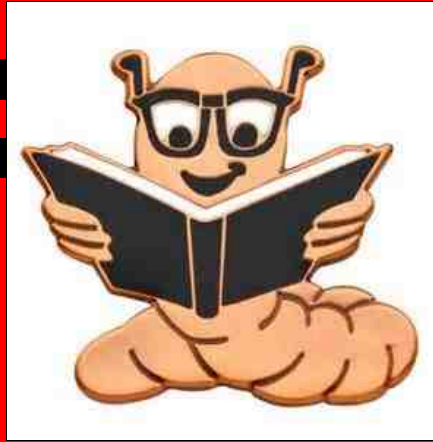




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## Looking at Learning ~ Global School Partnership with Kwinella School in The Gambia by Miss Bond and Mrs Thorneywork

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## Looking at Learning ~ Year 6 Residential Trip to Marle Hall ~ an Account by Indigo Hancock

On the 28<sup>th</sup> January the majority of the Year 6's went on an exciting residential trip to Marle Hall for 3 days and 2 nights. It was the best trip yet.

After a monstrous 4 hour coach trip there, Year 6 got out and walked towards a colossal, Victorian Monastery. When they got in they were given their kit to try on, they all fitted perfectly so then they got given time to get their suitcases into their rooms. Next, they went to "Gary's Bootique" to get their walking boots (which were hard to get on) and waterproofs on for the walk. Children were split into two groups: Niall's group and Simon's group. They then got to walk up a rocky hill. When they got to the top of the mini-mountain, the group nearly got blown off the very high hill which overlooked Conwy, as the wind was travelling at 30 miles per hour!

Later on, back from the walk, the class got to play in the 'Common Room' after some tea and cakes. Night activities were next and this time they went into their teacher groups. Mrs Mander's group did the nightline course, where you were blindfolded and given instructions by your partner to get through a complex obstacle course. There was a lot of laughs during this activity.

A few hours later, the group got back and got their PJ's on, followed shortly by the other groups. Next was supper (juice and biscuits) and a bit of play before lights out at 9 O'clock.

The next morning Year 6 got ready and went down for breakfast which was a hearty meal. Then they got their boots and waterproofs on ready for the day ahead. The class was split into groups and Duncan's group did the BLT (Bell, Log, Trapeze). Only a minor amount made the jump on the trapeze – Josh.W, Jiaan, Indigo and James.

Tired out, the group went to the mini-bus to the lake for a kayaking adventure! There, we got split into two mini-groups as there were two kayaks. In the freezing lake it was very hard to paddle as you had to fight the wind. At one part of the lake, both boats got stuck on a rock! On the way back, they had a few races and a treasure hunt! Funnily, Jaspreet thought he found a piece of gold and went to pick it up but it was actually poo! Lastly, the group put away the kayaks and went back home on the mini-bus.

After spending the day outside, it was time to get warm and cosy. Mrs Banks and Mrs Ashworth opened the tuck shop which consisted of: teddies, sweets, souvenirs and lots more. After that it was time for more tea and cakes then more free time. By that time it was dinner and the performance of 'Magnetic Caitlin' (who can balance 5 spoons on her face without them falling off!).

Next it was night activities: Low-ropes course. This is where you have a partner while going on an obstacle course, the floor is lava and you cannot touch it, so the partner has to catch you if you fall. When they completed the course, it was supper followed by lights out.

On the last morning, Year 6 had to all be woken up by Mrs Banks. They were all very tired from the previous days activities. After breakfast some groups did Bushcraft. They had to tie a tarp' to the trees, cut and shave pieces of wood, then set it alight. After all the hard work of making a fire with a drill saw, the group got to make pancakes, hot chocolate and marshmallows.

Next, they had to clean their boots, cups and waterproofs (it was very hard as they all got very muddy). Finally after 3 exhilarating days, Year 6 got on the coach back home.

I loved this trip as it was adventurous and you were always pushed to the limit. Everyone succeeded in something and it was great fun. I thought this trip was an amazing trip to go on and would happily go again.