

# Once upon a time...

ACTIVITY PACK!



THE  
EVERYMAN

The Everyman and CADA present  
**ONCE UPON A TIME**  
Directed by Catherine Mahon Buckley



# Welcome...

The Everyman is putting on a Storytelling Show and you're invited!

*Once Upon a Time ...* your favourite Panto Characters are going on an adventure into the Unknown.

This activity pack has everything you need to join in the fun and create your own fairy tale adventures in the classroom.

Watch the Fairy Tale videos, explore the stories, design your very own fairy tale character, become a writer - create and perform your own fairy tale.

We would love to see what you make. Share your creations and tag us online using [#TheEverymanCork!](https://www.instagram.com/EverymanCork/)

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# Once upon a time...

This magic formula is the start of our journey into a wonderful Fairy Tale kingdom, where beautiful princesses, enchanted princes, good and evil fairies, witches and hard-working story readers all inspire the imagination of our children.

Hello Boys and Girls, Moms, Dads, Teachers and all our wonderful audience. My name is Catherine Mahon Buckley, the director of *'Once Upon A Time'*! Guess what they call me? The Queen of Storytelling – isn't that a lovely name?! We all love a story and because we couldn't meet you in person this year, I asked some of your favourite pantomime characters to pop in and create the magic of four wonderful Fairy Tale stories.

## Some facts about me – the Queen of Storytelling!

I have a great love of all aspects of the performing arts. I have directed the pantomime for 26 years at The Everyman theatre. I am also very involved in Education Programmes for children and adults. I am a teacher, director, actress and a great lover of storytelling.

### • WHY DID I CHOOSE TO DIRECT *ONCE UPON A TIME*?

As the song goes, 'What the World Needs Right now is Love, Sweet Love...' and in storytelling we can create magic, show different versions a story, learn from a story, introduce and teach problem-solving and offer skills to the audience that they can introduce into their lives and make magic work for them!

### • WHY ARE FAIRY TALES IMPORTANT NOWADAYS?

Our Fairy Tales are over 200 years old. They give examples of our human behaviour – we can all relate to them. We can identify with one (or all!) of the characters. Maybe we would love to be another character. They tell a life story and each beautiful story has a moral, a lesson that we can cherish, be encouraged and live by.

### • WHAT DO I HOPE THE YOUNG AND YOUNG AT HEART WILL GET FROM *ONCE UPON A TIME*?

To discuss the stories, talk about the issues and enjoy the show! The colour, sets, costumes, music, TikToks, the humour and especially the MAGIC! Everyman child should experience magic and every adult too – it keeps the child within us alive.

### • FAVOURITE FAIRY TALE?

Cinderella

### • FAVOURITE JOKE?

Any joke that gives a good belly laugh and has everyone in the audience laughing!

• FAVOURITE PIECE OF MUSIC?  
'A Million Dreams'. Our dreams are special to us all – we must have dreams!

• FAVOURITE PANTO CHARACTER?  
I love the fairy but I also love the hero and heroine! They have the courage of their beliefs.

Every story should have the 'What If...?' questions for you to answer. In storytelling, it is time to Dream – Believe – Achieve Your Own Story! Also, we – the Panto and Fairy Tale Characters – have not forgotten you... THAT is why we tell the story!

So, *Once Upon A Time* ... Cinderella, Little Red Riding Hood, Jack and The Beanstalk and Beauty and the Beast say 'Hello!' – OH YES THEY DO!

## ONCE UPON A TIME ACTIVITIES

Magical, fantastic, adventurous, romantic, awe-inspiring – fairy tales have been childhood staples for many generations. Did you know, the most common stories appear in countries around the world?!

### WHAT IS A FAIRY TALE?...

Divide the class into groups and ask the class to think about and name their 5 top things about Fairy Tales. Write the answers on the board and check against the list below! Feel free to add more ; )

### TOP TEN FAIRY TALE TIPS...

- 1 ... is traditional folklore story
- 2 ... starts with 'Once Upon a Time...'
- 3 ... is a story about good versus evil
- 4 ... has (usually) a Heroine - Hero - Goodies - Baddies - some magical creatures
- 5 ... AND the character's name tells you about their personality! E.g. Big Bad Wolf
- 6 ... AND the character often has a magical prop. E.g. Cinderella's shoe
- 7 ... is set in a land 'far, far away'
- 8 ... often has a catch-phrase E.g. 'Have Courage & Be Kind'
- 9 .... is a story where a lesson is learnt at the end
- 10 ... ends with 'They Live Happily Ever After'!

## QUICK QUIZ

• In Panto there is always an 'extra character' – can you guess who it is? That's right! It's the Dame. Check out this [VIDEO](#) to meet four fabulous DAMES and find out more.

• The Dame will often encourage the audience to join in the fun: OH, YES SHE WILL! Oh no! She won't. Can you name some of the DAME characters in The Everyman Panto? Can you name the actor?

*Shhh ... HINT See page 2 for answers!*



# MY FAIRY TALE CHARACTER

Now it's your turn to design a character both inside and out! Use the template to create your costume. Answer the questions to discover more about what your character thinks and feels!

## MY COSTUME...

All of the characters in *Once Upon a Time* wear specially designed and made costumes. Colouring pencils, glitter glue and imaginations at the ready for this activity!

## THOUGHTS & FEELINGS...

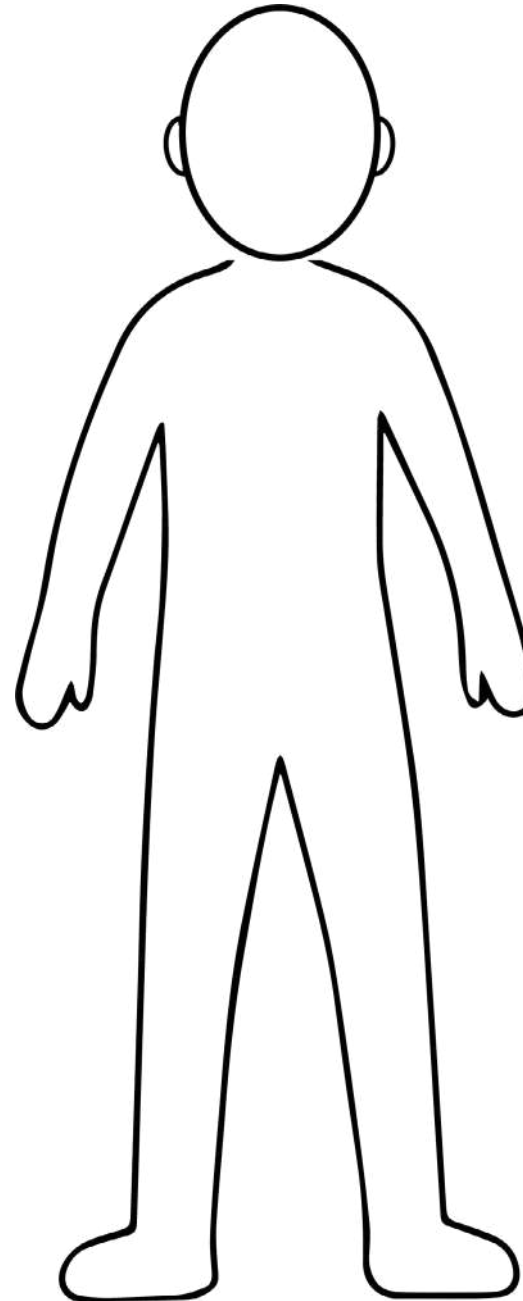
Fill in the body outline. Put your answers on (or next to) the body parts.

## AND THERE'S MORE!...

- Character Name: \_\_\_\_\_
- Goodie / Baddie: \_\_\_\_\_
- Magical Friend: \_\_\_\_\_
- Where Do you Live?: \_\_\_\_\_
- Catch Phrase: \_\_\_\_\_

Remember - this is YOUR character - feel free to add some twists and turns!

Check out these modern fairy tales for some good ideas  
E.g. **'The Paper Bag Princess'** - **'The Princess Knight'** -  
**'Something Else'** - **'Oh The Places You'll Go!'**



HEAD - What do you  
THINK ABOUT?

HEART - What do you  
LOVE?

STOMACH - What are you  
AFRAID OF?































HAND - What is your  
SECRET WEAPON /  
MAGICAL PROP?

FEET - Where do  
you WANT TO GO?

# My Fairy Tale Story Board

• You'll need this page and a dice.

• Roll the dice to discover your storyboard. Once done, bring all the activities together.  
Write out and perform your own fairy tale for the class ; )

	 1	 2	 3	 4	 5	 6
<b>Setting</b>	 Castle	 Tower	 Cottage	 In the Woods	 By the Sea	 On a Farm
<b>Character 1</b>	 Children	 Magical Creature	 Princess	 Fairy	 Mermaid	 Talking Donkey!
<b>Character 2</b>	 Wizard	 Witch	 Dragon	 Wolf	 Bear	 Giant
<b>Magical Prop</b>	 Shoe	 Candlestick	 Magic Beans	 Rose	 Mirror	 Wand

YOUR ANSWERS:

• Setting:

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• Good Character  
(YOU decide  
character 1 or 2):

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• Bad Character  
(YOU decide  
character 1 or 2):

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• Magical Prop

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MY VERY OWN FAIRY TALE BY: \_\_\_\_\_

TITLE: \_\_\_\_\_

*Once upon a time...*

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*And they all lived happily ever after.*