

Stibbington Residential Trip

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Day One

We had a little introduction to the site and then we went to our rooms and got unpacked. I felt like I was at home, but without my sister there. The rooms were warm and the beds were comfy.

After we got all unpacked, it was time for lunch in the Crunchy Carrot Café. We had some delicious sandwiches.

In the afternoon we went on an Eco-trail around the site, raised the flag, and did our Eco-time. During Eco-time we got to be a Waste Wizard, Garden Gang or Power Ranger. We also did some team games.

Tea was at 5:00pm and we had pasta and bolognese.

When we finished our Tea, Mrs Jones and Mrs Willoughby had BINGO for us with real prizes. Then we had time with our friends in our bedrooms.

Lights out was at 10:00pm but I couldn't get to sleep at all – I was too excited. I don't think I finally fell asleep until about half-eleven!

Day Two

In the morning Miss Lynch came to wake us all up, but I was already awake! Then, we started the day with breakfast - I had the spaghetti, toast and sausage. It was good!

After breakfast, we had a few minutes to play and then we learned about coordinates and reading maps in the classroom and walked to the Nature Reserve to do a Pirate's Treasure Hunt. I enjoyed this a lot, especially when we got to walk around in our little group and help each other out by working as a team! At the end of the treasure hunt we found the pirates treasure, which was some toffees. We all got to have one and then headed off back to the site to have our lunch.

After lunch, we learned about mini-beasts that live in ponds and then got some time to do some pond dipping to catch some mini-beasts of our own. It was so hard to use the net to capture some mini-beasts because the pond was frozen over with a layer of ice so we had to try to break through the ice first! My group caught a newt! It was very cool! Then we got to go and look at our mini-beasts under the microscopes and identify what they were.

Then it was Eco-time and tea, which was roast dinner. It was scrumptious! After tea, we Mr Laband came to visit and brought the Wii. Mostly all the boys played on the Wii while the

girls were down in Miss Lynch's room getting their nails painted, listened to music and had a chat.

When it came to lights out, almost everybody was asleep – but not me!

Day Three

On day three, we had another nice breakfast, bacon, beans and toast and then started our day. Today we were going to be crime scene investigators solving a mystery about who stole the toffees from the site.

I was in Mrs Whatling's group. We thought that it was amazing because we had to find all kinds of clues and then use the laboratory equipment to check the clues like fibres and fingerprints. We thought it was Rosie from the very beginning and we were right! Some people had to go home today because they were only staying for 3 days and the rest of us were staying for 4 days.

After we solved the crime, it was Eco-time and then time for tea. Today we had fish fingers. When we finished our tea, we went to our rooms and some people watched a film. We were all very tired by the end of the day and went to bed rather early.

Day Four

We got up and had our breakfast, which was the same as Tuesday. After breakfast we had to go and pack all of our things and put them into the lounge. When we finished that we started our activities. In the morning we had some yogurt pots to design and then we went outside and made some nature art. I really enjoyed doing that – my group made a tree out of loads of things we found like twigs and different leaves.

Then we got a little black card and some double-sided tape, which was stuck onto the black card, and we had to find 20 different colours of nature and stick them onto the card.

Then we went back into the classroom and made our little mini-beasts out of clay. Then we had lunch and in the afternoon we did an art trail around the site. Then it was time to go. We got our luggage and put it onto the bus, lowered the flag and left.

I really enjoyed the trip and I would go again, but I was happy to get back home!

