



7th December 2020

Dear Principal, Chaplain, Teacher, Coordinator,

Communities across Donegal and Derry will commemorate the 1500th anniversary of the birth of St Colmcille/Columba in 2021.

In anticipation of the anniversary, we invite all schools in the Dioceses of Raphoe and Derry to explore the life and legacy of Colmcille/Columba across the curriculum and to submit a Colmcille School Project in the spring of 2021.

A cornerstone of the commemorations is the development of the Slí Cholmille, a twelve-day Camino linking sites in Donegal and Derry associated with the saint. Perhaps your school community could focus on the stage closest to home and find ways to build a project around that.

In order to support teachers, we have compiled a list of resources which you will find attached. Donegal County Council will publish additional material for Primary Schools in Donegal early in 2021.

We really hope you are inspired to create a school project in your own setting, uniquely designed for your students.

Please contact us at colmcilleschoolsproject@gmail.com if you are interested in creating a project. We would like to compile a register of participating schools and invite you to post updates and news on your progress via your school's social media feeds using the hashtag #colmcille1500. There is a rich opportunity here for Donegal and Derry schools to collaborate on a truly special project.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Kind Regards,

Maureen Curran & Claire Murray

On behalf of the Raphoe Diocesan Colmcille 1500 Committee



Criteria for Entries:

We would like to see a cross curricular approach that includes elements from at least two curricular areas. We attach a list of suggested activities to choose from simply to stimulate ideas, it is not at all prescriptive.

An account of your school's project must be submitted electronically, so it is important to document and photograph your students' work to produce a digital submission. This could take the form of a slides presentation, a video, an Animoto or similar presentation. Each school is uniquely equipped to produce this, and teachers have freedom to choose a format suited to their school. Parental consent for students' participation must be sought in each participating school. Please adhere to your school's policies regarding posting images of children's work online.

The purpose of this digital submission is to showcase the highlights of your students' work. A brief written account of work completed should accompany your school's entry.

All participating schools will be invited to display their project work in an Exhibition of Schools Projects in June 2021. This exhibition will be held in line with public health guidelines and may be an online exhibition.

Cash Prizes will be awarded in the Primary and Post Primary categories for work reflecting the following areas:

Local History, Our Christian Heritage, Irish Language, Environmental Awareness, Communication, Creative Expression

Completed Entries must be submitted by 12th April to colmcilleschoolsproject@gmail.com indicating in the subject line if the entry is from a Primary or Post Primary school.

Please register your interest with us at this address in case further resources or opportunities arise.



Resource List – Websites, Powerpoints, Books, Heritage Expert

<https://padlet.com/columba1500/jwcyenicrt5ghqcz>

- www.duchas.ie Folklore Schools Collection 1937-1938 – search local schools
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- St. Colmcille, Gartan to Iona, A life's Journey by Christy Gillespie
- The Pilgrim, The Island and The Dove by Norman Richardson
- Colmcille 1400, booklet, A saint and his legacy by Fr. John. J. Silke
- Two Abbots by John J Silke
- The prophecies of St. Malachy and St. Colmcille by Peter Bander
- Colm na Cille by Maitiú Ó Murchú
- Saint Colmcille and Columban Heritage by John Tunney
- Saint Columba by the Derry Diocesan Organising Committee and Interdenominational Raphoe Diocesan Group 1997

Cary Meehan works with Heritage in Schools and has a wealth of knowledge on St. Colmcille and his adventures throughout Donegal. Cary offers virtual classroom visits tailor made for this project. Cary can be contacted at meehancary@gmail.com or 0868901497 for bookings.



Suggested Areas for Cross Curricular Exploration for Colmcille 1500 celebrations 2020-2021 in Primary Schools

English

- Poetry – studying poems about St. Colmcille, composing poems e.g. Acrostic/ Limericks
- Narrative/Recount Writing-reading about the life of St. Colmcille, diary entries, comic strips etc...
- Create Diary entries of St. Colmcille at various stages in his life
- Oral Language games based on his life, Charades, Questions and answers
- Write passages and create comprehension questions to suit the audience

Gaeilge

- Read book 'Colm na Cille' by Maitiú Ó Murchú
- Scríobh scéal nó dán bunaithe ar saol Colmcille

History

- Spread of Christianity in Ireland and the link to St. Patrick and St. Bridget
- Timeline, plotting various milestones
- Setting up of Monasteries/Early Built Heritage
- Family tree of St. Colmcille, link to the O'Donnells
- Battle of Cúl Dreimhne, Co. Sligo
- Stories of St. Colmcille
- Study of local churches/ruins/buildings associated with Colmcille
- Bealoideas- connecting saints to local places

Geography

- Map work- plotting and locating all the monastic settlements in Ireland
- Journey from Ireland to Iona, exploring the Hebridean Islands
- Explorations of other explorers

Art

- Create 'through the keyhole' scenes using paint/colour and depict a scene in his life
- Create Clay tiles (as above) e.g. Book of Psalms, journey in a coracle to Iona, the white horse, the symbol of the dove, the Celtic cross
- Use felt to create an image associated with the saint
- Glass Painting
- Fabric and Fibre- Cross-stitch/weave/knit/crochet/felt/sew designs/symbols



- Create a crest or a symbol to represent the 1500th celebrations of his birth (Print-using computer)
- Create a diorama of a scene in his life

Music

- Compose a song/rap about St. Colmcille
- Performing hymns about St. Colmcille
- Singing psalms

Drama

- Using the Folklore Collection of Ireland (online) as a resource, compose dramas based on the local stories about St. Colmcille and his prophesies.
- Hot seating characters
- Interview with St. Colmcille
- Radio/TV Interviews with St. Colmcille

Science

- Exploring Rocks and soil, study Gartan Clay and its properties
- Design and build a bridge/round tower or any design feature of a monastery
- Building a boat/currach/coracle

Religion

- The spread of Christianity in Ireland and the United Kingdom
- The Book of Psalms
- Composing prayers about St. Colmcille
- Local study of churches associated with St. Colmcille
- Local Holy wells dedicated to St. Colmcille, prayers said at the 'Turas' on 9th June
- Meditation based on a psalm/prayer/reflection of St. Colmcille



An 7 Nollaig 2020

A Phríomhoide, a Shéiplínigh, a Mhúinteoir, a Chomhordaitheoir, a chara,

Beidh pobail ar fud Dhún na nGall agus Dhoire ag comóradh 1500 bliain ó bhreith Naomh Colm Cille in 2021.

Roimh an chomóradh tá muid ag iarraidh ar scoileanna i nDeoise Ráth Bhoth agus i nDeoise Dhoire amharc ar bheatha agus oidhreachta Cholmille fríd an churaclam agus tionscadal scoile ar Cholm Cille a chur isteach in earrach na bliana 2021.

Bunchloch don chomóradh is ea Slí Cholm Cille a fhorbairt, turas coise spioradálta dhá lá dhéag a cheanglaíonn le chéile láithreacha i nDún na nGall agus i nDoire a bhaineann leis an naomh. D'fhéadfadh do scoil díriú ar an stáisiún den turas is gaire daoibh, agus bealaí a aimsiú le tionscadal a chur le chéile bunaithe air sin.

Le tacú le múinteoirí tá liosta d'acmhainní curtha le chéile againn a gheobhaidh tú ceangailte leis seo. Foilseoidh Comhairle Contae Dhún na nGall ábhar breise do bhunscoileanna i nDún na nGall go luath in 2021.

Tá súil againn go spreagfar sibh tionscadal scoile a chruthú in bhur suíomh féin, deartha go speisialta do bhur ndaltaí.

Déan teagmháil linn le do thoil ag colmcilleschoolsproject@gmail.com má tá spéis agat tionscadal a chruthú. Ba mhaith linn clár de scoileanna rannpháirteacha a thiomsú, agus a iarraidh ort scéalta agus nuacht ar bhur ndul chun cinn a chur suas ar na meáin shóisialta leis an haischlib #colmcille1500. Tá deis ar dóigh anseo do scoileanna i nDún na nGall agus i nDoire a bheith ag comhoibriú ar thionscadal speisialta amach.

Tá muid ag súil le cluinstitín uait.

Le dea-ghuí,

Maureen Curran agus Claire Murray

Thar ceann Choiste Cholm Cille 1500 Dheoise Ráth Bhoth



Critéir d'Iontrálacha:

Ba mhaith linn cur chuige traschuraclaim a fheiceáil, ina bhfuil gnéithe ó dhá réimse curaclaim ar a laghad. Tá liosta de ghníomhaíochtaí molta ceangailte againn leis seo is féidir a roghnú le smaointe a spreagadh, go díreach, ach ní chaithfear a bheith srianta acu seo.

Caithfear cur síos ar thionscadal do scoile a chur isteach go leictreonach, mar sin tá sé tábhachtach obair do dhaltáí a thaifeadh agus grianghrafanna a ghlacadh le tionscadal digiteach a dhéanamh. D'fhéadfaí cur i láthair a dhéanamh le sleamhnáin, físeán a dhéanamh, Animoto nó cur i láthair den chineál sin. Tá gach scoil ábalta a rud féin a dhéanamh fána choinne seo, agus tá saoirse ag múinteoirí formáid a roghnú atá fóirsteanach dá scoil. Caithfear toiliú tuismitheoirí a lorg fá choinne páistí a bheith páirteach i ngach scoil atá ag glacadh páirte. Cloígh de polasaithe do scoile, le do thoil, fá dtaobh de íomhánna d'obair páistí a chur suas ar líne.

Is é is cuspóir leis an aighneacht dhigiteach seo buaicphointí obair do dhaltáí a thaispeáint. Ba cheart cuntas scríofa gairid ar an obair a rinneadh a bheith le hiontráil do scoile.

Iarrfar ar gach scoil atá páirteach obair ón tionscadal a chur ar thaispeáint i dtaispeántas de thionscadail scoileanna i Meitheamh 2021. Beidh an taispeántas seo ar siúl de réir treoracha ar shláinte phoiblí agus d'fhéadfadh sé gur taispeántas ar líne a bheas ann.

Bronnfar duaiseanna airgid sna catagóirí bunscoile agus iar-bhunscoile ar son obair sna réimsí seo a leanas:

Stair Áitiúil, Ár nOidhreacht Chríostaí, An Ghaeilge, Feasacht Chomhshaoil, Cumarsáid, Léiriú Cruthaitheach

Caithfear iontrálacha críochnaithe a chur isteach faoin 12 Aibreán chuig colmcilleschoolsproject@gmail.com, ag taispeáint sa líne ábhair cé acu ó bhunscoil nó ó iar-bhunscoil a thig an iontráil.

Cláraigh do spéis linn, le do thoil, ag an tseoladh seo nó b'fhéidir go mbeidh acmhainní nó deiseanna ann arís amach anseo.

Liosta acmhainní – suíomhanna gréasáin, taispeántais Powerpoint, leabhair, saineolaí oidhreachta

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Tá Cary Meehan ag obair le Oidhreachta i Scoileanna agus tá lear mór eolais aici ar Cholm Cille agus a eachtraí ar fud Dhún na nGall. Tugann Cary cuairteanna fíorúla ranga atá saindeartha don tionscadal seo. Is féidir teagmháil a dhéanamh le Cary ag meehancary@gmail.com nó 0868901497 le háirithint a dhéanamh.



Réimsí molta traschuraclaim do cheiliúradh 2020-2021 Cholm Cille 1500 i mbunscoileanna

Béarla

- Filíocht - staidéar ar dhánta fá Naomh Colm Cille, dánta a chuma e.g. dán acrastach, luimneach
- Aithris nó cuntas scríofa, léitheoireacht fá bheatha Cholm Cille, iontrálacha dialainne, stiallghreannán etc.
- Cruthaigh iontrálacha dialainne de chuid Cholm Cille ag céimeanna éagsúla dá shaol
- Cluichí teanga ó bhéal bunaithe ar a shaol, searáidí, ceisteanna agus freagraí
- Scríobh sleachta agus cruthaigh ceisteanna tuisceana fóirsteanach don lucht léite.

Gaeilge

- Léigh *Colm na Cille* le Maitiú Ó Murchú
- Scríobh scéal nó dán bunaithe ar shaol Cholm Cille
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Stair

- Spréadh na Críostaíochta in Éirinn agus an ceangal le Naomh Pádraig agus Naomh Bríd
- Amlíne, ag leagan amach clochmhílte éagsúla
- Bunú mainistreacha, luath-oidhreacht thógtha
- Crann ginealaigh Naomh Colm Cille, nasc leis na Dálaigh
- Cath Chúl Dreimhne, Co. Shligigh
- Scéalta fá Naomh Colm Cille
- Staidéar ar eaglaisí, fothracha, foirgnimh áitiúla a bhfuil baint acu le Colm Cille
- Béaloideas, ag ceangal naomh le háiteanna áitiúla

Tíreolaíocht

- Obair léarscáile, na lonnaíochtaí mainistreach go léir in Éirinn a bhreacadh agus a aimsiú ar léarscáil
- Turas ó Éirinn go hOileán Í, ag fiosrú Inse Ghall
- Fiosrú fá thaiscéalaithe eile



Ealaín

- Cruthaigh radharcanna ‘trí pholl na heochrach’, ag úsáid péinte nó datha agus léirigh radharc óna shaol
- Cruthaigh tíleanna cré (féach thuas) e.g. Leabhar na Salm, turas i gcurach go hOileán Í, an capall bán, siombail an choilm, an chros Cheilteach
- Úsáid feilt le híomhá a chruthú a bhaineann leis an naomh
- Péinteáil ghloine
- Éadach agus snáithín – dearáí nó siombailí le trasghreim, sníomh, cniotáil, cróiseáil, feilt, fuáil
- Cruthaigh suaitheantas nó siombail le ceiliúradh 1500 bliain óna bhreith a léiriú (priontáil leis an ríomhaire)
- Cruthaigh mionsamhail lánléargais de radharc ina shaol

Ceol

- Ceap amhrán nó rap fá Naomh Colm Cille
- Iomainn fá Naomh Colm Cille
- Saim

Drámaíocht

- Agus Cnuasach Bhéaloideas Éireann (ar líne) á úsáid mar acmhainn, ceap drámaí bunaithe ar scéalta áitiúla fá Naomh Cholm Cille agus a thairngreachtaí.
- Carachtair a chur sa chathaoir the
- Agallamh le Naomh Colmille
- Agallamh raidió/teilifíse le Naomh Colmille

Eolaíocht

- Carraigeacha agus ithir a fhiosrú, staidéar ar chré Ghartáin agus a hairíonna
- Dear agus tóg droichead, cloigtheach nó gné dheartha ar bith eile de mhainistir
- Tóg bád nó curach

Reiligiún

- Spreadh na Críostaíochta in Éirinn agus sa Bhreatain
- Leabhar na Salm
- Paidreacha a chumadh fá Naomh Colm Cille
- Staidéar áitiúil ar eaglaisí a bhfuil baint acu le Colm Cille
- Toibreacha naofa atá tiomnaithe do Naomh Colmille agus na paidreacha a deirtear ag an turas ar an 9 Meitheamh
- Machnamh bunaithe ar shalm nó urnaí de chuid Naomh Colm Cille