

Cardiff Castle

Age of the Princes/Medieval Realms Workshop

Location

Your workshop will take place either in the Housekeeper's Room (Room 1) of the Education Centre or when possible, in the medieval Undercroft. The archery display will take place near the Interpretation Centre.

Description

What was daily life like in a medieval stronghold during the Age of the Princes for both servants and members of the court? Find out more about arms and armour and watch a spellbinding archery display to discover why the Welsh archers were such a formidable force.

The sessions will be taken by a DBS-checked, professional costumed facilitator.

Guided Tour of Castle

A tour of the House will take children around some of the highly decorated, colourful rooms that were designed by the architect, William Burges. His designs are from the Victorian period but reflect Burges' vision of how the interior of a medieval Castle would have been.

Duration

The workshop will last about 1 hour. The archery display will last for 20-30 minutes. A guided tour of the House lasts approximately 50 minutes. Time will be allowed for lunch and to visit other parts of the site (c.f. what's included below).

Key Learning Outcomes

By the end of the session, your pupils will have:

- ◆ Learnt about the Norman invasion of Wales and how the Welsh Princes responded to it
- ◆ Learnt how a Welsh army could attack a castle
- ◆ Learnt that the way land owned by the Welsh Princes was split between heirs and the impact this had on their power
- ◆ Learnt how this often caused the Welsh Princes to fight amongst themselves
- ◆ Learnt some of the characteristics of the Welsh people (ref Gerald of Wales)
- ◆ Learnt about different types of armour and weapons from the time and how they were used
- ◆ Learnt about the difference between the common soldier in South Wales and English Marcher Lords
- ◆ Learnt about the significance of the Welsh bowmen in a medieval army (illustrated in the archery display)
- ◆ Seen depictions of medieval life and history in the decoration of the Castle (guided tour)

Main Links to the National Curriculum

- ◆ **History - Key Stage 2**
 - **The daily life of people during the Age of the Princes (Wales)**
 - **A Study of an aspect or theme in British history that extends pupils' chronological knowledge beyond 1066 (England)**
- ◆ **History Key Stage 3**
 - **How the coming of the Normans affected Wales and Britain between 1000 and 1500 (Wales)**
 - **The development of Church, state and society in Medieval Britain 1066-1509 (England)**

What Else is Included in Your Visit

- An archery display
- Use of the Audio Guide which has been written especially for children
- Film show and access to areas of the Grounds including the Keep, the Battlements and Wartime Shelters.
- A Visit to Firing Line – Museum of the Welsh Soldier (Military Museum in the Interpretation Centre). Please note: Firing Line is independently managed and any activities offered are not a part of Cardiff Castle's Education Service. Visits may not be possible on certain days, or may incur an additional charge

We usually have birds of prey on site during the week although we cannot guarantee this.