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Craigmillar Castle

Self-led Activity Box

Entertaining the Lord

Suitable for:

- P1-7 pupils

Outline of activity:

Explore the castle, using the *Investigating* resource provided, looking at areas that would be involved if the Lord of the castle was entertaining guests.

In a suitable space, use the Medieval Music CD and dance instructions to learn and perform a dance.

Explain that a Lord would organise 'entertainment' at a feast he was hosting – perhaps musicians, bards (storytellers), or jesters. Divide pupils into small groups and task them with coming up with something that would entertain a Lord (for example a song, a poem, some funny stories) that they then take turns to perform to each other.

Listen to the '*Bring us in Good Ale*' song that lists the types of foods eaten in Medieval times. (Teachers can read out some of the food from the laminated lyric sheet if pupils need help to pick the words out from the song).

For younger pupils: pupils could draw and colour a picture of a feast fit for a Lord. They could draw a Medieval plate of food using the templates provided in the box

For older pupils: pupils can use the tick sheets as they listen to the song, ticking off the different food they hear mentioned. Discuss with the class which foods they do and don't recognise that are heard in the song and what food they might eat at a grand dinner or banquet nowadays

For whole class: roll out a length of paper so pupils can design a class banquet or feast based on the foods they think would have been eaten in the castle – remind pupils food would have been presented in a very flamboyant, spectacular way at a feast so they can really use their imagination.

Contents of box:

- Copy of *Investigating Craigmillar Castle* (1)
- CD player (1)
- 'Music to Make Merrie' Medieval music CD (1)
- Dance instructions for 3 Medieval dances, laminated (1 set)
- Copy of lyrics to Medieval song 'Bring us in good ale', laminated (1 set)
- Copies of Medieval food tick sheet in a plastic wallet (laminated + multiple)
- Copies of Medieval banquet table/plate in a plastic wallet (laminated + multiple)
- Drawing & colouring materials (pencils, rubbers, pens, colouring pencils)
- Roll of paper

Important information for group leaders:

- Please check contents of box and ensure all equipment/resources are present
- Inform site staff if any items are missing
- Risk assess the activity before commencing it with your group
- Supervise activity at all times
- Ensure equipment and resources are left as found (other than those used up as part of the activity)