

Juniper Hill School

Field trips to Weymouth and the Isle of Wight - 2006

Year 5

I was feeling quite nervous but VERY excited. I was looking forward to doing new things and spending a week with my friends.

Corfe Castle Museum was really good. My favourite exhibit was where they showed all the different types of stone used to build the castle. You could pick them up and feel them. Then we were shown into another room where we were shown how to build different types of arches and a castle roof. We also tried on the clothes that a king, queen, archer and maid would have worn. After that we had a tiring climb up to the castle itself, where a guide told us all about how Corfe Castle was defended.

After that we checked out our rooms and went to the beach. There we made a massive castle with moat, village, a big mound with the keep on and lots of market attachments.
Robbie Still: Monday

My feet were killing me because we walked all the way to the Sea Life Centre. On the way there we walked along the promenade and stopped off at the beach. We discussed what was natural and what was man-made.

After exploring the Sea Life Centre we went for a talk at the Shark Tank. We also saw sea horses which were breeding. They were tiny. One of the crabs that we saw could grow to the size of a mini-the car!

Then we started the long, agonising trip to the Science Discovery Centre! We experimented, tested and puzzled our way through the afternoon. My favourite part was the air cannon, where, if you punched it at the back, it looked like an invisible cannon ball was hitting the curtain in front. After we had paid a visit to the shop, we trundled all the way back to the hotel.

We had dinner and got ready for Splashdown. My favourite rides were Space Bowl, where you went through this tube into a ginormous bowl. Then you fell down the hole into a two metre deep tank of water.

Naomi Waverley-Hudson: Wednesday

On Thursday I went to Abbotsbury Swannery. When we got there we met the swanherd, Dave, who showed us a video about the Swannery. After that he took us along a path where swans were nesting. When we walked past a certain nest Dave spotted that an adult swan with cygnets was being aggressive to one of the cygnets so Dave went to find out if the cygnet belonged to that swan. When Dave came back he told us that the cygnet did not belong at that nest and so snuck it in with another family. In the afternoon Dave talked to us about duck decoys and showed us some black swans. I really enjoyed the day and I wish I could go again.

Hannah Williams: Thursday

Year 6

When we got to the fossil hunt it was freezing! We had to find different types of rocks and fossils. I found a dinosaur bone. There was a prize for the person who found the best rocks. Joe was the winner and got a shark tooth on a necklace. After finding fossils and rocks we looked for dinosaur footprints. They were really big and interesting to look at. At Blackgang Chine we went round in groups. We met the teachers every half hour to make sure that we were all safe. When everyone was back we went to the water slides. I went on both times with Catherine which was really fun. Blackgang Chine was really good.

Alana Botton: Tuesday

When we arrived at Wight Water it was freezing cold. Everyone had trouble getting into the wetsuits but eventually we "WADDLED" into the sea. We had to jump onto our boards. Mine was pink, woohoo! We went flying into the shallows. I'd like to say I was really good, but, well...

Leanna Mason: Friday

These reports were sent to the Grapevine by Juniper Hill School. They were too long for me to publish them but if I had edited them they would have become far less interesting. I think this is a very good use for the facility that the village web site affords us.

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