

Heritage in Schools Archaeology Day

Friday 13th June

10am to 2pm at the Heritage Council, Church Lane, Kilkenny, R95 X264



European Archaeology Days will take place this year from 13-15th June and, to celebrate, the Heritage Council will hold the third **Heritage in Schools Archaeology Day** at its headquarters in Kilkenny.

This year's event is extra special as it will mark the 25th anniversary of Heritage in Schools.

We look forward to welcoming you to take part in taster sessions from our Heritage in Schools specialists to learn about the fascinating world of archaeology, medieval customs and ancient weaponry.

(see reverse for more details)



European Archaeology Days are coordinated in Europe by the National Institute for Preventive Archaeological Research (INRAP) and in Ireland, by the Heritage Council.

To find out more about this European initiative visit:

journes-archeologie.eu

To find out more about our Heritage in Schools programme visit:

heritageinschools.ie



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Here are the taster sessions on offer from our Heritage in Schools specialists



Francesca Cadeddu (Station 1)

Discover the wonders of the unique Book of Kells, and the amazing story of its creation. They will learn about St. Columcille, the book's origins, and the spread of Christianity and monasteries in Ireland. The session includes a hands-on art class where kids create their own illuminated Celtic initial letters. As they work on their art, they'll hear stories about Medieval Ireland and how monasteries saved Irish myths and legends.



Dave Swift (Station 2)

Dave will demonstrate artefacts and reproductions from the time when Kilkenny was capital of Ireland c. 1642-49 during the Irish Confederate/Cromwellian Wars. Includes coinage, armoury, weaponry, clothing, drinking vessels and symbolism of the age.



Frankie Callaghan (Station 3)

Explore Viking Age Archaeology! Frankie will bring the Viking Age to life for pupils - with workshops combining archaeology, living history and Viking Age craft. We will focus especially on local history - Viking Age Kilkenny, and the finds from Dunmore Cave.



Anthony Galvin (Station 4)

Digging In - Join storyteller Anthony Galvin as he gets down and dirty with archaeology. Experience the romance of the dig with vivid and humorous stories of archaeologists in the field. Anthony will also explore the interdisciplinary nature of modern archaeology, as history is interpreted by nuclear physicists, code breakers, and forensic pathologists.



Úna Halpin (Station 5)

Úna will use her own extensive collection of rocks, minerals, and fossils to talk about where we find them, how they were formed and how archaeologists can use them to build a picture of our past.



Paddy Madden (Station 6)

Paddy will give an introduction to the Bronze Age Handling Box. This is a box of replica artefacts which was assembled by the National Museum for use in all schools around the country. The replicas such as flint knives, Bronze knives and spears, clay pots, food vessels, cauldrons, gold ornaments are based on their collection of original Bronze Age objects in the museum itself.



Richard Eaton (Station 7)

Richard is a Blacksmith who will demonstrate crafts such as Viking coin stamping. Students may have an opportunity to pump the bellows and air into the forge depending on their height and abilities.



Mike Moylan (Station 8)

Mike will have display of medieval weapons and artefacts for children to try out for themselves. This is a hands-on, fun and interactive workshop.



Ross Wareham (Station 9)

Ross will introduce children to neolithic pottery, and they'll get to replicate designs used by our ancestors on their own clay pendants.



Facepainting with Fantasy Face Art (Station 10)

Áine will be on site to work her creative magic on as many children as possible – facepainting tokens will be given out as prizes throughout the day.



Sarah Myers (Station 11)

Sarah will lead a guided tour of the grounds of St Canice's Cathedral. Discover the secrets of the Cathedral that archaeology revealed. See the tombs of Kilkenny's first archaeologists and learn all about above grave symbols.



Seamus Ó'Dubhagáin (Station 11)

Seamus will bring groups on a short stroll to explore nearby built heritage sites of historical and archaeological significance to Kilkenny and will share lots of interesting facts about the medieval city.



The Bemusement Games with Brenda and Niall

Brenda and Niall (Fuinseog Woodland Crafts) bring the Bemusement Games to the nooks and crannies of our garden! The games include a selection of traditional and bespoke games, marble mazes, runs and puzzles with tests of dexterity and ingenuity.