

We are Rang 1 in Scoil na bhForbacha

We learnt about the.....

Galway Hookers (Huicéirí na Gaillimhe)

the traditional fishing boat of Galway Bay



Galway Hookers moored at the Claddagh in Galway City

WE LOVE GALWAY HOOKERS. WE SEE THEM A LOT ON THE BAY IN FRONT OF OUR SCHOOL.

A man visited our class and told us all about them. He also told us this tale!

Fadó fadó (Way back in the day)

Galway people (Galwegians) depended on the fishermen and their hookers (boats) for food. The fishermen fished everyday except Sunday.... And they didn't fish on Saturday in case they got stuck out at sea.... and couldn't get back before midnight Saturday night or Sunday morning!

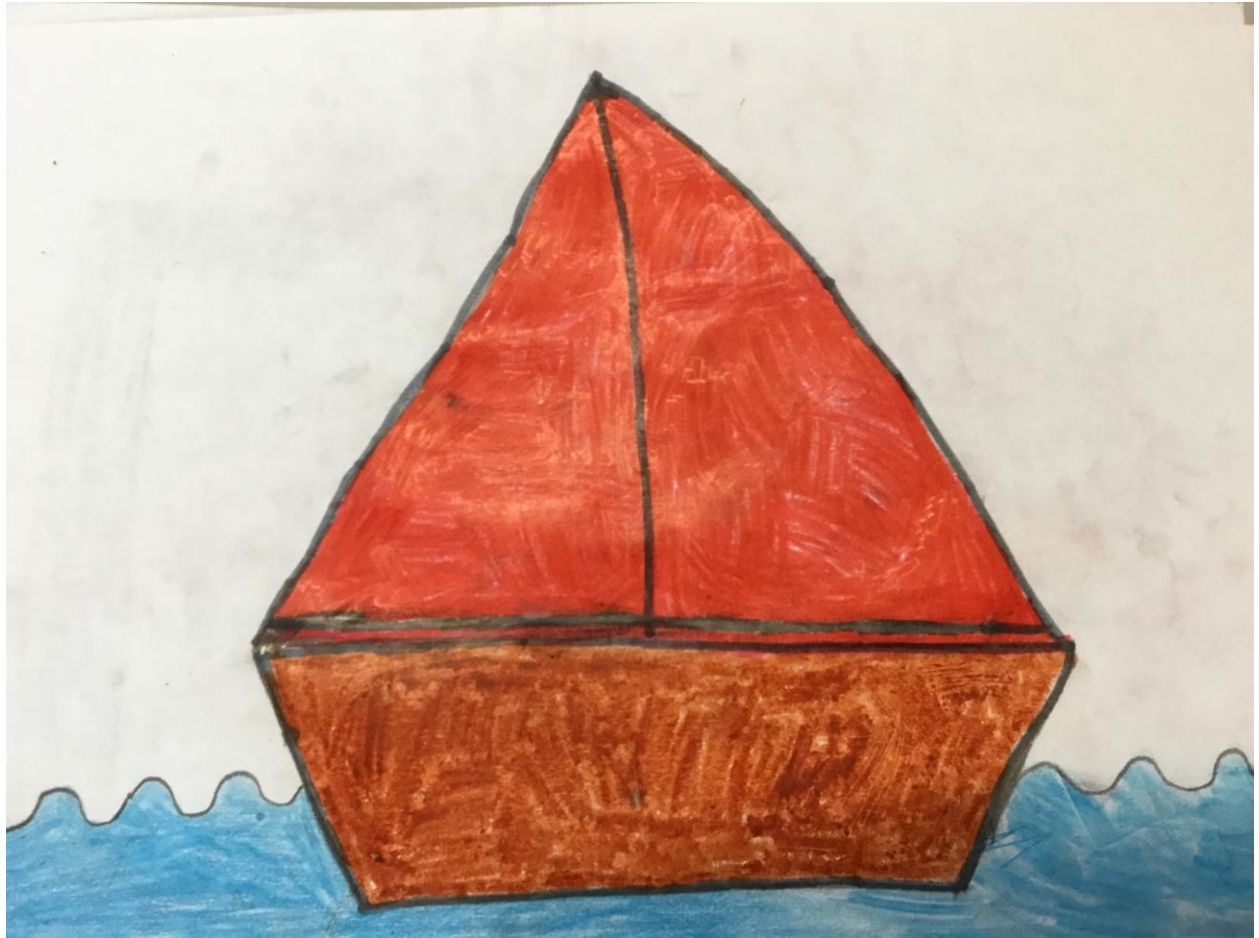
The fishermen were very superstitious. They believed a red haired woman or a red animal such as a fox, would bring them bad luck for the day. So, if they met either in the morning, they would not go fishing that day!

There was a crafty butcher in the Claddagh who sold much more meat any time the boats stayed in the pier. He went out many

evenings and tried his best to catch a fox! When he did, he went straight to the pier and tied it to a post so the fishermen would have to pass it on their way down to their boats! And, no fisherman would sail out to sea after seeing a fox! Therefore, no fish for the Galwegians that day, so they'd head over to the butcher for a bit of meat!

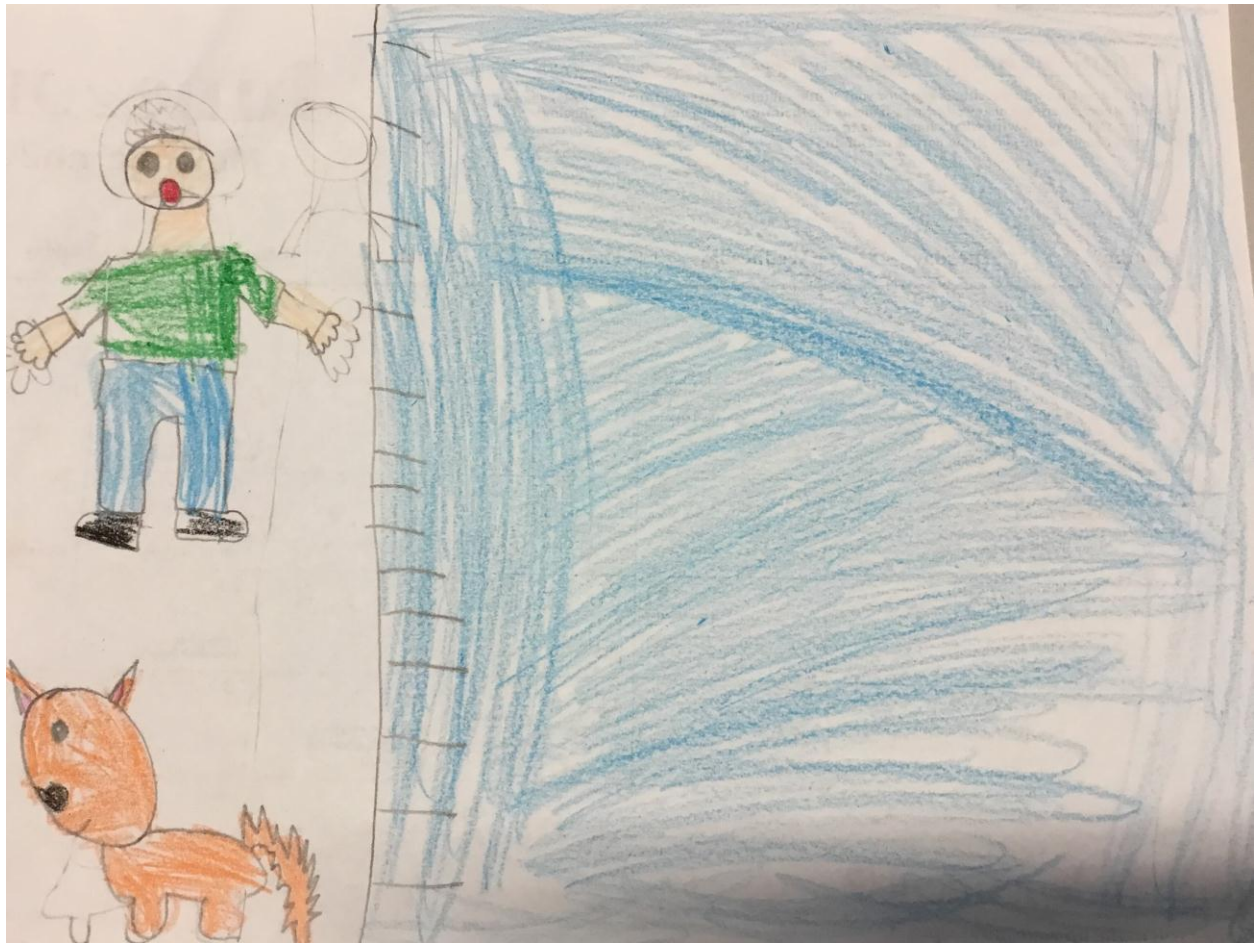
We drew pictures about this story. Have a look!



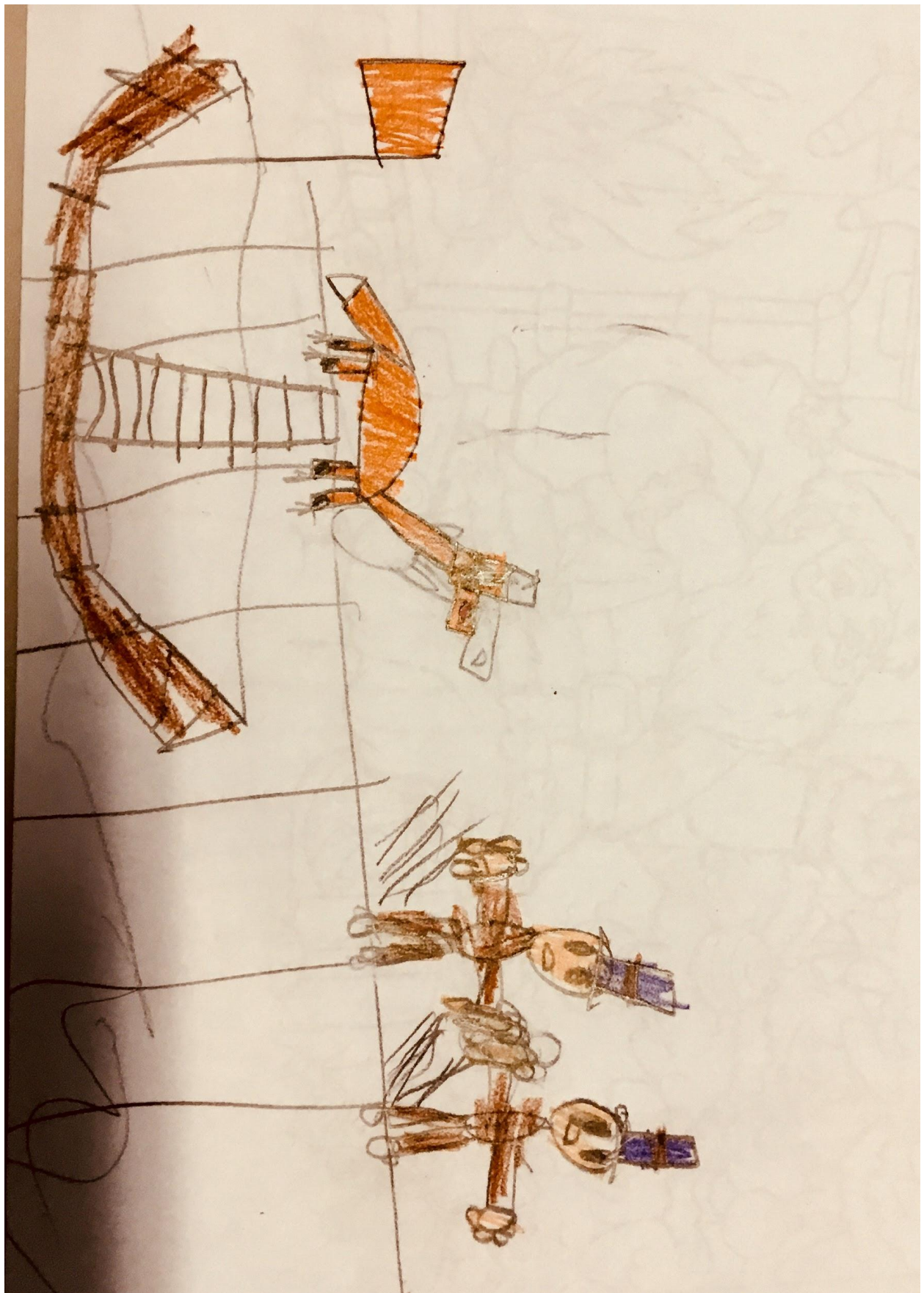












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