants, Holy Family Girls NS, Askea, Carlow

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Winter Solstice				Christmas Day	St. Stephen's Day	
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December