

Cardiff Castle

Welsh Legends Workshop

Location

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

Description

Following a tour of the Castle, pupils will be told one of the stories at the start of their workshop and will then act out the story to music using movement, speech and mime.

The workshop will be led by a professional, DBS-checked facilitator.

Guided Tour of Castle

A guided tour of the House 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. The Banqueting Hall has references to the story of Gelert and the Mabinogion in the wall carvings.

Duration

The workshop will last for 75 minutes. The guided tour takes approximately 50 minutes though those with very young children sometimes choose a shorter option (approx 30 mins) which omits the spiral staircase in one of the towers.

Key Learning Outcomes

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

- ◆ Learnt how to use mime, facial expressions and movement to portray different characters and emotions
- ◆ Learnt about the plot outline and characters of the chosen well-known Welsh Legends
- ◆ Learnt about the impact of the storyline on the characters' actions and emotions
- ◆ Learnt to perform an interpretation of the story to music using movement, mime and dialogue
- ◆ Learnt about the impact of emotions upon the characters' actions
- ◆ Learnt how to take it in turns and work as a team

Main Links to the National Curriculum

- ◆ **Foundation Phase/Early Years**
 - Knowledge and Understanding of the World
 - Language, Literacy and Communication Skills
 - Creative Development
 - Personal and Social Development, Well-Being and Cultural Diversity
 - Physical Development
- ◆ **Key Stage 2 (Wales)**
 - Physical Education – Creative Activities
 - English – Oracy
 - Skills – Curriculum Cymreig, Communication, Thinking, Personal Social Education
- ◆ **Key Stage 1 & 2 (England)**
 - Physical Education - Performing dances using a range of movement patterns
 - Creative Development
 - English – Spoken Language

Visits can cover most periods of history studied at KS2 (Romans, Normans/Age of the Princes, Victorian and 1940's).

What Else is Included in Your Visit

- Use of the Audio Guide for the Grounds which is written especially for children
 - Film show and access to all 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 always guarantee this.