



11th July 2008

Dear Parents and Friends of Bishops Down,

Week 37 Newsletter

A wonderful learning adventure happened on the IOW last week. Children's reports follow -
Isle of Wight

Monday Morning Journey

On Monday 30th June we arrived at school at 7.00am. We put our suitcases on the hatch floor and got in the coach. After a three hour drive we arrived at the boarding place for the ferry and got on. After a short ride on the ferry we arrived at Fishbourne, drove on and got to Osborne House.

Joseph

Osborne House

We got off the bus and walked round to the gardens, then the woman told us we could go in. We went through the whole house and we went into an amazing room called the India Room. There were patterns on the ceiling of flowers and everyone was different.

Edward

Arriving at Kingswood

It was all very exciting on the coach and ferry journey to Kingswood, Isle of Wight. It took a while to get there but when we arrived at Kingswood we were greeted by our main worker – Dave. He took us on a tour around Kingswood. Then he took us all to the White House, where we were staying and he took us to our dorms where we made our beds and settled in.

Vanessa

Lazer

There was a small lazerquest area. One gun never worked so everyone just shot that person. The experience of Lazerquest was really good.

Austen

Climbing Activity

One of our activities was indoor climbing. What you did was put on a helmet and a harness, and then you were told to shake arms and legs for some strange reason, then you tried to climb to the top and all your friends would be cheering you on. You either went on a tilted one or a straight one. Then once you got to your goal you would abseil down.

Gemma

Zip Wire

On Thursday morning our next course was going on the zip wire. Nearly all of us were excited. We got our helmets then put them on. There were helpers to tell us how to put our safety belts on but we knew because we had been told how to wear them at abseiling and rock climbing. A boy called Joe went first and when he had finished his go he said it was great. It

was my go and I climbed 2 ladders to get to the top of the building. Then I got my strap fully safe then I jumped. It felt like I was flying and it was fun.

Archie

Team Tech

In Team Tech we made a shoe holder with other members in our group. Then one group made a life-size stick man and the other made a mini go kart!

Thomas

Abseiling

Abseiling was really fun! At first you had to walk down a curved bit until you got onto the straight edge. It was really fun. When I tried to jump, I came back to the wall and crashed into it by mistake. Luckily it didn't hurt.

Breeze

Go Karts

Peter was told to put a helmet on for safety, and then he got into the go-kart. Our instructor tested if we knew what the flag meant. Peter was going too fast round a corner and crashed. Our instructor told him to say 'I am a crazy driver', then he pushed the go-kart back to the track and Peter got off!

Katie

Archery

In archery, Mr Tutt and Kelly had a show down because Kelly had been boasting and ...Mr Tutt won because he got 3 bull's-eyes and therefore got 28 points. Out of the children, Austen won.

Peter

Walk to Culver Point (Tuesday)

First we set off by walking through a campsite. We got Dave to guide us there. When we got near the Point we saw amazing views. On the way back Gemma had a nose bleed. Finally after about an hour we got back and had some cocoa.

Alexandra

Quad Biking

We went to quad biking and first of all listened to all the safety things and how to put the helmet on. Then we had a look at the bike and all the controls. Once all that was done we took it in turns to ride the bike. It was my go and guess what happened... I crashed! It was awesome! I kept my hand on the accelerator even though it seemed to me that I wasn't pressing it that hard. For me it was the best bit of the day anyway.

Rose

Mini Olympics

One activity was called 'Mini Olympics'. We were split into two teams and we had races such as crab race and a space hopper race. The instructor said both teams cheated but one team cheated less.

Jack

Nightline

On Tuesday we went to Nightline. It's experiencing how blind people are. What happened is they blindfolded us then we walked in a line holding onto a rope through the woods. I was at

the front. Mr Tutt was laughing at me for reaching out in front of me in case I bashed into anything! It was the best!

Emma

Campfire

At the campfire we sang songs and told jokes and scary stories. Then we cooked marshmallows. Joseph kept arguing with Pirate Tom. We all had a good time.

Scott

Fencing

Next we did fencing. It was fun but you got very hot in all the clothes.

Joshua

Glass Factory

We went to the glass factory and a man showed us how to make a vase. It was really interesting how they blow air into the glass to make it hollow. There was a beautiful gift shop. It was a lot of fun.

Dylan

Needles Boat Cruise

On Wednesday we went to go and see the Needles. When we got on the boat the sea was rough. When we were near it was amazing because there were huge rocks and a lighthouse.

Emily

Sand Shop

When we went to Alum Bay the second shop we went to was the sand shop and some of us made our own sand model. We could buy lots of different stones and gems. After the sand shop we went into a gift shop. You could buy nearly everything and it was great. I really enjoyed it in the shops. I would like to go again.

Laurel

Aeroball

With the aeroball we got into a net trampoline and you had to throw the ball into the net over the wall to score 2 points.

Jake

Problem Solving

At the Isle of Wight we did many activities and one is problem solving. Problem solving consists of mini challenges which were moving 5 times from one place to another in different ways, and a jigsaw puzzle.

Bradley

Team Challenge

Team Challenge was really good. The instructor told us to do a certain number of challenges. She told us to work as a team. Some people had to face their fears! One of the challenges was climbing sideways, boys v girls. You had to climb along a wall until you got to the end. The boys won by a few seconds.

Jasper

The Beach

On our second to last day the whole class went to the beach! We all enjoyed ourselves as we looked at the beautiful views. The teachers had fun as they started playing cricket, as well as

everyone else playing football and catching a ball. The stones were very interesting and fascinating. It was a wonderful day. We even had a sandcastle competition!

Oscar

Thursday Evening Disco

On Thursday night we had a disco with a few other schools. Joseph built up a circle of people around him watching him dance. Everyone dressed up and had a good time.

Beth

Journey Home

On the journey home it was very stuffy on the bus. I think that the journey back felt longer. It was fun on the ferry and the chairs were very comfy. It also had TV's advertising zoos and Wight Link Ferries. You can see Portsmouth from the coast of the Isle of Wight. The bus had a toilet on it which was lucky – unfortunately the toilet didn't work. Fortunately, none of us needed to go.

Joshua

PSA Campout

Due to expected bad weather today and Saturday the PSA have decided to cancel the Campout. Monies will be refunded. The PSA hope to arrange an alternative event.

PSA 200 Club Winners

Some recent winners of the PSA 200 Club are listed below.

June 08	S J Evans
May 08	T Gaved
April 08	S A Flint
Mar 08	Corner Family
Feb 08	Corner Family

Garden Club

A big thank you to all the children and parents who have helped and participated in Garden Club since April. We made £85 profit at the summer fair from the sale of vegetable plants and flower pots the children had grown and created, and from kind donations. With this money we can invest in more tools, seeds, and plants for next year. The plot we were given was very overgrown, with flagstones, 6 inches of sand and a bees nest, but with the help of some determined students and parents, it has been cleared and should be ready for use when we return in September. We do still need some topsoil, so if anyone has any spare, or knows anyone who could donate a load, we would be very grateful. If you can help, please contact the school office.

Mrs Dray

Goodbye Mrs Spoor!

We held a special assembly for Mrs Spoor on Tuesday to mark her departure. Mrs Spoor has been a superb teaching assistant for over eight years at Bishops Down. She leaves us this term to take up a post as an unqualified teacher at Rotherfield Primary School. We wish her lots of luck in this exciting new role.

Year 6 Leavers Assembly

All Year 6 parents are warmly invited to our Year 6 Leavers service at 10.15 on Wednesday 23rd July, and afterwards for coffee.

Sports Day – Friday 18th July

This is due to take place on Friday 18th July at 1.15. Let's keep our fingers crossed for good weather.

Sports Day Programme Competition

We are asking all our children to design a cover for the Sports Day programme this weekend. This should be A5 in size, portrait, and mention the date and time of Sports Day. Children do love seeing their design printed on the programmes so please encourage them to enter. Mrs Tizzard will be judging them on Wednesday so please ensure entries go to the office by the end of Tuesday 15th July.

Head Teacher's Awards

Reception	Madison	Amalie
Year 1	Gabrielle	Emmerson
Year 2	The Whole Class	
Year 3	Ross	Abigail
Year 4	Jake	Emily
Year 5	George	Maizee
Year 6	The Whole Class	

Choir/Recorders/ September Clubs

Please note that Choir and Recorders finished this week. Just to let you know that club information for all clubs in September will be in next week's newsletter.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs E Savage