

Footsteps of Giants

Welcome!

We're excited to share highlights from the Footsteps of Giants project, a partnership project led by Causeway Coast & Glens Heritage Trust and Cyngor Gwynedd.

Project Aim:

To connect pupils through shared myths of giants, linking the Slate Landscape of Northwest Wales and the Giant's Causeway and Causeway Coast World Heritage Sites through storytelling, mapping, and creative activities.



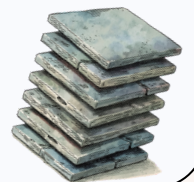
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Giant's Causeway
and Causeway Coast
inscribed on the World
Heritage List in 1986

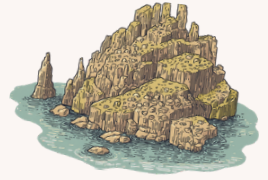


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Wales Slate
WORLD HERITAGE SITE

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An exciting educational partnership connecting Primary 6 pupils from Portrush Primary School (Northern Ireland) and Ysgol Gynradd Llanllyfni (Wales) to explore the Slate Landscape of Northwest Wales and the Giant's Causeway and Causeway Coast World Heritage Sites together!

Through five online workshops and a site visit to the Giant's Causeway, pupils discovered geology, wildlife, folklore, music, and formed friendships across the Irish Sea. This newsletter shares the highlights of our amazing journey!

Our World Heritage Adventure

Discovering the Giant's Causeway:

Our adventure began with an educational visit led by Dr Cliff Henry, exploring volcanic basalt columns and interactive exhibits. Pupils wrote postcards to their Welsh partners!

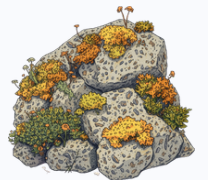
Workshop 1 - Welcome to Our World Heritage Sites:
Our first online meeting! We learned about both World Heritage Sites and the legends of Finn McCool, Rita Gywar, and Idris the giants.

Workshop 2 - Celebrating Culture Through Music:
With storyteller Colin Urwin, we created our project song "On the Shoulders of Giants."

Workshop 3 - Volcanoes, Wildlife & Coastal Habitats:
Kirstin Lemon and Sabine Nouvet led hands-on geology and rainforest habitat activities with apples and spaghetti, exploring biodiversity!

Workshop 4 - Little Guardians of Big Places:
Roy McClelland taught us about lichens! We created lichen blow-art paintings and built environmentally friendly LEGO visitor centres.

Workshop 5 - The Language of the Land & Sea:
Jim Allen and Robin Ruddock explored our coastal folklore, place names, and maritime heritage connections.



A huge thank you to everyone who made this project possible!

Thank You

Our Partners: Causeway Coast & Glens Heritage Trust and Cyngor Gwynedd
Our Schools: Portrush Primary School & Ysgol Gynradd Llanllyfni
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Sing Along!



On the Shoulders of Giants

Finn McCool was a giant
The mountains still echo his name - his name
He built the far-famed Giant's Causeway
That was his big claim to fame
And the people still come to marvel
How one man could make such a thing
So let us all be like the giants
And together let us all sing

Chorus:

We are standing on the shoulders of Giants
Even the young and the small
We are standing on the shoulders of Giants
So don't be afraid to stand tall

Idris Gawr was a giant
He loved to watch Venus and Mars - big stars
He sat on top of his mountain
And counted for hours and hours
He imagined a man on the moon
Before anyone dreamed such a thing
So let us all be like the giants
And together let us all sing

Chorus:

We are standing on the shoulders of Giants
Even the young and the small
We are standing on the shoulders of Giants
So don't be afraid to stand tall

Now there are no more giants
Only in legends they live - gee whizz
But we can still walk in their footsteps
Their stories have more gifts to give
They inspire us to build bridges
To fly like a bird on the wing
So let us all be like the giants
And together let us all sing

Chorus:

We are standing on the shoulders of Giants
Even the young and the small
We are standing on the shoulders of Giants
So don't be afraid to stand tall

Chorus x2

Last line x2

Listen to the song: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wsPFbYBqBNc>



Our Journey in Pictures

