



Year 6 Trip To Kingswood **27th April-1st May**

On Monday the 27th April we experienced the world's biggest bag and the world's smallest bag. Bene had packed for an overnight stay whereas Thomas was going away for the year. When we eventually left, we listened to Mr Vincent's 'classic rock music', which was a mixture of AC/DC, Thunder, Aerosmith, The Kinks, and so on. Bene, Lily and Mr Vincent sang along to some of the songs and some of the songs were pretty good. We still prefer our music. After about an hours drive we stopped off at a service station on the motorway. The girls bought a total of £6.12 worth of sweets. We got back on the road and drove another one and a half hours but then stopped for lunch outside Tescos. It seemed to be a good place to stop. Finally at 12:45 we got to Kingswood, West Runton. We had a tour of the Kingswood centre and at 1:30 we saw our dorms. At first we said, 'these are not as bad as we thought'. At half two we cracked on and started Fencing. Mrs Kemp said 'these guys look like they are professionals'. We very much enjoyed that exhilarating session. We learnt how to lunge and parry, and after that we played a couple of games against each other.

After that we had tea and then went to our evening activity, which was sing star. All of the girls got dressed up to find it was on a play station with a "high school musical" sing-along disc. Unfortunately it did not work very well.

We then went to get a cup of cocoa and then went to our dorms to get ready for bed.

Tuesday

On Tuesday morning we were all tired. The first lesson was 'knitting' and the girls had a really good idea that we could make a blanket but when we got in there, the instructor told us that we were not knitting we were doing Science detective! It was really cool. We got to look at people's alibis, ability and their motive for a fictitious robbery at the centre.

After this we went to do the indoor initiative where we had to build a 'thingy' (they said it was like giant Meccano) to put all your shoes on but they had to be 10 cm apart! Then after that we had to do the next session of Science Detectives. We had to break a code and use a special code-breaking device. Then we had lunch.

After lunch, we had another session of our science detective lesson. Then we did abseiling, which was really scary. However, everyone managed to do it, including Mr Vincent and Mrs Kemp. They were both really good at it. In the evening, after dinner, we had a campfire and sang the 'Peanut song' and 'Alice the Camel' song.

Wednesday

We woke up early on Wednesday morning starving. Luckily Sir got us into breakfast a bit earlier. The breakfasts were amazing - bacon, (floppy) toast and scrambled egg or croissants – yummy! Our first session was Quad biking. When you were doing it, it felt like you were going 1000mph but really you weren't going that fast at all.

After Quad biking we went on to do Zip wire and this was one of the best activities of the week. The Zip wire was over 100 metres long and you started from the top of the abseil tower. Everyone did it, and we were all very pleased we did it.

The team challenge was good. It was a bit like giant meccano (or so they said) and we had to build something which could hold all of our shoes and they had to be 10cm apart. It doesn't sound that interesting but it was really good.

The Man from Defra was down at the beach. We looked at all sorts of coastal defences - Rip Rap, a Sea wall, groynes and some wave breaks. We had a few tasks to do and it was good. It was nice to go down to the beach.



In the afternoon, we went on the go-karts and some people were absolutely crazy. Alex spent most of the time hitting the barrier than staying on the track and Mr Vincent and Jack were fast around the track. Mrs Kemp was more careful. However, the great surprise was Seemal who started off slowly and then was a crazy person at the end of her run.

The evening activity was hotspots, which was a bit like Twister. Bene and Lauren were brilliant at that.

Thursday

The first thing we did was went to go and get breakfast. After a lovely meal of floppy toast and crispy bacon we went back to the dorms to get our stuff for the first activity. The first activity was finishing The Man from Defra and that was learning about coastal defences, we went down to the beach on Wednesday and we had to type it up in a PowerPoint presentation that morning.

Next was caving. For caving, we had to crawl through a tunnel and then we were lead into a room. Bene, Lauren and I were at the front of the line and on our way out we saw one of the men moving the furniture so we knew that there was only one room. The instructors said there was more than one though. Sir got us lost when he lead us up a dead end and one time he decided to take back his camera so it was safe and he went the wrong way on the way back. When we had to crawl through pitch-black tunnels it was a bit spooky but overall Caving was really fun,

Den building was quite fun. We were split into groups and made dens. The other group make a trap; it was quite good really, but in the end after the votes, the group I was in won.

After a filling lunch we had Nightline, it was fun until we got to the course. Teachers were allowed and encouraged to pour water over you and of course Mr Vincent and Mrs Kemp had to. But with Mr Vincent not only did he pour a little bit of water... he poured gallons. We were soaked through. After we had finished the course we all ran after him and, with his permission, poured water over him.

Soon came crate stack which is when you're put in pairs and one has to stack crates and the other person has to climb. A few people got to ten - this did not include me.

Archery was next up Sir was very good but out of us lot Rachel got the Robin Hood award. Before Club Kingswood we went out in the mini-bus to get our group leader (Lauren Roberts) a present. we got her a Rose quartz which Bene, Mrs Kemp and I spotted the day before. Beth and I got some funky socks for Club Kingswood and we got some prawns and stuff like that and Sean and Seemal bravely ate the pot.

The evening activity was Club Kingswood. This is a disco where the music was ok and Sir missed one of the songs he would of liked. He likes Thunder and Kiss and stuff like that. Rachel and I were the only ones who didn't sit down.



Friday

On Friday we went to have breakfast at our usual time (7.55am). After breakfast we had some free time and then we went off for our first activity – The Leap of Faith. We were looking forward to it but there were a few nerves. For this you had to climb up a ladder and then climb up a pole using fixed pieces of wood on the side. When you reached the top, you had to stand up on the square bit of wood. That was the scariest part. When you were ready, you had to jump off the wood and try and get hold of a bar and that would be your leap of faith.

After the leap of faith, we had a juice break. We then had to go back to the meeting point (letter 'O') and wait for the instructors for our next activity. This was Aero-ball - that is when you get on to the trampolines and try and get the balls into the hole on the opposite side to score a point.

After all the activities we had to get in the mini bus and go back to the school. On the way we had to listen to Mr Vincent's music, some of it was ok. However, we got a few of our songs to listen to but Sir kept on making fun of them and he started to sing really loudly and the window was open! We were stuck on the motorway for over two hours and we finally got to school at 6:20 and then we all went home.

It was a great week and everybody had an amazing time. The activities were all a lot of fun and we have learnt a lot from it.

Thank you to Mr Vincent and Mrs Kemp for taking us, it is an experience that I am sure we won't forget.