



THE LAST WEEK

PGL REPORTS

We all had a lot of fun on PGL in some really lovely weather. Most of the children behaved well which always makes it easier for us. There are some reports here on the Newsletter but it is also worth looking at the Website where Year 3 have produced a wonderful diary of the week-end. Lastly thank you to Miss Sutcliffe and Mr Williams for their invaluable assistance. **Miss Whitehouse.**

Kayaking. We were looking forward to the kayaking but we were also rather anxious! First Kat showed us how to use our paddles. This seemed easy until we got in the water! We were rather wobbly as we shuffled along into the lake. At first I did not seem able to steer but then I got the hang of it! The rafting up was hard at first because you felt as though you would fall in when you tried to grab the other person. I would have liked to crawl along my kayak and rub its nose with mine or stand up to jump about! The funniest bit was when Luke fell in !!! **Jack Eggesden and Louis Cotton. Yr 4**



Giant Swing. I loved the Giant Swing last year so much that I couldn't wait to have a go again. Lucky me, I ended up with four goes!! It's a bit scary as you go higher as the rest pull you up. But the really scary part is pulling the cord! At first it wouldn't work, then suddenly it did and we were off! Wooooooo! Cool!! I screamed like mad!! Then it got lower and lower until it stopped. But I got to stay on!! **Charlie Millar. Yr 4.**

Trapeze. I was looking forward to the trapeze. First we had to climb up the ladder resting against the pole. Then we climbed up the wooden pole. It was a bit hard because you had to reach with your feet. At the top we could kneel, sit or stand on a tiny little platform. I stood on it. I tried not to look down. I tried to look at the trapeze and then I jumped to try and grab it. But it was very slippy so when I grabbed it my hands slipped off! That was the best bit because you got to fly through the air! You come down slowly and then your legs feel like jelly! **Megan Watson Yr 4**



Quad Bikes. When we went on PGL my favourite activity was definitely the Quad Bikes. It was really fun and we were allowed to go quite fast and at one corner I had to keep going onto the grass because it went all bumpy and it made the quad stop. There was a big dirty puddle that if you went through fast you got extremely wet. Ben Gardner was definitely the best boy and the best girl in our group was Katharine Barlow. **Millie Hanlon. Yr 5.**



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YEAR 6 TRIP TO THE AIR RAID SHELTERS. On Tuesday 13th May Kingswood College Year 6 pupils went to the Air Raid shelters in Stockport. We arrived dressed in our WW11 clothing not exactly catwalk material. Firstly we gathered all of the evacuees and put them on the mini bus and Ma'am put on some of the new jazz music that used to cheer up the firefighters and that certainly got our hopes up even though we were being evacuated to the countryside away from Liverpool, where all the bombs were going off. We arrived at Stockport where we met our family warden who asked for all of our names because the names were too posh and had to be changed to something a bit more common. I told him my name was Jessica and was told that it was too posh and had to change it to Ethel. Robert is called Bob, Olivia is now Mary, Chloe is Lillian and Ellie is now called Hannah. Then we discovered our gas masks, we had no idea how to put them on, our warden was disappointed with Mr Borowski because he should have been doing gas mask practice every day with us. After our lovely WW11 lunches our warden showed the class how to make rag rugs and I think everyone started to get in the mood and want to do one at home with our new families. When we arrived at the underground air raid shelters we walked through a little shop and through a glass door, it looked cold, damp and smelly. The warden told us how the war started and who declared it and the time that Britain suddenly was at war with Germany, 3rd September 1939. At first the government did not agree that the air raid shelters were going to work, in fact they thought that the air raid shelters were going to kill lives not save them. Four thousand people were going to fit in the air raid shelters and they were going to build more so that seven thousand people were going to use the shelters in Stockport. The warden then let us experience a blackout. It was really, really dark, pitch black, nothing could be seen at all. Do you know that they used to call the air raid shelter the Stockport Hotel because they had indoor toilets and electricity. The day at the Air Raid shelters was very clever and I enjoyed it from the beginning till the end, thank you for taking Year 6 on this trip. **Jessica Kay 6M**



FIREMAN VISIT RECEPTION CLASS

Reception had a fantastic afternoon this week when Ormskirk fire Station came to visit. The children had super fun; they explored the fire engine, had a ride inside with the sirens on, dressed up in the firemen's clothes and had a go of squirting the fire hose. Reception wrote



some lovely letters to the firemen to say a big thank you and in return they brought us a dressing up box to borrow, how lucky they have been this week! **Miss Gillam**



VISIT BY TAFFY THOMAS - THE STORYTELLER

On Wednesday 14th May Taffy Thomas came to Kingswood. He was a story teller and he told us some stories, one of them was 'Man's Best Friend.' **Samuel Bleasdale 4EO**

Taffy Thomas - He had a tale coat, it had story pictures on it. It was very long and he wore a porky pie hat. He told us a 'Sunflower' story; it was very interesting. There was a cow story and a dog story as well. It was very good. **Amy Bell 4EO**

Yesterday we had a magical story teller called Taffy Thomas. We were in the chapel, he told us some riddles and some stories. He wore his magical coat and his porky pie hat. His coat has lots of pictures on it. I think each picture has a story to it. It was a pleasure to listen to him and follow him into the magical world of story telling. **Georgina Wong 5B**

Taffy Thomas's visit was very enjoyable. What we realise is that he had a great memory for his age. He is a very entertaining man. Taffy had very many riddles and Taylor was happy to be the princess in one of his great stories. At the end he told a very enjoyable story about the 2 giants. Afterwards he gave us a sheet to colour in which had a recipe on. I think all of Year 7 enjoyed the visit very much and we'd like to thank Taffy for his great stories. **Siddharth Pothula HJ**

I think Taffy Thomas was a good story because he tells all kinds of stories and he gave us a great recipe for some ginger bread. I loved his beautiful coat because it had so many pictures on it. **Libby Occleston RG**

It was a great day yesterday. A man called Taffy Thomas came. He came to tell stories and Kieran got to choose a good story. Ben in Year 1 got to have a ginger bread man. His coat was full of pictures. **Lily Ainscough 2G**

On Wednesday 13th May 2008, Taffy Thomas, a famous storyteller, came to Kingswood. He was dressed entirely in yellow apart from brown shoes and his magnificent story telling coat. His coat had many pictures and each one told a spectacular story. He also wore a 'porkie pie' hat which brought the coat to life. He collected riddles and told Years 7 and 8 a story about a Princess who had to solve a riddle to save her life. Taylor played the Princess and Aaron was a roaring ogre. The riddle they had to solve was 'Find a golden box without a lid, deep inside a star is hid'. Can you solve this riddle? We solved the riddle and saved Taylor's life from Aaron the ugly ogre. We all had an excellent time as he brought the story to life. On behalf of Year 8 I should like to thank Taffy Thomas very much and look forward to another visit. **Paige Duffy JH**

MISCELLANEOUS

STARLIGHT WALK

On Friday evening a team of teachers will be taking part in the 'Starlight Walk' in aid of Queen's Court Hospice. Kingswood College Trust have kindly agreed to sponsor the team. If anyone else wishes to sponsor us, please send in a donation to the general office. Many of us have had occasion to be grateful for the services of the Hospice and feel this is a wonderful charity to support. **Mrs Evans, Mrs Bruce, Mrs Joyce, & Mrs Makin**



CUP CAKE SALE



Kingswood Girls' Dance Troop need your support! They will be holding a cake sale in the dining hall next Friday 23rd May to raise money to go towards the cost of their costumes for 'Dance Fever' at Southport Floral Hall on Tuesday 1st July. **Miss Mapstone**

WANTED Urgently required for the 'Oliver' production, large coloured shawls. Can anyone help?

REMINDER - LADIES' DAY LUNCH - Thursday 19th June If you are unable to travel to Royal Ascot why not join us to sit and relax, and watch the races whilst enjoying a 4 course lunch in the marquee. Tickets at £20 are now available from the school office. The price includes: drinks on arrival, lunch with a glass of wine, entertainment. Full bar facilities will be available. Book early to avoid disappointment.

END OF TERM 5

A reminder that school will finish at 13:00 next Friday 23rd May. The coaches will leave school at 13:00 and thus arrive at the stops 2 1/2 hours early.