



Residential Week
NEWSLETTER
Special



OVERVIEW

It has been a fantastic residential week at school for Years 3-6 who have enjoyed participating in a whole host of outdoor activities and experiences.

Here's just a taste of what we got up to... come rain or shine!

TREE CLIMBING

Years 4, 5 and 6 got a bird's eye view of school during a tree climbing session run by Discover Tree Climbing



FINISH READING ON PG. 2



ARMY EXPERIENCE

On Tuesday and Thursday we were joined by the Fifth Fusiliers who explained what it takes to be a soldier and how useful these skills are in the school environment too.

GET THE LOWDOWN ON PG. 3



Y6 @PACKINGTON

On Tuesday and Wednesday, our Y6 classes escaped the classroom and took a trip to Packington to test their team-building skills.

FIND OUT HOW THEY DID
ON PG. 4





BRAVERY

IN THE BRANCHES!

Through the week, Years 4, 5 and 6 got the opportunity to try something new by climbing one of the oak trees at school – and for many pupils, it was definitely a major highlight!

All of the children who took part used bravery, resilience and determination, with many conquering their fears, to move themselves higher in the tree than they may have expected they could go: celebrating by ringing a bell if they reached the top of their rope. Thomas R (5H) reports, *“It was scary but really fun at the same time!”* Amillie T (5H) said, *“I loved dangling from the branches in my harness – it was like floating!”*

It was wonderful to see so many TRJS students cheering on each other and giving everyone the support and encouragement they needed to climb a little further. When they next stand on the playground, the children will always be able to look up in the tree and think ‘I climbed that!’. What a sense of accomplishment! (I know I do!) Miss Hurdman, Y5



"It was interesting to see what life in the army was like."
Libby 4H



HAVE YOU GOT WHAT IT TAKES?

ARMY EXPERIENCE

We were delighted to be joined by five members of the A Company Fifth Fusiliers on Tuesday and Thursday, who came and ran a number of activities with the children.

They were taught the army's values and standards and then had an insight into a soldier's daily life by looking at the food they eat, the equipment they use and how they work together as a team. They also had the chance to try on some camouflage kit and work at an observation stand where the children could choose to apply camouflage cream (great fun). Corporal Marsh also taught them how to march and how to follow basic foot drill instructions. Here is what some of Year 4 had to say about the activities:

"Crawling close to the ground was hard but fun!" Jacob 4H

"I really liked it because children got called up to shout orders at their classmates and I got called up." Evie 4H

"When I tried the body armour on, it felt really heavy."

Clay 4H

"The observation game was good for testing your memory."

Lily 4H



PACKINGTON TEAM-BUILDING

On Tuesday 6th and Wednesday 7th July, Year 6 headed off to Packington Farm for a team building day.

We began by learning about the animals that live on the farm, before getting stuck in to 8 team challenges including: Toxic Waste, Leaky Pipes, Towers of Hanoi, Flip The Ship (which was VERY tricky!) and The Spider's Web.

All of these activities allowed Year 6 to show excellent planning, teamwork, co-operation and communication skills and they scored themselves out of 20 for each task completed. These points were then turned into currency for the afternoon task: shelter building.

Each team were able to use their points to 'buy' shelter building equipment to build a water-tight shelter. Each shelter was unique and again allowed the children to show the skills they had practised in the morning. Each group created a fantastic shelter; however, when they were tested for their waterproof capabilities, a lot of the groups got a little wet!

We were all challenged throughout the day (particularly by the Magic Helium Sticks) and had a fantastic time.

Miss Marston, Y6



AND ALSO...ALL THE OTHER STUFF!

ARCHERY



Over the course of our residential@home, all children in years 4-6 had the opportunity to 'take aim and fire' as they experienced the sport of archery. After a safety talk and teacher demonstration, the children were taught how to hold the bow correctly and aim accurately. Archery requires balance, coordination and a surprising amount of upper body strength but the children were up for the challenge and, over the course of the afternoon, they managed to achieve some fabulous scores. We definitely have some budding Katniss Everdeens and Robin Hoods in our midst here at TRJS!

Mrs Preston, Y4

WILDLIFE EXPLORERS

On Thursday, Year 5 and 6 went on a wildlife hunt to create biological records of plants and animals on our field. Children spent their time scouring the edge of the field, under wood and in mud for insects and amphibians. Both year groups found different animals and plants including: ants, a butterfly, slugs, fungi, snails, a frog, toads, sycamore trees, daisies, forget me nots, and many more. All the children really enjoyed this experience and we would like to say a big thank you to Nicola, from the Transforming the Trent Valley project, for organising and delivering the sessions. Miss Press, Y6



TRI-GOLF

On Monday afternoon and Tuesday morning, Y3 and Y5 took a trip to the TRJS Driving Range to try out **Tri-Golf** with Miss Murfin. After learning how to grip the club and set up with the correct stance/ball position, the children all got to practise hitting some balls on the field. Once in the swing, they then channelled their inner Tiger Woods to take part in the 'Tryder Cup' a points-scoring, team competition. FORE! Miss Murfin, Y5



SHELTER BUILDING



Most year groups made mini survival shelters for Lego figures using sticks, leaves and long grass. Children gathered lots of small sticks, tied them together at the top to form a pyramid to create a tripod which is a very strong shape for construction. They placed small sticks along this backbone to make sides of the shelter and then packed them tightly with

leaves, moss, grass whatever else they could find to form a thick layer to be waterproof. Some very creative children add things to make their Lego figure feel right at home! We had a campfire, some hot tubs, a seesaw and a zip line! The possibilities were limited only by our imagination. We had great fun!



Mrs Khalid, Y5

Y5 FLASHMOB

Y5 enjoyed working together and bustin' some army-themed moves, learning a 'flash mob' style dance routine to a favourite Imagine Dragons track. They demonstrated brilliant timing, rhythm and team spirit, dazzling both staff and their Y6 audience during their playground performance at TRJS Fest on Thursday evening! We couldn't 'Believer' how good they all were! Miss Murfin, Y5



EVENING ENTERTAINMENT

On Wednesday and Thursday evening, children across Y4-6 got to take part in some special evening events, similar to those they would experience if staying away overnight.



singing, hot chocolate and marshmallows around the campfire. Special thanks to ex-pupil, Tom Cartwright, for his song-leading skills!

We were thankful for much better weather for our TRJS Fest for Y5 & 6 on Thursday evening, where buoyed on by an England win, the children got their glad rags on and danced the night away at our outdoor disco.

Fifth Fusiliers Charity Event

For three days, beginning on 24th September 2021, six soldiers from A Company Fifth Fusiliers will be running a total of 300 miles from First Fusiliers' Headquarters in Tidworth, Wiltshire to the Fifth Fusiliers' Headquarters in Newcastle Upon Tyne. This is in aid two charities which support serving soldiers and veterans who are struggling with their mental health. Five soldiers from The Fifth Fusiliers, who will all be involved in this charity event, provided the army experience this week at no cost to the school. It would be wonderful if we could reciprocate their support of our event by helping to support their run. If you would like to make a donation, big or small, please visit:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/5fusiliers-b2b-run>



THANK YOU TO EVERYONE INVOLVED – YOU WERE AMAZING!