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FEATURING



LADY

Abby and Luke's dog Prince has disappeared and the children are out searching for him.

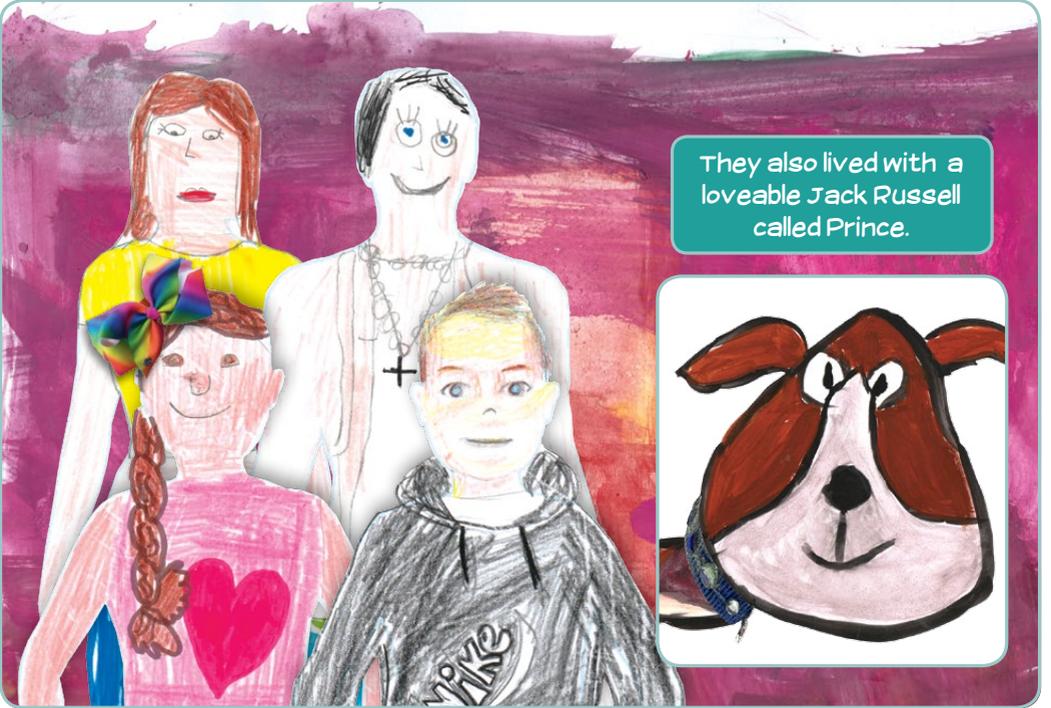
Where did Prince go? Who did he meet on his travels and what secrets do they hold?

Will Abby and Luke ever find their Prince?

Abby and Luke lived with their Mam and Dad.



They also lived with a loveable Jack Russell called Prince.



Prince loved to play
up and down the road...



...and he especially
loved to play in muck.



Sometimes he dragged the muck into the house.

UH-OH...



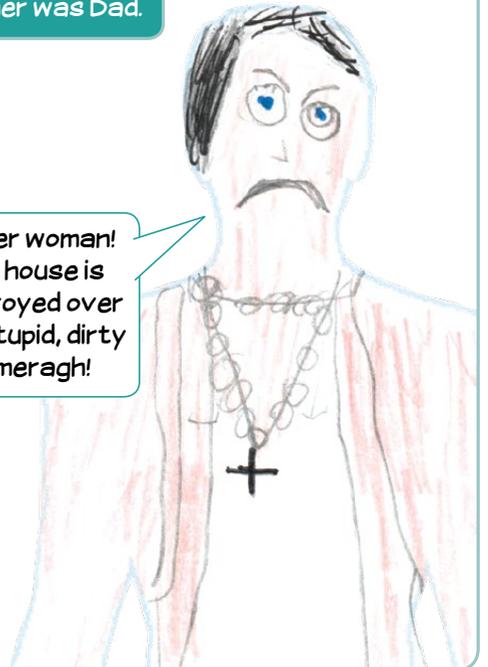
Mam was not impressed.

Ah, Prince! The bed sheets!



Neither was Dad.

Clever woman!
The house is destroyed over the stupid, dirty comeragh!

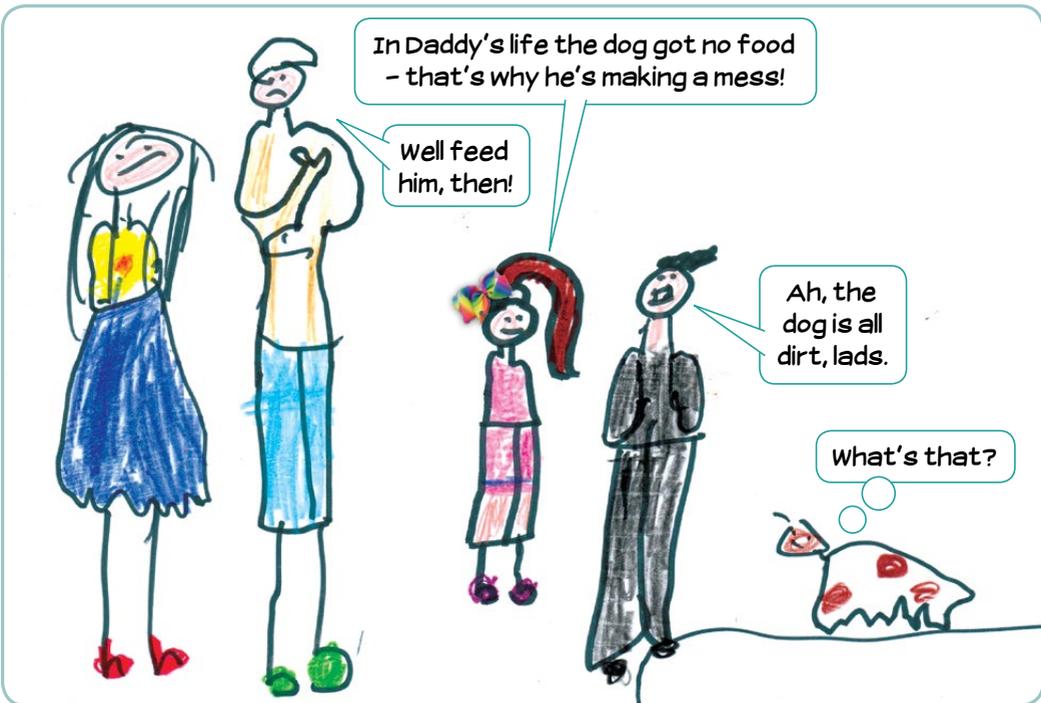


One for Sorrow



One day Mam had enough. Prince had put mucky paw prints all over her brand new settee.



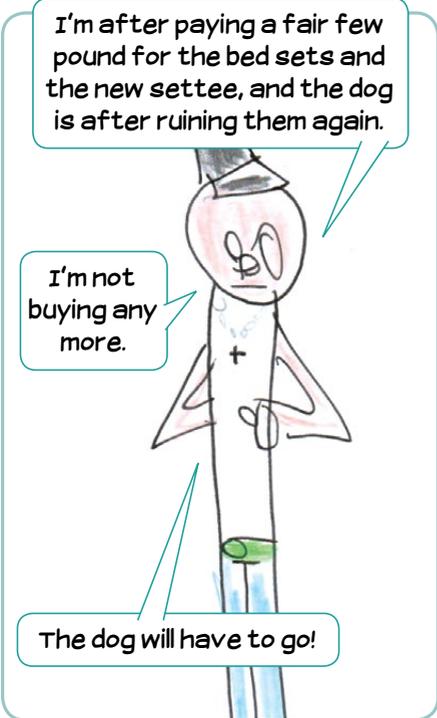


In Daddy's life the dog got no food - that's why he's making a mess!

Well feed him, then!

Ah, the dog is all dirt, lads.

What's that?



I'm after paying a fair few pound for the bed sets and the new settee, and the dog is after ruining them again.

I'm not buying any more.

The dog will have to go!



UH-OH...

When Luke and Abby came home from school that day, the dog was gone.

Mammy, the dog is missing!

Go away will you, about the soft dog.

Please, Mammy!



I never liked him anyway.

Abby missed Prince and wanted Luke to help her search for him.



You may get me my dog, Lukie!



In Mammy's life go away from around me!

But, as usual, Abby got her own way and they both went out to look for Prince.

Two for Joy



In the meantime, Prince had run away, and he was feeling very sad.

I miss me awl
comfort terrible...



I miss me awl
children...

But then he realised he was in the park, and he ran around happily!

This is great fun, lads!



SNIFF!
SNIFF!
SNIFF!



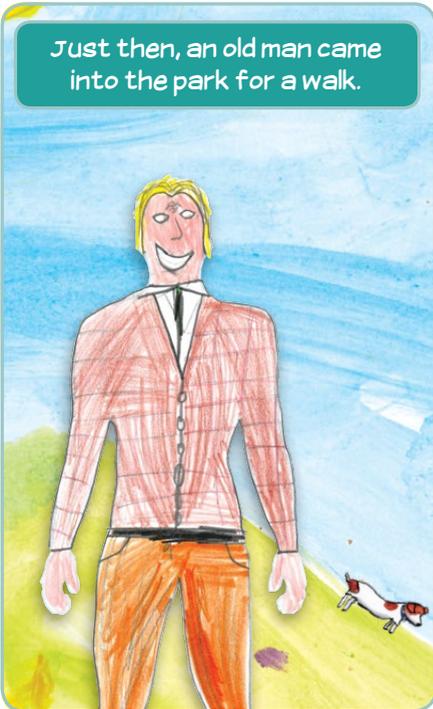
Prince was having a great time, but then the Pound Man arrived.

What's that dog running wild for?

I'm going to catch that fella and put him in the pound.

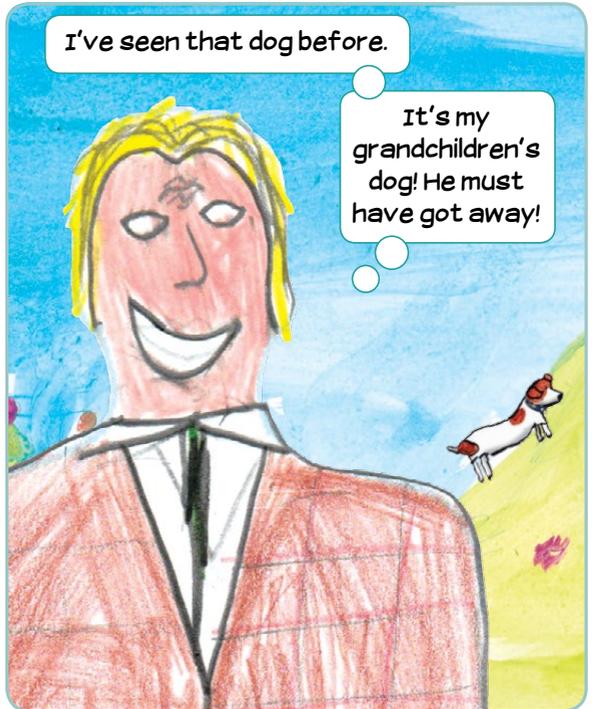


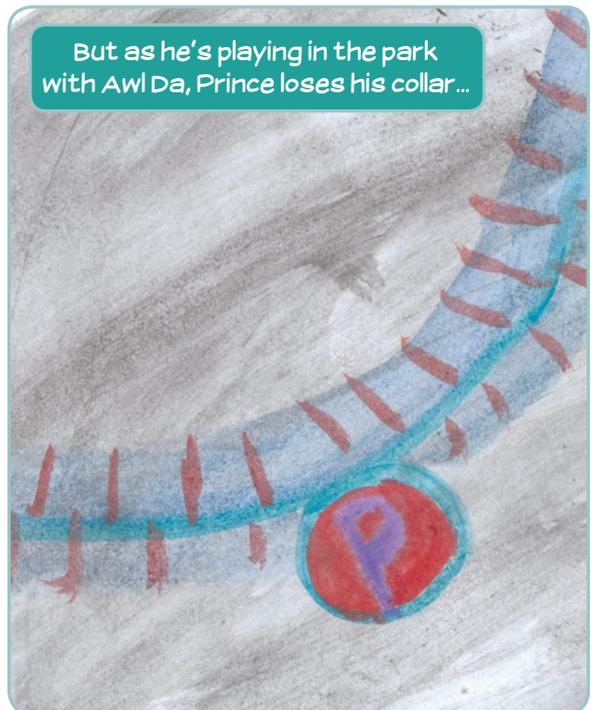
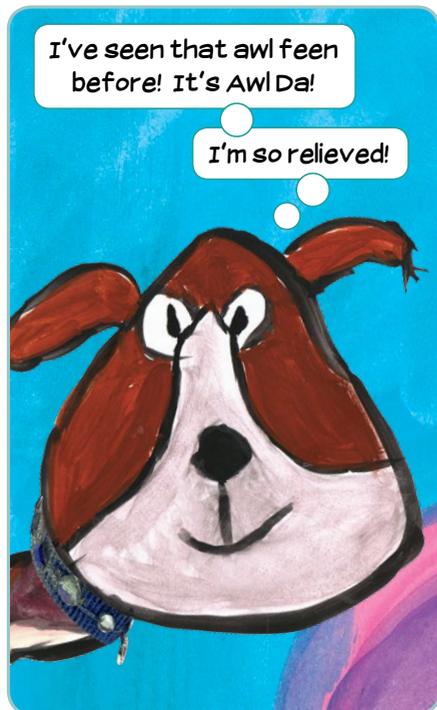
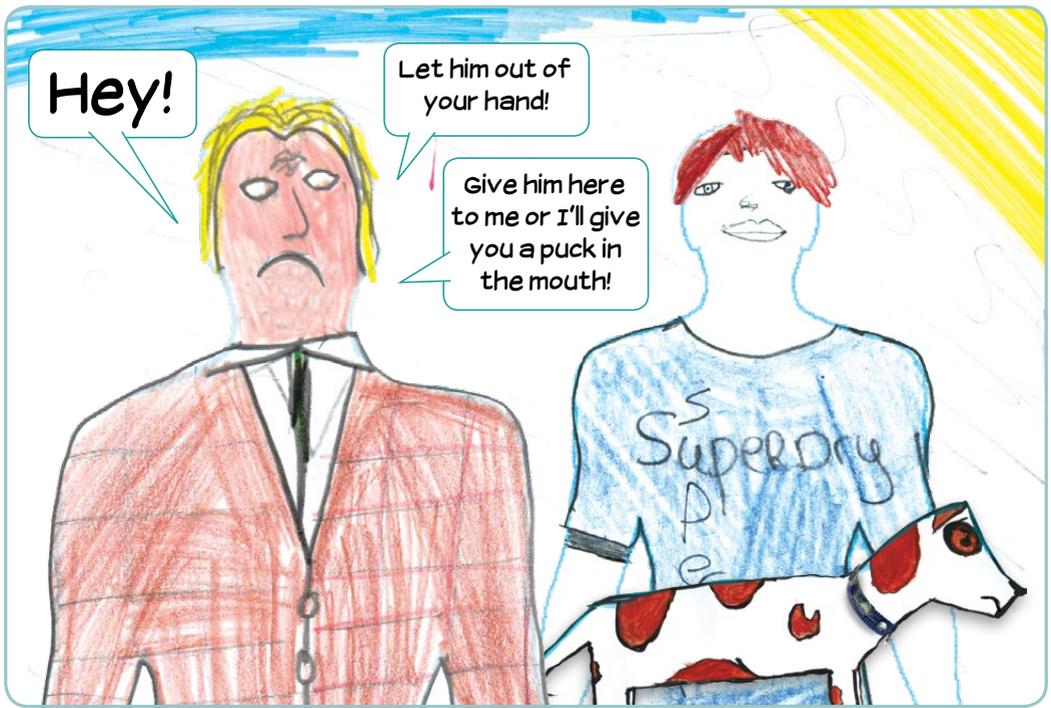
Just then, an old man came into the park for a walk.



I've seen that dog before.

It's my grandchildren's dog! He must have got away!





Three for a Girl



Prince went for a long walk around the park with Awl Da.



Suddenly he heard a familiar bark...

WOOF!

I know that woof!





It's Lady!

Lady

WOOF!



What's the story with you, Prince? I've never seen you in a long time.



Prince and Lady up a tree,
K.I.S.S.I.N.G.
First comes love,
Then comes marriage,
Then comes...?

Four for a Boy



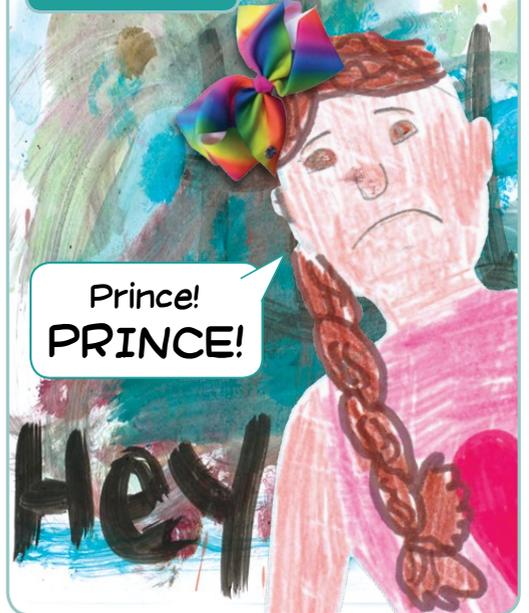
Luke and Abby were looking everywhere for Prince.

I wish we'd find a sign of the comeragh - Abby is putting me stupid over the ugly dog.



Abby shouted and shouted...

Prince!
PRINCE!



...but every dog they found...

WOOF!



...was the wrong dog!

WOOF!



Ah mammy, are we ever going to find poor Prince?

Five for Silver



Just then a magpie, who had found Prince's lost silver collar, dropped it...



...And it landed in some flowers.



Abby and Luke were still looking for their dog, and they had been joined by their friends Maria, Mary and May Mai.

Where could that dog be? I miss him terribly.



Just then...

Abby! Look what I found! Prince must be around here somewhere!

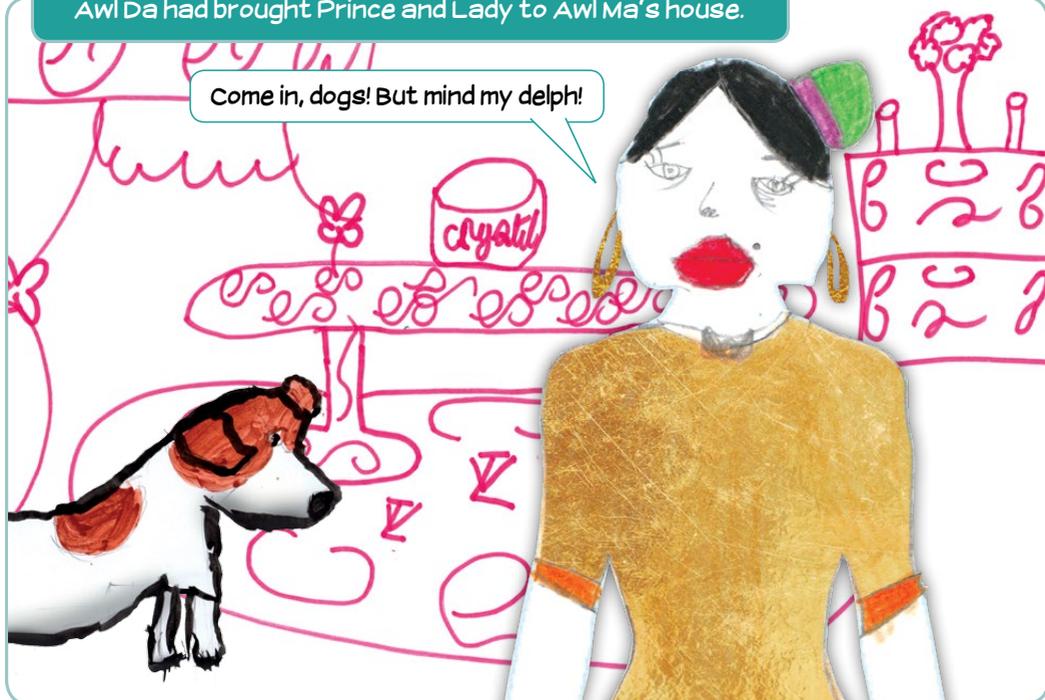


Six for Gold



Awl Da had brought Prince and Lady to Awl Ma's house.

Come in, dogs! But mind my delph!

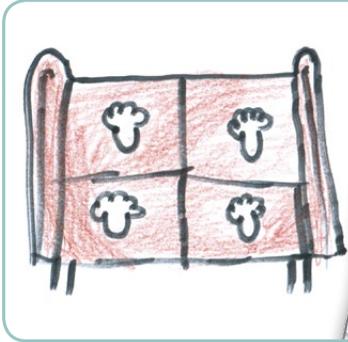




And don't break my gypsy bride dolls!



Hey, Lady! That awl comeragh on the telly looks very familiar!



Prince, I'm glad I found you in the park - Lady has a surprise for you!

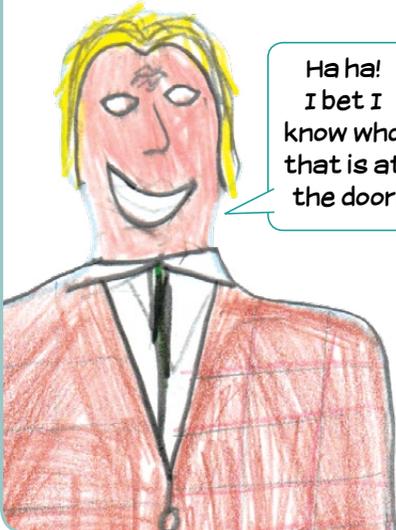


Seven for a Secret never to be Told



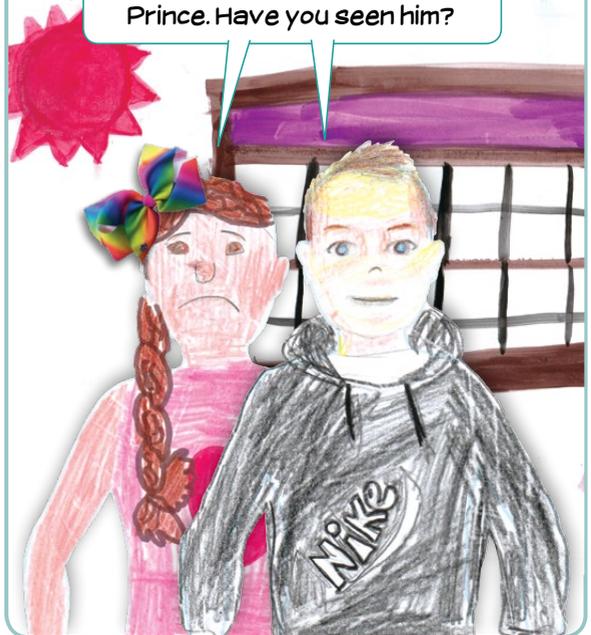
DING
DONG!

Just then, there was
a ring on the doorbell.



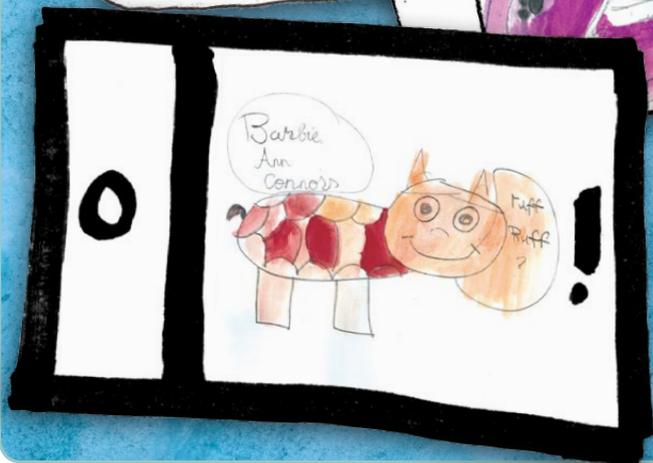
Ha ha!
I bet I
know who
that is at
the door!

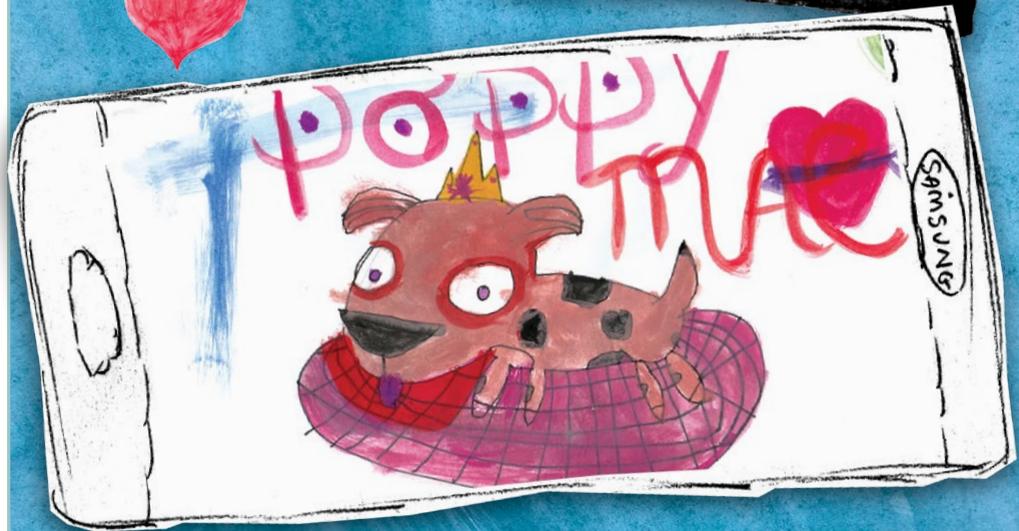
Ah, Awl Da! We've lost our dog,
Prince. Have you seen him?





Abby and Luke were so happy that Prince had found a new home in Awl Ma's with Lady and the puppies!





THE END

The Authors and Illustrators



Elizabeth Connors

My name is Elizabeth Connors. I go to St. Kieran's School in Bray. I live in Dun Laoghaire. I have blue eyes and dirty blond hair. I am twelve years and I love Justin Bieber and Adele. I love JoJo Bows.



Natasha Kavanagh

My name is Natasha Kavanagh. I have brown hair and brown eyes. I am twelve. My favourite food is pepperoni pizza. My favourite sport is football. My BFFs are Alicia and Shauna. I am deadly at swimming.



Elizabeth Connors

Hi! My name is Elizabeth Connors. I am eleven years old and my Dad says I was born in a head of cabbage. I live in Dundrum. I like camogie. Anne Marie and Elizabeth are in charge of my group. My friends in the group are Abby, Josie, Biddy, Natasha, Alicia and Ally. We drew a lot of pictures and we took a lot of photos. I am an author and my favourite part was participating with my friends.



Biddy Connors

Hi, my name is Biddy Connors. I am twelve years old. I go to St. Olaf's N.S. I love camogie and soccer. I love my family and I am a Traveller.



Paris McDonagh

Hi! I'm ten years old. I have a younger sister called Bonny. My best friend is Ally and I love JoJo Bows!





Alice (Ally) Connors

Hi, my name is Alice but everybody calls me Ally, but I don't really care. I'd kind of rather have Ally, I don't know why. People think I'm a weirdo, so what? I am a Traveller girl and I like it. My favourite dog is Prince. My favourite cousin is Paris, but my favourite friend is Elizabeth – we are so close. She's funny and kind. And I love my sister Abbey Connors.



Josie Connors

Hi, my name is Josie Connors. I am ten years old. I go to Our Lady's Grove School. I am in 4th class. I like my Uncle Jim and singing. I like football and camogie. I love my family a lot.



Molly Webster

Hi, my name is Molly. I am eleven years old. I go to Southside Childrens Young People's group. I have two dogs and one hamster. My best friends are Alanna, Alicia, Natasha, Olivia, Leah and Lara. I have ginger hair and hazel eyes. I can't swim for my life. I love cheese pizza. I love football.



Abbey O'Brien

Hi, my name is Abbey O'Brien. I am ten years old. I am the oldest in my family because my brother M.J. is only one. My Mummy's name is Ann, my Daddy's name is Martin. I have blonde hair and blue eyes. I love JoJo Bows. I am a huge fan of Justin Bieber and JoJo Siwa. My best friends are Molly, Alicia, Abby and Lily. I am in 5th class. I love my family and I love football and gymnastics. I live in Bray.



Alicia McGrath

Hi, my name is Alicia. I am eleven years old. I love football. I am the youngest in my family and I am in 4th class. My best friends are Abbey and Natasha.



Southside Childrens Young People's Group

Southside Travellers Children and Young Peoples' Programme operates from a Critical Social Education model of youth work which seeks to provide young people with the opportunity to actively identify, explore & participate in activities & issues of importance to them.

The Children & Young Peoples Programme is based in ST Nathy's Resource Centre which is located just off Nutgrove Avenue.

We also run activities from Southside Travellers Action Group centre in Sandyford. We run off site activities in various centres / venues throughout Dunlaoghaire/ Rathdown County & further afield.

The Children & Young Peoples Programme also provides a mini bus to collect & return young people home. So the service is accessible to young people throughout the county.

The Programme works with young people within a wide age group. We recognise that younger young people require a different programme to older teenagers. We also recognise that within the Traveller Community some young people will have adult responsibilities and may have different needs & interests.

STAG programmes are designed & delivered together with young people to meet their interests & needs.



DLR Libraries

Congratulations to all the great Traveller girls (lackeens) who took part in this graphic novel project. This book is a culmination of a three month project where Traveller children attended dlr Lexlcon weekly and worked on both artwork and stories about a dog named Prince.

After the great success with '*Demons in Disguise*', a graphic novel project we worked on with local young people in 2015, we knew we wanted to create another graphic novel and decided we wanted to work with the Travelling community in the dlr area. We got in touch with STAG, Southside Travellers Action Group who were delighted to come on board.

Why a project with Travellers you might ask? We have many members of the travelling community who use our services in dlr Libraries, but we had never worked with them as a group on such a specific project. We were also inspired by the 'Days Long Gone' replica trailer project created as part of Traveller Pride week that visited dlr Lexlcon in 2016.

We wanted to engage with Traveller children in our library space and open them up to the possibilities of learning and creating. We also wanted them to feel welcome and at home and to know that libraries are an inclusive open space for all. We wanted them to have fun. We like to think we achieved all of these objectives.

At all times there was a great sense of pride in their culture. Travellers gained ethnic recognition in Ireland on March 1st 2017. It was a momentous occasion and we had the group in the very next day to dlr Lexlcon for celebratory chocolate cake!

Enthusiasm is the word we would most associate with this project. Enthusiasm from the group leaders, the children themselves and the facilitators. Each time we joined the group there was a sense of warmth, colour and movement. Energy was always high; the colours in the book reflect the vibrancy of the project.

Huge thanks are due to our facilitators, Alan and Natascha. They brought positive energy, commitment and fun to every aspect of this project. Every picture and idea that the girls suggested, every little piece of creativity was embraced and welcomed.

Thanks to the commitment the group leaders Anne Marie and Elizabeth gave to the project and to the girls; their mentorship and professionalism was evident throughout.

Finally a huge thanks to the girls themselves. They brought colour, fun and a wonderful array of JoJo bows every week to the Lexlcon. We really hope to see them back again in dlr Libraries!

Susan Lynch, Senior Librarian

Shelley Healy, Librarian





The Facilitators



Natascha Fischell

Natascha has more than 17 years experience working with children and adults as part of various health care initiatives, community development projects, educational and social care settings in Ireland and abroad. She has been involved with Southside Travellers Action Group Young People's Programme for over ten years. Natascha hopes that other young people will enjoy reading this book as it was so much fun to make. She is delighted that the Lexicon library created an opportunity for young Travellers to show their creative potential and become advocates in their community.



Alan Nolan

Alan Nolan is an author and illustrator. His children's books include the novels *Conor's Caveman*, *Fintan's Fifteen*, *The Big Break Detectives Casebook* and the *Murder Can Be Fatal Mysteries* series, all published by The O'Brien Press. His new book, *Sam Hannigan's Woof Week*, about a girl who gets brain-swapped with a large, shaggy dog, is due for publication in August 2017.



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