

Cardiff Castle

Life on the Home Front Workshop

Location

Your workshops will take place in the Housekeeper's Room (Room 1) of the Education Centre and in the Grounds and the Wartime Shelters.

Description

This visit will incorporate a workshop with an ARP warden looking at a wide range of aspects of the Home Front including rationing and evacuation, a tour of the Castle's Wartime Shelters that provided shelter for nearly 2000 people during the air raids on the city and a session to learn a couple of popular songs from the era. All children will also have the opportunity to take part in a stirrup pump drill.

The sessions will be taken by a DBS-checked costumed facilitator, the Education Officer (DBS checked) and one of the Castle guides.

Duration

The workshop will last between 60-75 minutes and the tour 45-60 minutes. This will depend on the number of groups visiting on any given day (3 groups a day – 75 min workshop including stirrup pump drill and 45 min tour, 4 groups a day – 60 min workshop and 60 min tour including stirrup pump drill). The singing session will last for 30 minutes.

Key Learning Outcomes

Workshop

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

- ◆ Learnt how World War Two started and which countries were involved
- ◆ Learnt about the role of the ARP Warden and other civilian services
- ◆ Learnt how to use a gas mask and taken part in a Gas Mask Drill
- ◆ Learnt about rationing and evacuation
- ◆ Learnt how to use a stirrup pump and taken part in a drill (please note that this may sometimes be part of the tour rather than the workshop and may not always be possible in inclement weather).

Tour of Air Raid Shelters

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

- ◆ Learnt how the Castle was used as a public air raid shelter during the war
- ◆ Learnt which facilities were available to those sheltering within the Castle walls
- ◆ Learnt how Cardiff suffered during the war and about the main air raids that took place over Cardiff
- ◆ Learnt how it would feel to be in the midst of an air raid within the Shelters

Singing Lesson

- ◆ Learnt the importance of communal singing at the time
- ◆ Learnt two famous wartime songs.
- ◆ Learnt how the words of songs from all periods illustrate what was happening at the time and people's reactions to those events and how we can obtain information about the time by studying the words of popular songs
- ◆ Learnt how to perform with correct posture, control and dynamics

Main Links to the National Curriculum

◆ Key Stage 2 (Wales)

- The differences in people's daily lives in two contrasting periods of the twentieth century (History)
- Performing (Music)

Key Stage 2 (England)

- A Study of an aspect or theme in British history that extends pupils' chronological knowledge beyond 1066 (History)
- Creating and developing musical ideas – performing skills (Music)

What Else is Included in Your Visit

Your visit to the Castle also includes:

- Use of the Audio Guide that 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.