



primary schools programme 2011-2012

bringing learning to life

Background

St Fagans: National History Museum is one of Europe's leading open-air museums. Over forty re-erected historic buildings from all over Wales show how people in Wales lived and worked in the past.

The Learning Department at St Fagans has been awarded the Sandford Award for its exceptional education programme. Approximately 90,000 formal learners visit the Museum annually.

Making a booking

Group visits must be booked in advance. Please note that certain buildings cannot be visited without advance booking.

We recommend that special activities are booked as early as possible to avoid disappointment.

Shop and restaurant

To save time during your visit, you can contact the shop in advance on (029) 2057 3412 to arrange for set-price goodie bags to be prepared for your group. You can also contact the restaurant in advance on (029) 2057 3414 to arrange food packs.

All activities are suitable for a maximum of 30 children at a time.

The Learning Department at the Museum believe it is important to invest in providing quality activities for schools. The cost of providing one facilitated session can be more than £150. We therefore ask that if circumstances change and you are no longer able to come to the Museum, please let us know immediately. Cancellations less than a week before the session may incur an administration charge of £50.

Preview visits

A preview visit could help you familiarize yourself with what is on offer. Please phone to discuss provision with a member of staff.

Resources

For supporting resources including fact sheets about the houses, please have a look at our website.

For a large print version of this leaflet, call (029) 2057 3278.

Finding us



Contact details

The Learning Department
St Fagans: National History Museum
St Fagans
Cardiff
CF5 6XB
Tel: (029) 2057 3424
Email: learning.stfagans@museumwales.ac.uk

www.museumwales.ac.uk/learning



Entry and all workshops are FREE thanks to the support of the Welsh Government.

Number play

Develop basic numeracy skills using number play bags available at the Museum, or download the resources from our website. Activities include rhyme and counting games.
45 minutes, teacher-led activity

Gwalia Stores

See what shopping was like over 80 years ago.
45 minutes, activity led by Museum staff

Toys

Test your skills on traditional toys and thinking about how they work.
45 minutes, activity led by Museum staff



Washday with Beti Bwt

Help Beti Bwt wash her clothes before the invention of washing machines.
45 minutes, activity led by Museum staff

Meet the trees

Explore the forest through sight, sound, touch and smell and make a work of art using the natural materials you discover. Use your creative and thinking skills to learn how animals and plants adapt to the changing seasons.
1 hour, activity led by Museum staff

Did you know...

that KS2 pupils can take part in a practical climate change study and get free bulbs! On-line applications must be received by the 24th of July 2011 at www.museumwales.ac.uk/scan/bulbs.

ART AND DESIGN



Colour and patterns in the Iron Age

Discover colour and symbols from the Iron Age. Have a go at creating your own.
1 hour, activity led by Museum staff

Woodland Art

The natural environment is a wonderful source of inspiration for creative activities. Make your own work of art using the natural materials that you find in the woods.
1 hour, activity led by Museum staff

Looking at buildings

Opportunities to develop observational drawing skills by sketching primary sources. Explore the ways in which artists from Wales have represented architecture in paintings and art, and work with Museum staff to make your own 3D or 2D version of one of the buildings in the Museum.
1 hour 30 minutes, one activity led by Museum staff, one activity teacher-led

CURRICULUM CYMREIG

Belonging

Take a tour of the gallery *Oriel 1*. You can learn about the diversity and history of Wales. Themes include Voices, Beliefs, Family and Nation.
30 minutes, teacher-led activity

Christmas and New Year customs in Wales

See how people in Wales used to celebrate Christmas and the New Year.
1 hour 30 minutes, activity led by Museum staff

Craft demonstrations

Craftspeople working at the Museum demonstrate their work and may be booked to provide talks.

HISTORY

IRON AGE CELTS

General introduction

Develop knowledge and understanding of what life might have been like for the people who lived during the Iron Age.

30 minutes, activity led by Museum staff

Daily life

Meet Gwalchgwyn and discover more about farming and hunting, homes and society in Wales during the Iron Age. Learn how to use a drop spindle, create a woollen bracelet and help build a wattle and daub wall.

Teachers must first attend the training day.

1 hour 15 minutes, activity led by Museum staff

TUDORS

Tudor costume

Compare and contrast clothes worn by wealthy farmers and gentry.

What do clothes tell us about the way people lived? Study a portrait of Tudor children and use enquiry-based skills to analyse it. Teachers could then take their children



to visit one of the Tudor buildings on site which include the farmhouses Hendre'r-Ywydd Uchaf (1508) and Y Garreg Fawr (1544), or St Teilo's Church (1530). **The four pupils participating in each demonstration must wear shorts and T-shirts under their clothes.**

1 hour, activity led by Museum staff

On the trail of the Tudors

Compare two Tudor houses, Hendre'r-Ywydd Uchaf (1508) and Y Garreg Fawr (1544) before taking a tour of St Teilo's Church (1530). Handle replica Tudor objects and develop historical enquiry skills.

To use replica objects teachers must first attend the training day.

1 hour 45 minutes, teacher-led activity

DAILY LIFE IN THE NINETEENTH AND TWENTIETH CENTURY



Gwalia Stores

See what shopping was like in an industrial community during the 1920s.

45 minutes, activity led by Museum staff

Toys

Test your skills on traditional toys.

45 minutes, activity led by Museum staff

Grandma's washday

Experience washing before the advent of a washing machine.

45 minutes, activity led by Museum staff

Maestir School

An opportunity for teachers and pupils to re-enact a school lesson during the 1890s.

Teachers must first attend the training day.

1 hour 30 minutes, teacher-led activity

The Home Front during World War Two

Experience what life would have been like for an evacuee in Wales.

1 hour 15 minutes, two activities with Museum staff and one teacher-led

Rhyd-y-car

Visit the row of houses from Merthyr Tydfil and explore the differences between ways of life in 1805, 1855, 1895, or 1925, 1955 and 1985.

30 minutes, teacher-led activity

SCIENCE

EDUCATION FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Introduction to the Tŷ Gwyrdd

Compare your own house with this eco friendly home. Discover the energy saving features and locally sourced materials that help to keep the carbon footprint of the house low. The Tŷ Gwyrdd is a great place to be inspired to live more sustainably and the message of this ten-year-old house is more relevant today than ever.

30 minutes, activity led by Museum staff

Go green @ the Tŷ Gwyrdd

Find out why saving energy is important and discover the eco friendly features of the Tŷ Gwyrdd. Complete the quiz to find out how the house uses water, heat, light and electricity and compare this with how you use energy at home. You may wish to follow up this activity by taking part in the St Fagans sustainability trail.

1 hour, activity led by Museum staff

St Fagans sustainability trail

Explore the traditional houses at St Fagans to find out how people used water, heat, light and electricity in the past.

1 hour, teacher-led activity

INTERDEPENDENCE OF ORGANISMS

Explore nature at St Fagans

Take a walk on the wild side and discover nature at St Fagans. Find out what creatures are lurking beneath the leaves and up in the trees. Take part in a mini beast hunt and visit a bird hide, use magnifiers and binoculars to identify fantastic Welsh wildlife. During May to September you may also be lucky enough to see bats on our live bat cam!

1 hour, activity led by Museum staff

St Fagans wildlife trail

Use a map and compass to follow clues to identify Welsh wildlife. Outdoor learning designed to develop thinking, communication and number skills.

1 hour, teacher-led activity

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FOR TEACHERS

FOUNDATION PHASE TEACHERS

Sample our provision including number play, traditional toys and a range of outdoor woodland activities with Museum staff.

KS2 TEACHERS

Iron Age Celts

Teachers wishing for their class to take part in Celtic Village workshops must attend this course. The day will also include a visit to the Iron Age collections at National Museum Cardiff.

Daily life in the time of the Tudors

Sample the activities on offer. Learn more about St Teilo's Church and the farmhouses in the time of the Tudors.

Teachers wishing to participate in the 'On the trail of the Tudors' activities must attend this course.

Daily life in the nineteenth century - Maestir School

Sample children's school life in the 1890s.

Teachers wishing to participate in a re-enactment of a lesson in 1890s style must attend this course.

Art and design

An introduction to the art and design activities available in the gallery *Oriel 1* and out on site.

Education for sustainable development

An introduction to nature activities, understanding the environment and sustainable development.

All courses are free and last for a whole day

