

Benson School magazine



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Year 6 PGL residential trip

Reported by: Marcus Wood and
Luke Ogden.

On Monday the 15th of September, Hawthorn class had the privilege of going down to Dorset on a three hour coach trip for their PGL residential trip. We went down to the lovely coastal village of Osmington. Our resort was on a steep hill, about 100 meters away from the tropical-looking but deadly cold English channel.

When we got there, we met our instructor for the week-Coleen.

Then she took us up to our accommodation. It was called Stair Hole! After that, we went to dinner then it was our first evening entertainment, capture the flag. Our first day was only the start of a life changing adventure.

We woke up and looked out across the beautiful bay over to Portland.

Every morning this action was repeated. While we were there, we were told to write a diary of every day. Here are some extracts from them:

Starting on Monday The 15th September 2014 we boarded the bus to PGL. As we arrived we were greeted by our instructor, whose name was Colleen. The next day,

Hawthorn arrival at Osmington Bay, Dorset.

after breakfast we were introduced to Bambi (Adaya) she was going to help us on the Giant Swing. We felt like our stomach got left behind as one out of the pair had to pull the rope but then the sensation of joy swept through us.

By Joe Kerr, Bella Ellingworth and
Erinn brook.

We had rooms which we slept in for the week and there were 3 or 4 people in 1 room with a bathroom and shelves. There was some grass outside where we could play on when we had spare time between meals and activities.

Some of our favourite activities were Giant Swing, Kayaking and Climbing Wall. On the giant swing, we had to go in partners and some people got to the top; everyone got 2 goes. It was amazing!!! For kayaking we had to go on a bus to get there. We did it at a centre that was used in the 2012 Olympic Games!

By Luke Ogden Fleur tanner and
Camilla grant.

As you can see, we had a great time down in Dorset. But it was over all too soon. Now we are all back and safe. Thank you all the PGL staff for your support and generosity. We all had the time of our lives!



ALS ICE BUCKET CHALLENGE

Reported by Fallon West and Ava Vaccari.

Benson School's Head teacher Mrs Crolla bravely accomplished her nerve-racking ice bucket challenge on the Friday 27th September 2014.

We interviewed Mrs Crolla on the day of her ice bucket challenge, getting a quote before and after the event. Before: "I'm nervous of getting ice all over my head, but I'm glad I am doing it for Macmillan, who helped us and gave us support and great advice when my mother died of cancer." Afterwards: "I am wet and cold, however I am proud that I completed it and I know that my mother is probably with me right now at this as exact moment."

The original ALS ice bucket challenge is meant to raise money towards research for a nerve, disease however Mrs Crolla did it for McMillian, which is great. This disease has affected a lot of families, which has had relatives that have suffered from it. Lots of people have been dumping buckets of ice cold water over their heads. It may sound a little strange, but it is for a good cause. It is all part of the ALS Ice Bucket Challenge and it has taken the Internet by storm, lots of people get nominated by friends and family, then they nominate other people and it just keeps on going.



Mrs Crolla completing her ice-bucket challenge with the eager assistance of Bella Ellingworth and Harry Walker.

British sausage week:

On the 4th November we, the pupils of Benson C of E Primary School, were very lucky to have had a special visitor called Jan Murray, and her helper Pam. They came to talk all about the National British Sausage Week, where they told us about different types of pigs and how they help us produce the food we may eat today. Furthermore, we made some delicious sausages out of herbs, pig meat and pig intestine.

We also learnt some interesting facts about sausages and famous people who loved them. The most famous of them all is Queen Victoria, who made all her

pheasant sausages by hand, now days we use machines to roll them out. We had an interview with Beth Tanner, who said that she loved the sausages and that they were very nice!

Each class had about an hour to learn about sausages. At the end of each period the classes took home some booklets reminding them of what they had learnt, also some colouring books and a fun pack. This was a day to remember, because we had fun and all of us learnt something new. Thank you so much Jan and Pam we hope you come back



Careers day

On the 7th of November, fourteen adults kindly took their time to come to our school to teach us about our possible future careers. It was for all year groups to enjoy, but the activities varied depending on the children's age.



Our interview team went out and interviewed various children about their time.

Rosa Vacarri, 8 years old, really enjoyed listening to the BBC reporter career, which was her dad's talk. Rosa is not entirely sure if she would like to have this as her future job. She thinks that this experience would be extremely interesting due to the fact that she would be eligible to use lots of interesting equipment, including microphones, computers, televisions and lots of more detailed equipment. This year careers day has been an amazing experience for everyone who took part in listening and watching 6 adults talk about their jobs.

Marcus and Luke interviewed Fraser Sharples who stated: 'I think that my favourite talk was the rugby talk, because I really like playing rugby and sport. I also went to the helicopters, computing, church, news reporting and the photography talks. The day was amazing because we all got to learn about lots of different jobs.'



Apology to the queen

David Cameron, Prime Minister apologised to the Queen after revealing details from one of their confidential conversations.

The prime minister was overheard saying the Queen "purred" on hearing the result that Scotland voted 'no' to independence. A camera crew recorded him telling former New York Mayor, Michael Bloomberg he had, "never heard someone so happy," as the Queen.

Mr Cameron has said he is "embarrassed" and "extremely sorry" for what he said. Downing Street spokesperson said he has contacted Buckingham Palace apologised in person. Buckingham Palace has declined to comment.

The queen is supposed to stay neutral, not to have an opinion on political matters.

By Annabella Ellingworth & India Harper.

Macmillan

Reported by Scarlet and Milly

The MacMillan cancer support helps people with cancer to help them still live their lives in the best way possible. On 26th September the school did a cake sale to help raise money towards this amazing charity and we raised £140.00 also, the teachers in our school had to wear pink it was hilarious. The slightest bit of pink they wore counts. We are very proud of two of our pupils, Lola miles and Emma woods who made loom bands and sold them made a grand total of £15.00 well done girls! We also did a school clothing sale. Macmillan is a good charity to support and I hope that you now come forth and pay a small donation. Just a small amount can make a massive difference to someone's life if it's just a person to comfort them or just to be looked after no matter the problem Macmillan will help you. We are extremely proud of how much money we raised and hope it helps someone in need.

Maple class Egyptian day

In Term 1, Maple class were lucky enough to have a whole day dressed up in the Egyptian clothing.

They all made Egyptian art work and Egyptian bread not only that, they also learnt a dance called: "Walk like an Egyptian". Some people's art work was amazing! We think Eve Jarman's Egyptian cat was especially good. Alissa Harris quoted, "my favourite part

was when we made the bread and learnt some Egyptian dance moves".

Miss Berry mentioned some special work from the term: Katie Garwood's Egyptian pot because of how well she moulded the face of her cynopic jar; Abigail Spence for her creative project because she added spiders and cobwebs to make it look ancient. Rosa Vaccari's Egyptian costume. All the pupils loved their day in the life of an Egyptian.



Reported by Ava Vaccari and Fallon West

Year 5 PGL Trip

Sycamore, year 5, set off for PGL, Marchants Hill all really happy and excited to go. We wished that they would have a good time and **be safe**.

Before they went to PGL:

Lola Miles said, "I am very excited and looking forward to my classes PGL trip! Also I am looking forward to the giant swing!" Amelie Rowe said, "I am excited to go and sleep on the bunk beds in the rooms. Also, I can't wait to do abseiling."

After they went to PGL:

Lola said with such happiness, "I really enjoyed the giant swing and abseiling!" Amelie Rowe said, "I like sleeping on the top bunk and also loved abseiling!"



Reported by Fleur Tanner and Erinn Brook

'Escaped Croc

Police officers investigated an escaped crocodile in Plymouth and discovered the reptile was actually an inflatable toy.

A woman called for help after she saw the metre-long toy in her garden. Since she thought that it was a real life crocodile. Her neighbours agreed it was way too dangerous to approach, so they called the animal emergency services.

Police officers arrived at the scene with nets and shields to capture the reptile. They threw some water over its face from a safe distance to check what its response was.

It was only after approaching the crocodile that they realised it was

completely harmless. The woman of the house was so scared that she wasn't going outside for a few days. The police had to board up the garden so the crocodile couldn't get out or end up going in the house.

The police said to the poor woman that they will search the garden to make sure there was no egg in the garden or baby crocs.

Nobody is sure how the crocodile ended up in the woman's garden. The police say that it could have come from the wild life park just down the road.

Police officers bravely attended this investigation.



KSI nativity play

On the 8th of December, KS1 did the play: 'The Nativity', with the main character as the '*star that didn't shine*'. As you can probably guess, the play was about a star that couldn't shine. 'She tried and tried and tried and tried and tried,' but still could not shine. This resulted in, the shepherds on the hill having a hard time trying to locate the stable.

Meanwhile, the three kings in the desert had spotted the star the night before – but it had disappeared. They were stumbling and their camels were tired. After hours and hours of searching, the other stars in the sky convinced the unlit star that didn't shine, to go and see the baby Jesus.

As soon as the unlit star saw the child, the star started to glow. As it got stronger, the kings and shepherds saw where the baby was born. They followed the star to the stable, and gave Jesus their gifts. The younger children in Elm and Willow sang beautifully, which added to this festive atmosphere.

KS1 worked really hard on this play and pleased us all. We didn't know we had so much talent at Benson School. Well done!

By Marcus and Luke



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