

WYCHWOOD C.E.PRIMARY SCHOOL

Each year at least one group of children from school goes away for a week's educational, residential stay - this year a group of 38 year 5 and 6 children went to the Isle of Wight. They had a great time and were involved in a wide variety of activities. As you can imagine, a lot of hard work goes on in the background and I would like to thank Cecilia Toone (who does most of the organising) along with Frances Bysouth, Pat White and Rita Baldwin who all came back smiling after being "on duty" almost non-stop for five days.

Geoff Padmore

THE ISLE OF WIGHT

We left school at about 8.30., we drove to Portsmouth to see the H.M.S. Victory, but we missed our slot so we had to come in on a later time. Some of the things the man told us were, that they used to get you into the Navy by knocking you out when you came out of the Pub, or whatever. Also at meal times they used to chew tobacco and spit it into a bucket which the powder monkey held (the name given to the boy who would load the cannons.) Also if someone got drunk or killed some one or any other ship crimes they would be whipped up to 48 times with a cat of nine tails which you had to make yourself. After the H.M.S.Victory we went to the hovercraft port and had lunch. Next we went on the hovercraft it was like going over a hill in a car hundreds of times, it was excellent. When we got to the Isle of Wight we got on a coach to the hotel. When we arrived we had dinner and looked around our rooms, it had a bunk bed, three normal beds, and a double bed that was mine. On Tuesday we went to a place called Blackgang Chine, it had an ancient sawmill there and other old shops set in the Victorian times like an old blacksmith or wheelmaker. After that we went to the theme park, in this it had lots of different lands, like Jungle land, Frontier land, Dinosaur land, Fantasy land, Adventure land and a maze. Also it had a game called Snakes and Ladders in which you had to spin a disc and if it was a ladder you went up the ladder but if it was a snake you went down the slide. When we came back we went to the beach and played games. The next day we went to a place called Carisbrooke Castle where King Charles 1st was imprisoned. There was a big wheel that pulled a bucket up from a well, it used to be used by prisoners but now it is used by donkeys. After that we went to Alum Bay and saw how glass was made, and then we got on a boat and went around the Needles. The next day we had to do a village trail and find out lots of different things. At night we all had to pack. On Friday our final day we all went to Robin Hill adventure park. In there you had snake handling of a Boa Constrictor if you wanted to. Also there was a thing called the Hurricane Run this was a little cart with a brake and acceleration lever, which you would pull back to brake, it was really good. I really enjoyed the Isle of Wight apart from the food.

by Adam Fletcher.

ISLE OF WIGHT TRIP

My best day of the trip to the Isle of Wight was Wednesday. In the morning we went to Carisbrooke Castle. First we saw the donkey wheel. What happened was the donkey walked on a wheel which pulled up the bucket from the well. Then we walked all the way round the top of the castle, then we had to draw part of the castle.

When we had finished at the castle we went to the Needles Pleasure Park where we had our lunch. Then we went to Alum Bay Glass. That was very interesting, then we had a look round the shop. After that we went to the coloured sand shop. That was good. Then we had a boat trip round the Needles which was exciting. When we got off the boat we went up the cliff on the chair lift. We were really hot and tired when we got back to the hotel

George Robson

ISLE OF WIGHT SCHOOL TRIP

On June 28th we left Wychwood school to go to the Isle of Wight. When we got to Portsmouth we had a look around the H.M.S. Victory. What we found interesting was how they preserved Nelson's body in a barrel of brandy because he did not want to be buried at sea, so after weeks of sailing they finally reached England and they buried him in St. Paul's Cathedrel in London. When we had finished looking around the Victory we loaded our luggage onto the hovercraft and departed from Southsea. When we arrived at the Isle of Wight we caught another coach which took us to our hotel in Seaview. When we had settled in a bit we went down to the sea and climbed on all the eroded rocks that had fallen on the beach. On Tuesday the 19th of June we caught a coach to Black Gang Chine Theme Park and we went in a MASSIVE MAZE!! On Wednesday we took the coach to Carisbrooke castle and then we went for a walk to Alum bay. We went to the glass making shop and we went to the place that sells the Isle of Wight's own coloured sand. On Thursday we had a day without the coach and we did a scavenger hunt and we made a bookmark and we did a painting and wrote a poem on the beach. When Friday came we went to Robin hill Adventure Park. At 1.00 pm we loaded our luggage at Ryde and got on board the Hovercraft. When we arrived at Southsea we loaded our luggage on another coach and at 4.30pm we arrived back at Wychwood school and everyone was exhausted

Naomi Dyer



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THE ISLE OF WIGHT

We arrived after a long journey in Portsmouth, but we had got there too late for our time slot for the H.M.S. Victory, the ship we were going to see, because of road works. Luckily for us, the staff on the Victory let us have a different time.

First of all our guide took us to Admiral Lord Nelson's cabin, where he told us that the portholes and some of the wooden panelling could be changed into gun ports. We were also told that all the furniture was folded up in battle and put in furniture boats which they trailed behind the ship, then the armies swore not to fire at the furniture boats, and if they did they were pretty stupid because it was a waste of cannon balls.

Next we saw Nelson's cot/coffin, before going up on to the poop (top deck) to see where Nelson fell when he was shot by a French Musketeer. The guide told us the yard arms (logs crossing the mast) on the two ships were touching when Nelson was shot.

We then went down to the upper gun deck where the lightest cannons were and after that to the middle gun deck, where bad or drunken sailors were put in iron rings, where they made a whip called a cat, o, nine tails or cat of nine tails. It had knots in each tail, and then the maker of the whip was whipped. The record whips on the Victory is 500.

After that we went down to the lower gun deck where 550 men slept. It also had the most heavy guns on it.

The next deck we came to was the orlop deck, it housed the officers, and Nelson's death bed. It also housed Captain Hardy and his bread store, and the pharmacist, pharmacy and pharmacist's tool cabin. The carpenter always assisted the doctor, especially when he was doing an amputation. Four ship mates were needed to hold a struggling sailor down.

After leaving the Victory we went to Southsea Hovertravel Port and after lunch boarded the hovercraft. We had a bumpy ride to Ryde, where we got on a coach to Priory Hotel, Seaview.

When we got there we all thought it was massive, as half of us had rooms one end and the rest of us had rooms the other end, and it took about 5 minutes to walk from the farthest room to the farthest room.

Most rooms we thought had been nicely arranged and luxurious, considering it was really just a school education trip.

We went down to the hotel's private beach for a while, after we had settled in. It had sand and rocks, although the sea brought up a lot of seaweed.

The next day we went to Blackgang Chine Theme Park. There was an

educational exhibition on the Blackgang Saw Mill and St. Catherines Quay. It was about the Chine's past, and the history of ships and sailors around the area. Next we went to the Chine itself. It was the Theme Park bit of Blackgang Chine.

It had different lands in it, for example frontier land and smuggler land. The Chine also has a maze of hedges and its actually quite hard to complete, unless you're being guided.

After the Chine we went home, had lunch and went down to the beach until it was time for dinner.

On Wednesday the first thing we did was to go to Carisbrooke castle which once held Charles 1 captive. It also has an ingenious way of raising water from the well, a donkey walks in a big wheel like a gerbil or hamster walks in his wheel. This works a winch which brings the water up. It is unique to this castle. The wheel was originally made for criminals to walk in, as it was once a prison. Also whoever controlled the castle, controlled the whole island as well.

The next thing we did that day was to go to Alum Bay. Next to the Needles Theme Park (we didn't go here) is the Alum Bay Glass Factory, where you can see glass being made, and buy it.

Alum Bay is famous for its naturally coloured sand, so next we went to the sand shop, where we all got sand in a plastic or glass container, before going down to the beach for a boat trip round the Needles. We then went home.

Thursday was a day with no coach, so we started off doing a village trail round the surrounding villages.

When we got back we did some work, had a meal, went to the beach, packed and went to bed.

Friday came, and in the morning we went to the Robin Hill Adventure Park, which is like a theme park where you only have to pay extra money on some of the attractions. There was an assault course and animals as well as rides you have to pay for. We went snake handling for a while and then we saw some parrots and terrapins.

We left after lunch and went to Ryde to load our luggage onto the hovercraft for Southsea.

The hovercraft journey to Portsmouth was smoother than on the way out. The journey home was boring, but we were all glad to be back.

Jack White.

BLACKGANG CHINE

We went to Black Gang Chine. First we went into the bit where there was a steam engine cutting trees into logs. We saw some models of people cutting some more logs. We had a work sheet to fill in. It had questions on it.

Then we saw some photos of some boats and filled in the questions about it. We went into the more fun place!

There was a giant snakes and ladders game where you spun a wheel and if the arrow landed on the snake then you went down the slide, but if it landed on the ladder then you went up a ladder.

If you got to the top then you went down a slide which had a sort of roof of plants on the top. There was a maze which some people liked. At first most people could not find their way because there were two ways to go in. I think we all had a nice time.

Clare White



The lucky holidaymakers back from the Isle of Wight.

WYCHWOOD COUNTY PRIMARY SCHOOL P.T.A.

GRAND FIREWORK DISPLAY (in field adjacent to school)

BONFIRE and REFRESHMENTS

Saturday 6th November

Gates open 6.30 p.m. Fireworks start 7.00 p.m.

Family Tickets £8 available school office early autumn