



WHEAL MARTYN  
CLAY WORKS

# LEARNING AT WHEAL MARTYN

## Spring 2019 Newsletter

### Early Bird SPECIAL OFFER: 10% Discount for 2019

Take advantage of our Early Bird Offer and book your 2019 school visit to Wheal Martyn by January 31st and you will receive a 10% DISCOUNT (that's just £3.60 per pupil!)

### Success of the World War 1 Centenary Project

This year Wheal Martyn teamed up with KEAP and CMEH to offer an extensive writing and music project for schools, exploring clay country stories from World War 1. The final performance was a very special event showcasing the wonderful creative writing, songs and performance skills of the 150 young people who took part.

Roche Primary School, Fowey Primary School and St Columb Minor Academy worked with professional writers and musicians through the project, visiting Wheal Martyn to discover the stories of clay horses becoming war horses, clay workers deployed to fight in the war and the role women took on in the pits.

\*KEEP an eye out for announcements of our 2019 projects in collaboration with KEAP and CMEH. Email to add your details to the mailing list for regular updates.



### Museum Takeover Days

Wheal Martyn offer Takeover Days throughout the year. Come and see behind the scenes at the museum and learn about museum careers and the heritage of Wheal Martyn. Young people will learn new skills, gain in confidence and communication skills, see new careers, engage with their local heritage and create changes in the museum – they become Young Curators, marketers and public speakers! Pupils can gain Arts Award Discover through the Museum Takeover Day (additional cost applies).

Young people will be given meaningful roles, working alongside staff and volunteers to participate in the life of the museum. Takeover Activities include:

Meet the Curator; Curate a pop-up exhibition; Run guided tours for visitors; Plan a family event; Design a new product for the shop; Launch a digital exhibition; Become a welcome host; Redesign exhibition interpretation; Create a museum guide for young people...



# British Science Week - 8th to 17th March 2019

In British Science Week we will be exploring the theme of 'Journeys' with a hands on, challenging and inspiring day of science and engineering activities. Opportunities will be available for groups from EYFS to Secondary KS 3.



\*MORE details will be sent out in the New Year. Bookings can be taken now!

## Young Curators Club launch at Penrice School

January will see the start of Wheal Martyn's first Young Curators Club. The term of weekly sessions will run at Penrice Academy through the 'Penrice Plus' extra-curricular programme. The Young Curators will see behind the scenes at the museum, work alongside museum professionals, develop new skills and work as a team to solve problems and plan projects. They will curate an exhibition, tackle digital projects such as blogs, vlogs and the museum's social media accounts and plan and launch a museum event. Through the 3 month programme, the young people will be able to complete Bronze Arts Award, a Level 1 Qualification.

## Arts Award, Work Experience and D of E placements

We can deliver and support Arts Award Discover, Explore, Bronze, Silver and Gold. We are able to support work experience placements and D of E, offering a variety of options with our team at Wheal Martyn.



## Badger Forest School Enrichment Days

Badger Forest School and Outdoor Learning run enrichment days to get children and their teachers out in the fresh air, sharing and learning together in the woods at Wheal Martyn. Days in the wood can include lighting fires; den building; campfire safety; nature games; crafting; treasure hunts; outdoor science; food prep and campfire cooking.



At Wheal Martyn, Badger Forest School also run one-to-one 'Nurture' programmes and small group 'Health and Wellbeing' programmes, for pupils with a need for an alternative approach to support their learning and personal development.

## Workshops at Wheal Martyn - NEW Workshops are always being created!

We offer a range of curriculum linked workshops across the age range for Reception to Key Stage 3 classes, all offering excellent Outdoor Learning opportunities. If you are working on a particular topic, we can plan a visit to Wheal Martyn to meet your learning outcomes – just email or call to discuss your ideas and topic and we can build the day to suit you! Here are just a few examples of our workshops:

### Sounding Off

Explore the science of sound, sound gathering safari and poetry

### Working Life for Me

Role play and drama with museum artefacts, looking at Victorian clay workers and local history

### Moving Parts

Investigate the waterwheel through a STEAM challenge

### Rocks and Soils

Investigating rock types and uses through scientific enquiry, art and poetry

### Mapping My Heritage

Map the changes brought about by china clay since the 1700's and influential figures from the past

### Nature Detectives

A sensory exploration of woodland nature through scientific and creative activities

## What does a typical visit look like?

10.00 – 11.30am	Guided Tour exploring the Victorian clay works
11.30 - 12.15pm	Time to explore the museum Interactive Centre
12.15 - 1.00pm	Lunch and time for adventure in the play area and woods
1.00 - 2.15pm	Workshop led by the Education Officer

Cost per pupil is £4.00 (under 16s), supervising adults free of charge. Free teacher pre-visits can be requested.

## Need help with funding towards transport costs?

Cornwall Heritage Trust offer grants towards the transport costs of a visit to Wheal Martyn and similar heritage sites. Visit <http://www.cornwallheritagetrust.org/education/teachers/grants-for-school-transport/> for more information.

## Can't get to Wheal Martyn? Book an Outreach Workshop at School!

The Education Officer can bring many of the workshops to you in school. With active and engaging workshops using the museum handling objects and stories to bring local heritage to your school, this could be the perfect way to enhance your curriculum topic! Multiple classes can be accommodated on one visit. Contact the Education Officer to discuss your ideas.

## Spread the cost for all the school to enjoy with our School Partnership Agreement

With Wheal Martyn on the doorstep offering fantastic opportunities for Outdoor Learning, why not make the most of the facilities and come to see us regularly for a special annual price? We offer a School Partnership Agreement package that can be tailored to your needs, including workshops with the Education Officer and access to the site for self-led activities. Get in touch to find out how we can design a Partnership Agreement to suit your school!

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