

# 5th West Bromwich Camp Newsletter 2010 - Gunnislake



## Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> July

We all set off from Wesley in high spirits but unsure of what the journey would hold, especially with it being the first Saturday of the school holidays. We arrived at the centre at 1:30. After a really good journey, we unloaded and settled in. The junior section played various games outside and company section played cards indoors, while we all waited for the Tesco's delivery with all our food. That arrived at 4:10, so we then had tea. Pizza, chips, salad and ice cream which went down well with us all hungry by then. Junior section had a beetle competition after tea with company section going for a walk into Gunnislake village.

## Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> July

We woke to a lovely sunny day, so after breakfast and prayers, we packed our lunch and set off for the beach. We went to Seaton Sands in Cornwall. The weather was so good we spent the whole day there, playing in the sea filled pool, rock pooling, digging in the sand and many more things. After tea, back at the centre the junior section played football, while the company section played table tennis.



## Monday 26<sup>th</sup> July

We split into two groups today with company section going to Plymouth on the train, spent a few hours exploring the city and then caught a boat to go deep sea fishing. They didn't all manage to catch something but everyone had fun and those who did catch, brought them back to camp for tea.



The junior section meanwhile, went to Becky Falls, a nature park. We went to several live shows; 'Cute and Fluffy' was where we were able to hold a rabbit, a rat, a hamster and a guinea pig, 'Ugly Bugs' was where we held stick insects and leaf bugs, plus we saw many more insects then finally 'Strange and Wonderful' was where we saw and touch but not hold snakes, lizards and spiders. We also went on a nature walk where we had to have our cards stamped to say we had passed certain points on the walk and then a boulder scramble down the water fall which we all managed with great agility! At the end of the day we were able to feed the animals before returning back to the centre for our tea. After tea, the juniors played rounder's while the company played volleyball.



## Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> July

We all went to the Royal Navy's HMS Devonport dock yard, where we were lucky enough to go on HMS Courageous, a submarine! We had a tour with two submariners who explained all about life onboard a sub. We then had a tour of a Maritime museum followed by a tour of the ropery and the haunted hang-mans gallows. We returned to the centre for tea after which the junior section went to Looe where they crabbed from the quay side, they caught too many crabs to keep count but they did return them all to the sea! Then they went around to the beach and rolled up their trousers for a little paddle. The company section stayed at the centre and had a volleyball tournament which Matthews Team won by a mile!



### Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> July

The company section had quite an early start today, leaving the centre at 9:15 to go canoeing down the Tamar River. At lunchtime they stopped at a riverside 'beach' where they cooked their dinner on an open fire and built a shelter. The day was hard work and in some places there was very little water because the tide was going out, but there was plenty of mud to play in!



The junior section stayed at the centre and had a scavenger hunt, and then a 'graffiti art competition'. After lunch they went to Whitsands Beach where the lads had loads of fun digging large holes. Then they realised the tide was coming in and so decided to build a barricade to stop the sea from reaching them. Great fun was had by all but unfortunately the sea won and they had to retreat up the beach! After tea, company section watched a film while junior section played BINGO!



### Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> July



Junior section went to Woodlands Adventure Park today, with lots of them facing their fears and going on big rides and fast water slides, this also included Julie and Andrew, very often getting extremely wet! They didn't manage to do the entire park as they unfortunately ran out of time, but they all agreed it had been fantastic day out.

Company section spent the day at black pool beach (not the one with the tower!) they went in the sea and played games on the beach. After tea, company played rounder's while junior had a film night.

### Friday 30<sup>th</sup> July

The weather was not so good today. We set off to go to the beach but we had to change our plans as it started to rain, so we all went to Plymouth and went swimming instead. After several hours, the rain had stopped so we were able to have lunch in the park next to the leisure centre. After which, the juniors played on the soft play adventure park whilst the company had a game of pitch 'n' put. Later on, after we had all finished tea, the company section had a Quiz and the juniors did some observation sheets with partners and were timed to see who was the quickest. We all had an early night tonight as it was our last night in camp and we had an early start in the morning.

### Thank You

We would like to give a big thank you to Mr. Woodall who through his company managed to get a grant to pay for one of the minibuses.

We would also like to thank Pat who once again gave up two Saturdays to drive the van down to camp and back again! Camp would have been impossible without all the kit!

We would like to thank Warburton's who donated some bread and rolls for camp. Also to all the ladies who donated cakes etc they were lovely.

### Camp Photograph 2010

