

# ADVENTURES AT ATHLONE CASTLE

## CREATIVE WRITING COMPETITION



*Adventures at Athlone Castle*

**Creative Writing Competition for Children (12 – 17 yrs)**

Deadline: Friday 14th May 2021

Competition details can be found on [www.athlonecastle.ie/events](http://www.athlonecastle.ie/events)

*Live Virtual Awards on Saturday 12th June*



**Meet Olaf the Viking and Hugh the Williamite Soldier- Athlone Castle's resident troublemakers.**

**These two friends are always getting into mischief and playing tricks on each other.**

**This year, for Cruinniú na nÓg, they are asking you to join in their fun and help tell the world of their Adventures at Athlone Castle!**

**Hugh and Olaf's pictures in this booklet will help you write a story or a poem about some of their shenanigans.**

**This creative writing competition is supported by Creative Ireland and Westmeath County Council.**



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**He'll never find me here. Hee Hee Hee!!!**



**You call THIS music???**



**I hope there will be cake!**



**And we have a Winner!!!**



**You said carrot cake is your favourite...**



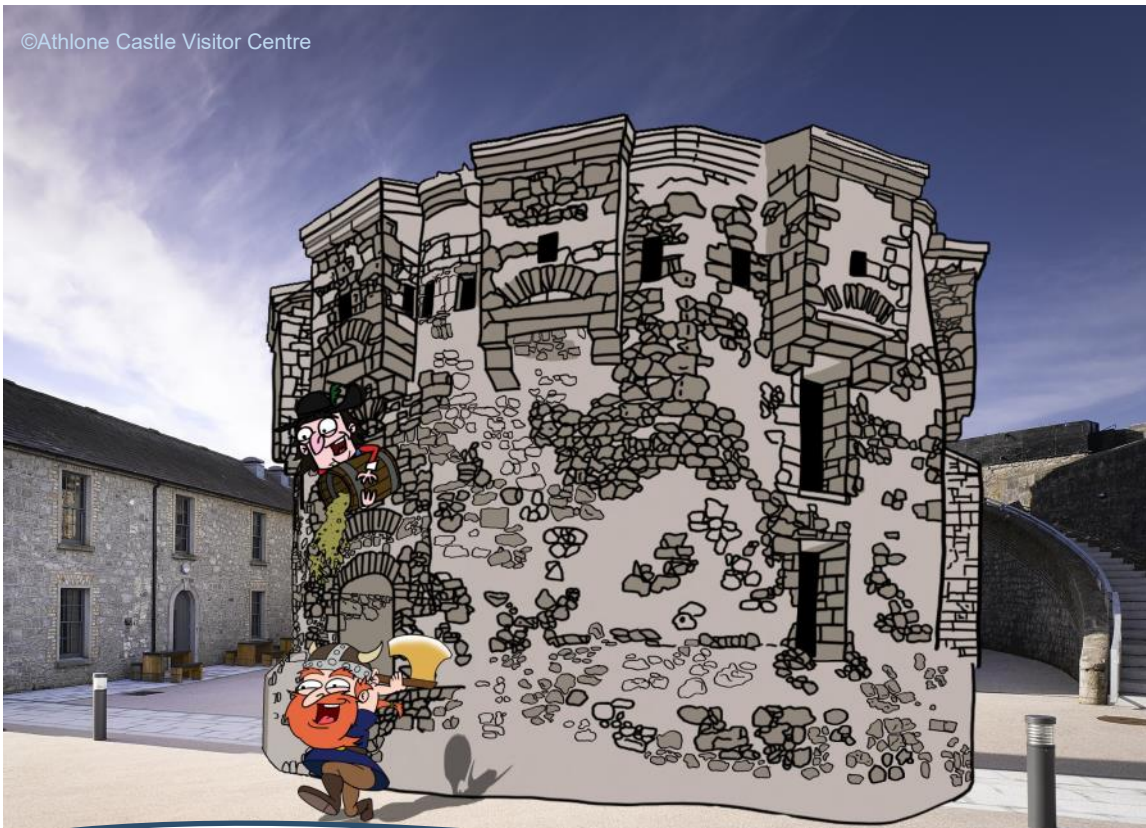
**How dare you mock the Royal Pug.  
Don't you know his grandfather once saved  
the old King's life!**

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**Huzzah! I think I caught something!**

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**This time I will surprise Hugh!**

## **Our troublemakers even have to play by the rules so there is few things you need to know about this competition:**

### **Terms and Conditions:**

[The creative writing competition is open to children from Athlone, neighbouring localities, and Westmeath in two age groups 7-11 and 12-17 year olds.](#)

Children participating in our Creative Writing competition will be able to submit their entries by email. The Athlone Castle team will form a panel comprised of staff from the castle as well as the John Broderick Writer in Residence Keith Payne and Caroline Coyle of Poetry in the Park to select the winners.

The highlight of our Cruinniú na nÓg event will be the live streaming of a virtual ceremony during which the winners will be announced, and the 'Olaf and Hugh's Adventures at Athlone Castle' publication will be officially launched online by the John Broderick's Writer in Residence, Keith Payne and Caroline Coyle, Poetry in the Park. All the finalists will be invited to read their works during the opening.

Permissions will be sought in advance from the parents of all the children to facilitate their attendance at the virtual ceremony. Parents will be informed in advance if their children's pieces have been awarded a prize and will be featured in the publication. They will be asked if the child would like to read their work during this ceremony. If this is not possible then either Keith Payne or Caroline Coyle of Poetry in the Park or even a member of the castle team will do so on their behalf.

### **Competition Entry Criteria:**

- Each piece must be no longer than 500 words.
- All submissions to be sent in via email to [\*\*info@athlonecastle.ie\*\*](mailto:info@athlonecastle.ie)
- All entries must include the title of the story/poem, name, and age of the author.
- All entries must include the name and telephone of a parent/guardian.
- All entries must be original and entirely the child's work.
- All entries must be in English.
- All entries must be submitted by **Friday 14th May**.
- No late submissions will be accepted.
- Only one entry may be submitted per child.

The winners of each competition will be announced on Saturday 12th of June and will receive a prize.

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