

# Tales from Eycott Hill Nature Reserve

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*Once upon a time...*

... there lived two birds called Fred and Amelia. They lived happy lives. Fred and Amelia worked for a god called Tulu. Fred had to fly around the world and find lots of rocks. Amelia had to find pieces of earth.

One day Tulu found a magic book which told him how to make a volcano. Tulu made a big volcano with the rocks and the earth, but there wasn't any lava. So Fred and Amelia went to the centre of the earth with a bucket to get the lava, when they had collected the lava they poured it into the volcano. When the volcano erupted after the lava came water and that is how Eycott Hill and its long lost lake was formed.

The great god Tulu then made a snail that would live at the bottom of the volcano. He had a vast shell and if the volcano should accidentally erupt again the snail would slither up and push its shell down the volcano creating a great plug.

Time passed and then one day Snipe arrived, the place was beautiful, but there was no one to protect it, so he carefully planted a magic seed that grew into the mighty Ash, this would protect Eycott Hill.

Slowly more creatures came to Eycott. There were some very strange ones, the rabbits with flames coming out of their ears, they were in fact very small dragons in disguise. First there were the birds that played around the tree and then they began to take the leaves and popped them down the volcano where they turned into water that fed the lake.

There was a portal that lay between the blackthorn and hawthorn trees. This allowed the faeries to come into the real world. One of the faeries who was green lived in the trees. The other faeries loved to travel around in the house with legs. The faeries had once been humans, but had developed special powers that turned them into faeries. Be warned they are not all good faeries, one was particularly evil, she lived in a castle after she fell into the lake. She had the ability to freeze water. This faery became known as Jenny Greenteeth.

Raven and Snipe became guardians of the lake and made sure there was always lots of fish. There were also Trolls that lived under the bridge, they were not very pleasant apart from one who wanted to make friends with the humans.

They were driven out of the hills by the Don't Care Cows, but as they left they made sure to plant a tree that could bring the past to the present and back to the past. They left behind a strange creature formed from one of the dragons and wolves; Fang. He travelled through the underworld, past the rattling skulls, it had been a long journey, but he was ready.

Jenny Greenteeth had her own house, over the years it had become smaller and smaller. One day she decided to set a trap, she was hungry and needed to eat, her favourite food was child. She conjured the tree to move time and she waited. Then the family appeared, a little girl, her brother and mum and dad. She watched as they crossed the bridge with the trolls and then they arrived at the bug hotel.

Much to the surprise of the family there were two beetles who were having a huge argument. The big beetle had wrecked the little beetles house. The Dad stood and watched them arguing and then he shouted "STOP FIGHTING". They did.

This was what Jenny Greenteeth wanted, while the Mum and Dad were distracted by the beetles, she set up a time warp and transported the little girl. The poor girl was terrified by Jenny Greenteeth. She was all alone in a cave in a strange land. A bat flew next to her and told her to find the flower that would guide her back to safety, but she couldn't find the flower. Then a special hob called her to a huge flower that transported her back to her family, just in time. Jenny Greenteeth was about to eat her brother, Mum and Dad.

It was at this time that Fang appeared, he saw Jenny Greenteeth looming over the family. Fang howled and the faeries flew to his call. Out from the bridge appeared the trolls, baring their teeth. Raven and Snipe swooped down from the lake and helped the faeries drive the trolls back under the bridge. There was one troll, the troll who wanted to make friends, who stood protecting the little girl. Fang leapt through the air and attacked Jenny Greenteeth. Raven and Snipe swooped down and grabbed her in their beaks and carried her off over to the volcano and dropped her down and then the snail plugged the volcano with its mighty shell.

by Penruddock School (2015)

*Once at the beginning of time there was nothing.*

Nothing but a volcano.

Then a rumbling and a rumbling and a grumbling BANG! The grumbling volcano burst into life, a pawl of smoke enveloped the sun, releasing a choking gas, the trees were reduced to towers of grey. Ash spurted out covering the wood, humungous boulders were hurled through the air and plummeted to the quaking ground, making vast dents, some rolled away making pathways. The slumbering trolls awoke, their alien like figures struggled across the ground and beneath the bog, bubbles formed, a whining witch stirred.

Jenny Greenteeth rose from the underworld, her cackling laugh was ear piercing. From the heart of the volcano appeared a massive dragon, made completely out of fire. It was Phoenix He said "I name this place Eycott Hill."

Next he made a lake. He shot scorching blue flames at the sky. The clouds parted, the sky liked its colour and harnessed it. But the dragon saw that he had created danger, the trolls and Jenny Greenteeth could destroy his creation.

I'm flying around the beautiful Eycott Hill,  
When suddenly I hear the alarm,  
I dash for cover but the strong oak wood door  
Flips out of sight.  
I'm alone,  
Hiding behind the hob filled wall I hear footsteps approach!  
Not knowing my fate I wait helplessly,  
She's waiting, what for I'm not sure,  
Now she's looks my way  
So without thinking I let out a little yelp  
A tinging  
Oh No, so I fly off into the sun  
What can I say  
I'm Phoenix.

The Phoenix called on Frogg to protect the new land.

Jenny Greenteeth was a most powerful witch. Once a tree from the Rainbow Land fell over and touched her swamp and turned black apart from one leaf, a magnificent golden orange. This leaf would protect both lands and if it left Rainbow Land the lake.

The portal between the two worlds rested by the hawthorn and blackthorn trees. Frogg heard the commotion, he called on Raven and Snipe, Jenny Greenteeth had to be stopped. Her cackle was ear piercing, she cast a spell on the trolls and they were frozen.

Raven and Snipe decided to attack Jenny Greenteeth. She leapt up and grabbed Ravens legs and began to drag him under the water. Snipe flew to help him, but Jenny Greenteeth threw volcanic lava that burnt his legs. The hobs who had been watching everything from their wall called out for the birds.

Flying from their holes in the trees, they soared out of the clouds down to help Raven and Snipe. Jenny Greenteeth had nearly dragged Raven and Snipe into her grim house. The birds landed on the roof and began to peck madly at it, the roof crashed to the ground and the sun shone directly at Jenny Greenteeth. She screamed and screamed, the light blinded her and the faeries came to drag her deep down to the depths of the volcano where she still waits for her revenge.

The birds gathered back at the lake and waited for the poison to disperse, the faeries were taken back to their land in the house that walked and Raven and Snipe continued to be the guardians of Eycott Hill with the help of Frogg. The magical golden orange leaf was returned to the guardian owls.

By Greystoke School (2015)

## One sunny morning...

... a jolly chap called Frogg was happily hopping through a colourful field. Suddenly he fell down a muddy sinkhole. He found a cave and waited.

He sank and sank until he thought he could sink no further. Finally after a long time he reached solid ground. He slowly looked around and he found himself in Jenny Greenteeth's dirty house. Jenny was crying bitterly! I tripped over my own feet and knocked my tooth out, my gums hurt, please can you help me to find my tooth?

"I'll go and find your tooth" Frogg said, and before Jenny could say another word he was striding through the field. He came across a glimmering fairy with magic hair. She gave him a clue to find a sparkling golden bridge. He skipped along the path to find the Golden Bridge, what he didn't know was that there were trolls lurking under the bridge. Frogg tried to creep along the bridge as quietly as possible, but the trolls jumped out at him, so Frogg ran and ran and ran as fast as his legs could carry him.

He finally came to a log pile that was covered with creepy crawlies, he thought to himself this may be the place where I should search for the tooth. After 10 minutes he found the tooth. He gathered some bugs for the trolls, so they wouldn't chase him. As he walked across the bridge he threw one bug at a time for the hungry trolls. He raced back to give Jenny Greenteeth the tooth. She said "Thank you I'll never disturb you again, and for your prize you can have a big bucketful of moss and lichen." Frogg was delighted.

St Herbert's School (2015)

*Once upon a time...*

... there were six ordinary Whistlers and one leader called Stewie and with their powers they made Whistler Tornadoes.

I'm going to tell you their story.

Millions of years ago, when they were alive there was a tornado with an egg inside.

THERE WAS NO WAY OUT.

Suddenly a crack appeared and then...

A fierce roaring fire breathing dragon hatched.

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Stewie would walk around the freezing passageway making grass cocktails for breakfast. They were a bogey green colour.

"Come on, get eating." begged Stewie.

The Whistlers were tall, mean and ugly. One day Stewie said "Its time to end the world!" and then they flew out of their hole.

And they scared the roman ghost army. The army was there to protect the hill, they rattled their ghostly shields.

The dragon woke up and heard the message.

The ghost army launched their spears which made the dragon lose his powers, without fire he couldn't fly or breath and...

...he crashed down from the skies onto the Whistlers. The impact was so great the Whistlers and dragon were trapped in a vast sink hole, and that is why there are sink holes at Eycott Hill.

So like the great story of St. George and the Dragon, although the dragon and the whistlers are no more their story lives on at Eycott Hill.

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## Jenny Greenteeth...

... was walking her cat in the field, the cat walked into the bog, and then Jenny Greenteeth fell in. "Oh No!" she screamed.

Frogg the fairy happened to be passing by and saw Jenny Greenteeth and her cat stuck in the bog, Frogg went to help, but ended up having to call mountain rescue. They rescued her with a rope.

Jenny Greenteeth cast a spell on Jimbob the mountain rescue man, who fell in love with her and married her, but what the mountain rescue people didn't know is that during the rescue Frogg had lost his magic wings.

Jenny Greenteeth had hidden them away and the reason why she'd cast the spell is that she wanted the magic wings. She then decided to use Froggs' magic wings to fly high and cast a load of spells.

Then Frogg went to get the magic spell book and wand, in the meantime Jenny Greenteeth had turned the bird into stone.

The fairy dust fell off the wings and Jenny Greenteeth fell out of the sky.

Frogg looked in the spell book and cast the great and powerful 'WIBBLY WOBBLY WOOOO' spell. The wings pulled themselves off Jenny Greenteeth and they flew through the air back to Frogg.

He cast the reversing spell 'ENOTS', slowly the stone rotted away and there before Frogg stood the biggest bird in the world. RAVEN.

Raven called Snipe and they swooped down to Jenny Greenteeth and dropped her into the volcano where she was never seen again and Jimbob went back to the mountain rescue and they all lived happily ever after apart from Jenny Greenteeth.

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# The Faeries

lived in a tree stump with a blob on the side of it. They played by the stream, throwing rocks in the stream.

There was a secret key that locks a diamond cave, to unlock only special people can see it. The faeries were going to school to visit their new friend. They learnt magic spells at school and had to work hard. When the faeries got home they did their homework. They had to do ice, fire and flower powers.

The next day the faeries were off to school. Jenny Greenteeth stole one of the faeries, the two other faeries ran to get their tarantulas, and saddled them up and followed Jenny Greenteeth and their faery friend.

Then they heard a hungry and vicious wolf, it got louder and louder. They looked behind them, there it was, the wolf. It was terrifying, then it saw the tarantulas huge teeth, it backed away and ran off.

They could hear one faery screaming and so they went on slowly, then there was a crash, it scared the tarantulas, it knocked the faeries off the tarantulas backs and they ran off.

It was cold, but they walked on, they came to a swamp, they jumped into it, there was Jenny Greenteeth and the faery.

There was a Keeper who kept all of the poisons safe in his shop. He is a Faery Keeper and saves faeries. The Keeper gave them a freezing spell that can freeze anything and even save them from goblins.

The faeries set off and froze Jenny Greenteeth, they rescued their friend and returned back to their village.

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## Once Jenny Greenteeth...

...met the 7 Whistlers, they wanted her to destroy the volcano because it had cursed them.

Jenny Greenteeth lived in a swamp and the 7 Whistlers asked the question again.

Jenny Greenteeth finally gave in and tried to destroy the volcano, but she didn't know that Snipe and Raven were defending it.

When Jenny Greenteeth first attacked, Raven and Snipe leapt into action. Raven held her at bay while Snipe made some men out of rock, they were very powerful.

Jenny Greenteeth called on a black serpent, it began to destroy the rock men.

Meanwhile the Lapwing sent out its call as loud as it could to warn everybody that the 7 whistlers and Jenny Greenteeth had teamed up, but they didn't know that the volcano was alive.

The Whistlers started chipping away at the volcano with their poisonous claws, suddenly Snipe made indestructible lava men, but before they could move a wave of lava destroyed everyone apart from Snipe, Raven and Lapwing.

Unexpectedly a weird mist formed into a castle and Raven and Snipe became rulers of the birds.

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*Once upon a time...*

... there was a girl called Jenny Greenteeth. Her mother was a good witch and gave Jenny Greenteeth powers.

She felt furious because she was lonely. No one liked her because she has green and gruesome teeth.

When she grew up she wanted to destroy the world. Jenny Greenteeth is evil and mean.

She lived in her swamp. 10 years passed, it was time.

To complete her work she created 3 hideous monsters, mud, storm and wind.

The storm monster looked like a hurricane with red eyes and blood dripping. The mud monster looked like a horrible brown ghost, the wind monster was a terrifying beast.

Jenny Greenteeth made the storm monster strike lightning on the ground and that started the earthquake, the ground began to rattle and the volcano erupted with an exciting roar.

The monsters refused to do her bidding and set about to stop the volcano.

Mud monster poured mud and it flowed down inside the volcano and stopped the lava.

The Storm put out the fires and the wind blew the ash away.

To defeat Jenny Greenteeth the storm monster surrounded her with hail the size of golf balls, she was knocked out and trapped in the sink holes, where she sits to this day planning her revenge.

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