

# Summer 1

## Year 5 Newsletter

**An Exciting and Busy Term for Year 5!**



We kicked off the term with a fantastic opportunity to cook alongside the very talented Colline, from Colline's Kitchen. Our Year 5 students worked together with our Year 1 children, to bake a wonderful selection of Easter-themed treats.

The children rolled up their sleeves and worked side by side to create delicious cakes, cookies, and pizza pinwheels, which were then sold on the Friday to raise money for their chosen charity: **The Guide Dogs**.



It was truly heart warming to witness the older children taking on leadership roles, helping their younger ones with tasks, and fostering a strong sense of teamwork.

The event was not only a great way for the children to develop practical skills such as cooking, but it also gave them the chance to support a cause they are passionate about.

The bake sale was a huge success, and it was inspiring to see how well the two year groups came together for such a good cause.



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This term in Art, Year 5 have been introduced to typography design, exploring how to create their own fonts and visual compositions. They've learned how letters and other visual elements can be used to express ideas and emotions.

Inspired by nature, the children experimented with different shapes and materials to form their own letters and words. This provided a wonderful opportunity to take our learning outdoors, and we're excited to build on this by creating our own maps using the imagery and ideas we've developed.

As part of this journey, the children were introduced to the work of both an artist and a designer who combine lettering with cartography to create maps that tell stories.



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## Year 5 Residential Trip to Liddington PGL:



Year 5 had an incredible time on their recent residential trip to Liddington PGL. From the moment we arrived, the children threw themselves into a wide range of exciting activities, including raft building, abseiling, problem solving, fire lighting, knot tying, and shelter building. It was fantastic to see their enthusiasm, resilience, and teamwork shine through in every challenge they faced.

The evenings were just as enjoyable, filled with lively group games and activities. A special highlight was the campfire on the final night – a fun evening of songs, stories, laughter, and toasted marshmallows that brought the whole group together in the perfect end to a brilliant few days

We were lucky to be supported by an amazing team of PGL instructors whose enthusiasm, energy, and patience helped make the experience so special. They encouraged every child to push themselves and made each activity fun, safe, and engaging. The children absolutely loved them – and after a very busy few days, we think even the instructors were ready for a well-earned rest when we left!

Mealtimes were also a big success, with something for everyone – and the salad bar was a surprise favourite among both children and staff!

We are incredibly proud of all our Year 5's and how well they represented the school throughout the trip. Their positive attitude, kindness, and willingness to support each other made this a truly memorable experience for all involved.

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Here's what some of the children had to say about the experience:

"I felt so happy and joyful " - Mya

"Abseiling was scary at first, but I was brave and loved it in the end!" - Ava

"The campfire was firetastic!! The story telling was amazing and we loved the Marshmallows!! - Cherry class.

"The days went so fast because it was so much fun!" - Edith

"Amazing PGL , So much fun, learning and happiness!" - William

"Joyous!" - Reuben

Year 5 Recount by Annabella:

A couple days ago, we went on a 3-day school trip to Liddington.

We all went with some of the teachers and the whole of year five. We went into a suite to have our lunch when we got there and put our bags down. After that, we went on a tour around the place so we knew where everything was and found out our activity groups. All activity groups did different things at different times.

My group did abseiling first, and we named ourselves the party animals. First, we went in a small shed a put our harnesses and helmets on. Secondly, we all went one at a time to climb the stairs of a wooden skyscraper and sort of sit and loosen the rope as we went down. Once down, we would have to detach our harnesses and bang on the skyscraper three times to let the leader know we were down and for the next person to go down.

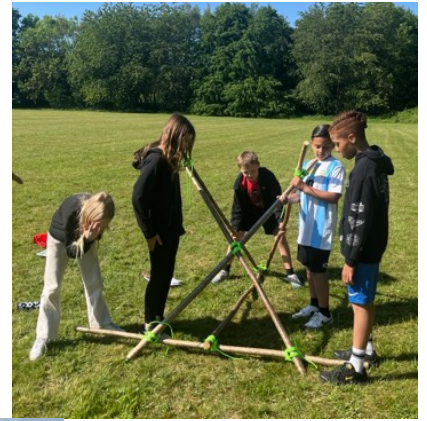
Once we all got back from our first activity, we went back to the meeting point and found out who we were with in dorms. They were gender separate and different people were in different dorms. When you walk in you would see two bunk beds next to each other with a walkway in the middle. We unpacked and tidied up a bit before heading downstairs for dinner.

First you would grab a tray and some cutlery and someone would point to you to go to a section to grab your meal. Then you would go sit down and eat. Then once you were done you would have to put your tray in a tray cleaning area and wait for your next instructions. After that, we went back up to our dorms and winded down and fell asleep.

We did so many more activities like: Raft building, teamwork puzzles, knots and shelters, and so much more! My favourite activities were: Raft building, abseiling, teamwork puzzles and well, basically all of them! I felt sort of relieved when we came home though, I had not seen my family in what felt like forever! I am very proud of myself for trying new things though, I would definitely go again.



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