



Year 6 Residential Visit to London May 2016

As a Governor of the school I was delighted to be asked to join this year's residential visit with the year 6 class. What a privilege and delight!

The visit was planned extremely well, offering so many opportunities for the children, whilst also ensuring their complete safety. To take 27 children to London by train, experience London Underground during rush hour, take the children to the top of St. Paul's Cathedral and on to the River Thames was a considerable achievement.

The children stayed at a youth hostel in Chestnut where they were able to team build by making a raft whilst sharing their own lodge in beautiful surroundings.

In London they experienced the underground and busy Liverpool Street Station, along with walking approximately 25 km around the center of London. Each day was very well organised and action packed.

It is difficult to choose the highlight of the visit, as the opportunities provided were all so exciting, but I suspect the most popular event for many was going to see The Lion King, a wonderful experience.

The children visited St. Paul's Cathedral, Covent Garden, The National Gallery, Trafalgar Square, Downing Street, Whitehall, The Houses of Parliament, experienced a trip on the Thames Clipper from the Embankment to Tower Bridge, HMS Belfast and then crossed Tower Bridge.

As a governor I was very impressed with the behaviour of the children. The excellent relationship and mutual respect between teachers and pupils was most evident, ensuring sensible and safe behaviour. Numerous passers by commented on the courtesy and behaviour of AK children, which was a pleasure to witness. On behalf of all the Governors at AK I would like to extend a huge thank you to Mrs. Saville, Mrs. Voss, both of whom spent hours on risk assessments and planning and Miss Noonan and Mrs. Campbell Taking 27 children away is not easy and generally is not accompanied with very much sleep! Thank you to everyone who made the residential so very special.

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