

Wychwood Primary School

AS I SAID in the last issue, 30 of our older children were going to Kilvrough in South Wales. Here are some extracts from the dairies they wrote about what they got up to:

UNDERGROUND DAY – Today group A went underground. But first we stopped off at Melincourt, which is a waterfall. It was spectacular! We were able to walk behind it and go through it. Next stop was a silica mine. We had all the proper equipment including helmets with torches on. First we had to go up a steep path on the mountains. The mine was VERY dark with lots of rubble on the floor. At one point Joe told us to turn off our lights and when we did it was very frightening. We threw some stones at the wall and it made a lot of sparks. Joe told us some scary stories. My favourite story was –

The story of Old Tom Jones – Once there was a very greedy man called Tom Jones. He was very greedy and would never share. One day when he was digging in the mines he found a tiny bit of silver so he kept on digging until he found three huge clumps of silver. He kept on digging until he found what he was really looking for, GOLD! So he tried to get out but then suddenly all the rocks fell on top of him. They say it was because of a dragon who was trying to protect his gold. All that the people found of Old Tom Jones was his Wellington boots sticking out from under the rocks!

When we came out of the mine it was very hot compared to inside the mine.

CENTRE DAY – today we did centre day and stayed around the house. First of all we did orienteering and we had to go round the ground in small groups finding little pieces of plastic which had holes drilled in them. My group found all of them. Next we did the team course, it was very hard. You had to take a bowl of water through tyres and up ramps. You had a plank of wood to help us but nothing was to touch the floor. If you asked questions or touched certain parts of apparatus then you got a cup of water taken away from your bowl. The winning game was the group with the most water left. After lunch we got some helmets and went on the assault course. It was really hard! I kept falling off. There were some wires to walk on, ropes to hold on to and ropes to swing on. I loved it!

WALKING DAY - I thought today was going to be boring but I was wrong. When we got out of the mini-bus we started walking and eventually we got to the park. Near the front was a big stone boulder that Brian said was carried here on glaciers in the ice age. Then we moved off to a ruined building, we found out it was a burial chamber. It had 4 tiny rooms and Brian told us 6 men were in each. Then we went to a lime kiln. We crawled through a tiny hole into a sort of tunnel.

They used to burn brick and wood to make a lime powder.

After lunch we went to Three Cliffs Valley. We went to a rocky beach and had a fossil competition. Andrew won. We climbed up to Pennard Castle ruins and had a good look around.

CLIFF DAY – on the first day after arriving at the centre we were shown to our dormitories and then had lunch. After lunch we were given our equipment and we went off in the mini-bus to the coast. First we played follow my leader we had to go round rocks without falling in the water. we tried some seaweed – it didn't taste very nice at all. Then we climbed up a rock, it was not really scary at all. Then we did ABSEILING. It took quite a long time to get everyone down. When it came to my turn I was very scared but I made it down in one piece. The tide was coming in so we had to get back to the mini-bus quickly

MARINE DAY – Today we went to Swansea marina and walked around the harbour. We looked at lots of different boats. We went to the Museum and looked at the boats there, we saw lots of different boats including life boats and rowing boats. It was very interesting. In the afternoon we went to the beach, it was called Oxwich Bay. We went to the wet part of the beach and found sea urchins. When we moved to the rock pools we found crabs, star fish and pipe fish.

Taken from the diaries of – Hannah Nixon, Edward Adams, Tara Davies, Sarah-Jane Stowe, David Robson, Thomas Perry, Zoe Corbett, Alicia Corley, Stephen Hissey, Stephanie Huxford, Robert Moore, Daniel Fuller.

The Children had a wonderful time, as many of them wrote at the end of their dairies it was COOL!

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