

Cardiff Castle

Victorian Servants' Activities

Location

Your workshop will take place in the Housekeeper's Room (Room 1) of the Education Centre.

Description

Dressed in costume, children will have the opportunity to carry out various tasks that would have been part of the daily routine of the servants of Cardiff Castle. The sessions will provide an excellent object handling experience and will encourage role play.

Following an introduction to the role of a servant in a Victorian house, the class will be dressed in costume and divided into two groups. One half will carry out activities in the Housekeeper's Room whilst the other visits the Maid's Kitchen in the Clock Tower to prepare the fire there. Groups will then change over to ensure that everyone has the same experience.

The workshop is taken by two costumed guides.

Guided Tour of Castle

A guided tour of the House is included in the price of the visit. The tour will take children to some of the highly-decorated rooms that date from the Victorian period. The designs reflect the architect's vision of how the interior of a medieval Castle would have been.

Duration

The workshop will last for 75 minutes. The guided tour of the Castle will last approximately 50 minutes.

Key Learning Outcomes

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

- ◆ Learnt about the Marquess of Bute, who owned Cardiff Castle during the Victorian period
- ◆ Learnt what was required of a servant in the Bute Household
- ◆ Learnt how to greet a member of the Bute family and practised this greeting
- ◆ Learnt what the servants wore and dressed up in servants' costumes in preparation for the workshop activities
- ◆ Learnt about the daily routine of the servants
- ◆ Carried out some of the tasks that were part of the servants' routine
- ◆ Discussed the difference between life today and that in the Victorian era
- ◆ Handled a variety of original artefacts and used thinking skills to deduce the use of these items

Main Links to the National Curriculum

- ◆ **Foundation Phase (Wales)**
 - Knowledge and Understanding of the World
- ◆ **Key Stage 1 (England)**
 - Events beyond living memory
- ◆ **Key Stage 2 (Wales)**
 - Changes to people's daily lives in the locality in the nineteenth century (History)
- ◆ **Key Stage 2 (England)**
 - A study of an aspect or theme in British history that extends pupils' chronological knowledge beyond 1066

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.