

Bakery General Information

Equipment
clipboard
paper.
pencil
worksheet
compass



Activity 1

Stand at the huge road sign before the bridge over the river and observe the bakery buildings

1. How old do you think the white building is ?

_____ years old

2. How many storeys high is it ?

_____ storeys high

3. List the materials used in constructing the building (e.g. bricks, wood, stone, plastic, glass, metal)

The Spicer family built a flour mill on the banks of the Boyne in 1834. They then bought the bakery from Luke Smith in 1899 to compliment their business. At one stage they had bakeries in Kells, Trim and Balbriggan and also owned three other mills in Navan and they were big employers in Navan Town. At one stage they also owned the Boyne waterway canal which provided for the transport of raw materials.

The white building was a former corn store which was built in 1860. It has six bays.

Spicers stopped baking in 2012 after 178 years in business due to competition from bigger bakeries. The days of the smell of baking bread wafting over the town are no more.

Activity 2



Walk to the green building.

1. How many windows are at the front ? _____

2. Why are there metal railings on the bottom windows ?

3. What is this building used for do you think?

Activity 3



1. How many grain silos are there? _____

2. How many rings surround the steps up to the top of the silos?

3. What are the silos made from?

Activity 4

Use your compass to find North, South, East and West. In which direction is the front of the building facing? _____

Curriculum Links

Science - Strand; Science and the environment,
Materials **Geography** - Strand; Human environments
History - Strand; Local Studies **Maths** - Strand; Measures
English - Strand; Competence and confidence using the language

Back at School

1. Write a report on the trip for your school website or local newspaper.
2. Check out www.navanhistory.ie to find out more about the mill and other buildings in Navan.
3. Find out the Irish for mill and bakery.