

Home and Hearth – Victorian Domestic Life

What was home life like for rural Welsh families in the 19th century? Explore our authentic Welsh kitchen and take part in a variety of activities to discover the many different functions of this special room and the central part it played in domestic life in the past.

Venue: Abergavenny Castle and Museum

Key Stage: KS2

Duration of workshop: 2 hours

Maximum number of pupils: 35

What will pupils do?

- Make butter using traditional methods
- Wash clothes using Victorian washday objects
- Have a go at wool carding and drop spinning
- Play the Victorian mystery object game
- Take the 'cook or clean' challenge
- Recite Welsh verse
- Play with Victorian toys and games

By taking part in this workshop pupils will:

- Use primary sources to make comparisons between Victorian and contemporary domestic life
- Increase knowledge and understanding of rural life in 19th century Monmouthshire.
- Problem solve
- Work as a team
- Think creatively and critically
- Employ prior knowledge
- Employ simple Welsh phrases and vocabulary

Which Areas of Learning and Experience does this workshop support?

- Humanities

How this workshop supports the Four Purposes:

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| <p>Ambitious, capable learners, ready to learn throughout their lives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• set themselves high standards and seek and enjoy challenge• are building up a body of knowledge and have the skills to connect and apply that knowledge in different contexts• are questioning and enjoy solving problems• can communicate effectively in different forms | <p>Enterprising, creative contributors, ready to play a full part in life and work</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• connect and apply their knowledge and skills to create ideas and products• think creatively to reframe and solve problems• identify and grasp opportunities• lead and play different roles in teams effectively and responsibly |
| <p>Ethical, informed citizens of Wales and the world</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• find, evaluate and use evidence in forming views• understand and consider the impact of their actions when making choices and acting• are knowledgeable about their culture, community | <p>Healthy, confident individuals, ready to lead fulfilling lives as valued members of society</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• are building their mental and emotional well-being by developing confidence, resilience and empathy |

Workshop links to What Matters statements

Humanities

- Enquiry, exploration and investigation inspire curiosity about the world, its past, present and future.
- Events and human experiences are complex, and are perceived, interpreted and represented in different ways.
- Human societies are complex and diverse, and shaped by human actions and beliefs.

Pre-visit requirements: Please divide the class into four groups