

Flatford Day 2

Tuesday 31st October -

Well! What a way to start my birthday... Serenaded by children as I woke up. Then I was showered with birthday cards, gifts, banners and balloons! You have very kind and thoughtful children. Thank you all.

The breakfast for champions started our day well, with bacon, eggs, sausages, beans, toast & cereal.

We then made our lunches - this was almost as exciting to watch as the bed making! Some had jam sandwiches, some cheese, some plain (just butter) and some made themselves salad boxes! There were a few that started off saying, "I don't like it..." but suddenly, the lunch was scoffed down and there were cheeky smiles to say "Actually, I tried it... it was alright!"

During our first activity, we were eco-warriors trying to think of ways to recycle, reuse bags, turning lights off, have shorter showers etc. they were very knowledgeable about various sustainable ways. I wonder how many they will action back at home!

Our second activity was orienteering. By following maps and using a compass we navigated our way around the national trust site and followed instructions to answer questions. They impressed me with their compass skills and 6-figure grid reference work. No one got lost in a field! Bonus!

After lunch, we made bird feeders with pine cones, lard and seeds. We also employed many industrious workers to make bug hotels and build up the woodland areas to invite various animals.

Unfortunately, yesterday, we didn't catch any small mammals... so take 2 today! We reset our traps and hid them better in the bushes and around the pond areas. Fingers crossed for tomorrow!

After looking at the weather forecast for the next up and coming days, we decided that this evening would be perfect for our campfire! We sat around our campfire, drinking hot chocolate and learnt a variety of songs and riddles. The leaders performed magic tricks for us... which blew our minds! We've been challenged to work out how the two leaders were telepathic...

As I am writing this at 23:30 ready to send to the school office, I can tell you it has been quite a full on day! We are all extremely tired and it is beginning to sink in that we are away and missing home comforts (ie. Parents, siblings, pets and our own beds!)