

PANGUR BÁN'S DISCOVERY TRAIL



1 Find the Stone Age Survival Kit. Unscramble the words to find out what items were needed to light a fire:

FLINT TNSOE = FLINT S_____

PYRITE CKRO = PYRITE R_____

DRY RETNDI = DRY T_____

Thinking caps on: Why do you think the Stone Age is called the Stone Age? (Hint: Look at the objects in the first Museum case)

2 Can you name three animals that lived in Ireland before the last Ice Age?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

3 Look at the Animal Picture Panel. Can you guess which animals I am talking about?

I live in trees and have a big bushy tail. I am a S_____

I croak really loudly even though I am small.

I am a N_____ T_____

I have long legs and run so fast only greyhounds can catch me. I am a H_____ (not a rabbit!)

Why not have a look at all picture panels? You can take turns reading them out loud to find out lots of interesting facts about Ireland's animals.

4 Find the Bronze Age horn. How old is it?

- About 30 years
- About 300 years
- About 3000 years

Where was it found?

In County _____

Did you know that the copper mines at Ross Island, Killarney are the oldest copper mines found in North-Western Europe?

5 Find the puzzle showing a piece of Bronze Age jewellery. What was it?

- A hair band A necklace An ear spool

6 Ovens and microwaves did not exist in the Bronze Age. Where did people their cook food?

At cooking sites called

F_____ F_____

7 Can you unlock the code using the ancient Ogham alphabet? *The code is:*

S _ _ _ _ _ !!!

How many Ogham stones can you see? (*Hint: Look at the museum case behind you!*)



8 Find St Brendan's map.
Which continent do people believe
St Brendan sailed to?

- Australia America Africa

Where is he believed to be born?

In **F** _____ County _____

What was his nickname?

St Brendan the **N** _____

9 Find the Viking artefacts from
Cloghermore, Co Kerry. Can you
see the following?

- Hack silver (chopped up pieces of silver)
 Viking comb
 Amber beads
 Gaming pieces

Which artefact do you like best?

10 Why not try the Vikings' favourite
board game? It is called:

- Hungry Hippo
 Pillage & Plunder
 Hnefatafl (the 'King's table')

*Did you know that some boards had holes drilled
into them to hold pegged gaming pieces, like
one of the pieces on display from Cloghermore,
County Kerry?*

11 Can you find my poem? Who wrote
it more than 1000 years ago?

My best friend, an Irish **M** _____

Do you like my poem?

I and Pangur Bán my cat

'Tis a like task we are at:

Hunting mice is his delight,

Hunting words I sit all night.



12 How many ships can you see
in the model of the siege of
Carrigafoyle castle?

*Keep your eyes peeled: Can you find for the can-
non balls in the Museum case nearby? Cannon
balls like the ones on display were used to con-
quer Carrigafoyle castle!*

13 How many children can you see in the
model of the hedge school that are
wearing shoes?

Can you write down the
location of 2 hedge schools in Kerry:

14 What county was Daniel
O'Connell from?

- Cork Kerry Dublin

15 What is in the suitcase?

- Clothes A Bomb! Toys

CONGRATULATIONS! You finished my trail. Why not explore the Antarctica
exhibition next? You can try on a replica costumes and dress up as Tom Crean!