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THE LAST WEEK

PGL

Once again we had a super time on PGL last week-end! The weather was very kind to us and everyone behaved themselves. Yet again it was fun for the teachers too! My new experience this year was falling in the water during the kayaking – it was COLD!

Thank you to Miss Sutcliffe and Mr. Williams for their support and valued help and also to the parents who were all on time for the picking up at the end of the week-end! **Miss Whitehouse**



The day was really here, yes the day that most people go on PGL. When we set off my mum came to see me and I saw a tear in her eye. That was all I was focused on. Charlie managed to snap me out of it. Then I was thinking whether I had made the right choice, but with a bit of encouragement I felt much better. Then we were there. Then we went to unpack and then we met our Group Leader, Frodo. At first I didn't have a clue what to say, then I got into things. After that Frodo showed our group around. We then went for tea and on to a game called Night Trackers. It was such fun. After we went to bed. The next day we got a shower – the water was freezing! Then we went to breakfast. It was nice we had sausages and toast. Then we did the zip-wire. Well you should have seen my face, but with the Year 4's cheering me on I just about had enough confidence to do it. It felt amazing with the wind blowing into my face! Then we went to archery. It was really fun. Joe and Connor hit the Bull's Eye. I tried but I didn't quite get there. Then we had tea. Nearly every day we had chips. It was nice with pizza, all the meals were nice.

The next day we went on the Giant Swing I went to the top twice. The first time my legs turned to jelly – trust me you don't want to go backwards, it's scary! Then we had lunch, Frodo drank 5mls of water non-stop. It was quite scary. Then we did abseiling. **Annabell Boyle 4G**

This is where Annabelle's writing finishes but I, as her Group teacher would like to carry it on!

Annabelle was not at all sure about this activity and told me she did not want to do it, but with a little persuasion she climbed the tower with me. However this visit failed and she went back down the steps. I told her to have a think about it because she may regret not having a go later. She had in fact said this to me earlier that people may regret not doing things! A little later she announced she'd like to try again – so we both went up. This time although she was clearly very nervous, with some encouragement from her classmates, the leaders and me she did it! She got to the bottom and said that she was really glad she had done it and felt very proud. That is what PGL is all about!! **Miss Whitehouse**

THE LAST WEEK Cont/.....

Mrs Graham, Miss Mapstone, some parents and classmates came to wave us off! After a long 2 hours we finally arrived and were introduced to our group leader - Frodo. He took us to our cabins. We thought they were great and there were only a few arguments about who had the top bunks. We had great fun 'night tracking' and the girls were disappointed that a flash of pink track-suit gave them away!

Our first activities on Saturday were Archery and Zip Wire. Archery was quite tricky because it was so windy. Kieran missed the target and shot a tree! Zip Wire took us across a lake. It was a good way to have a look around but Shaun was convinced he was going to 'smash into a tree' - he didn't!

Our afternoon activity was Kayaking. Some of us found it quite easy. Shaun kept going round in circles and Milly and Daisy ran into the bank. Max had to stand up and sing 'Bob the Builder'. The highlight was when Miss Whitehouse fell in!



Day 2 started with a good breakfast followed by Rifle Shooting and Giant Swing. The girls' team won the shooting - Miss Sutcliffe turned out to be quite a good shot! The Giant Swing went so high and when you started to fall it felt as though your tummy moved from your front to your back!

All too soon it was the last afternoon - Abseiling and Orienteering. It turned out that Abseiling had nothing to do with water and at first it seemed quite scary! We were soon doing 'Mission Impossible' leaps down the tower - attached to two safety ropes of course! Orienteering was quite complicated - Miss Sutcliffe sat by the big oak tree and gave us a few tips!

All too soon we were back on the coach waving goodbye to Boreatton Park. We all hope to go again next year. **Year 3**

On 8th May a group of Juniors went on our annual PGL trip to Shropshire. We did loads of activities - archery, rifle shooting, orienteering, abseiling, and lots of games. My favourite was the kayaking. Mr Williams fell in and we all laughed. I had a great time, thank you to all the teachers. There were some great songs. **Charlie Millar 5B**



FORTHCOMING EVENTS

SUMMER CONCERT

The Summer Concert will take place on Thursday 25th June in the College Chapel starting at 19:00. Pupils from all age ranges will be participating. Tickets will be on sale after the mid term break from the front office priced £5 and £3 respectively; this includes refreshments. **Mrs McWilliams.**

MISCELLANEOUS

CAPTAIN'S TABLE

Representatives from Years 1, 2, 3, 6 and 7 attended this month's breakfast meeting with the Principal. Topics discussed included:

- The Friends of Kingswood forthcoming events - Camp Night, Picnic in the Park and even Christmas events!
- New parents getting involved by attending Friends of Kingswood coffee mornings on the first Tuesday of every month - the next one is Tuesday 2nd June.
- Ladies' Day Lunch - and the surprise at the end of it!
- PGL and other trips planned eg. Christmas market trip to Prague.
- Singing in Assemblies - how impressed a new boy in Year 7 was when he heard the Senior boys singing.
- The change of ownership of the building / school and how everyone is looking forward to hearing about development plans.

YEAR 11 - FAREWELL

Year 11 GCSE Examinations have begun in earnest this week and they are looking forward to their Prom tonight (Friday). We wish them all every success in their forthcoming examinations and for the future. **Mrs Taylor**

NOTICE RE SCHOOL EXAMINATIONS

School examinations for Years 2—10 begin on Monday 1st June immediately following the half term break. Pupils will receive a timetable next week and senior pupils should have completed a signed revision timetable to be given to Mentors. **Mrs Taylor**

BAGS 2 SCHOOL

We raised £176 from the collection of the Bags 2 School blue bags. There will be another collection in the Autumn.

SPORTS NEWS

On Wednesday 13th May several Kingswood pupils took part in the mile races at Victoria Park, Southport. In the Year 5 boys race Jack Eggesden stormed away from the field to finish twenty seconds ahead of second place. Greg Cooke followed in the Year 7 boys race, finishing first in a time of 5 min 59 secs. Well done to all who took part, pictures to follow next week. **Mr Wynne**