

## Newsletter 27 May 2022

Dear parents and carers,

What a week we had last week at Calshot on our residential! We did so many different activities and overcome so many challenges. We built some great friendships and it was a great reward for our hard work after SATS. Please enjoy our Year 6 newsletter take over where we will tell you about all of the exciting things that we did over the week.

Egg drop was our first night time activity. We had to get into 5 groups and create a contraption to put an egg in to save it from a fall from the top of the hanger roof. We could use cardboard, plastic bags, egg cartons etc but we only had a certain amount of tape which we found very tricky! It was great fun and 2/5 of the eggs survived the first drop but unfortunately, no eggs survived the second drop!



Skiing was a hard activity, it was great fun but tiring at the same time. We did skiing twice in our week. In the first session, we learnt the technique of how to get up the slope, which is side stepping. In our second session, we learnt how to use the ski life and practiced going down the slope. It was so fun and an activity that a lot of us had never tried before.



We had a whole morning orienteering in the New Forest. We learnt how to read a map and find north. We then were able to use the map to navigate ourselves around the forest to find different tags to spell out a word. We also played some fun games, such as hiding in the bushes and trees to try and not be seen. We also had our snack in the woods and enjoyed the fresh air.



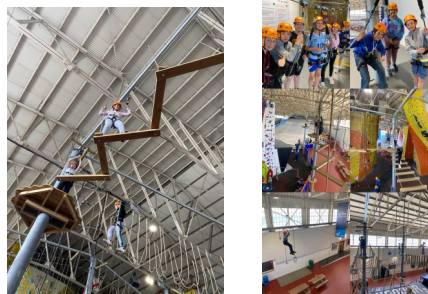
Rushing rockets was a very fun activity. You fill a bottle with water, then you screw a special nozzle on which had fins attached. You then need to put the pipe through it which is connected to a bike pump. Once it is secure you put it on a wooden board and pump it. After this the bottle shoots across the room because of the pressure built inside of the bottle. This was such a fun even-  
ing activity and we all got very competitive!



In this activity we got very wet, but we had a lot of fun: it was Kayaking! Some people fell in and one person even lost their shoe! We were split into our 3 groups . Some people were in single kayaks and some were in doubles. We learnt how to use the paddles and move in the water. We also got to play Simon says on the water which was hilarious!



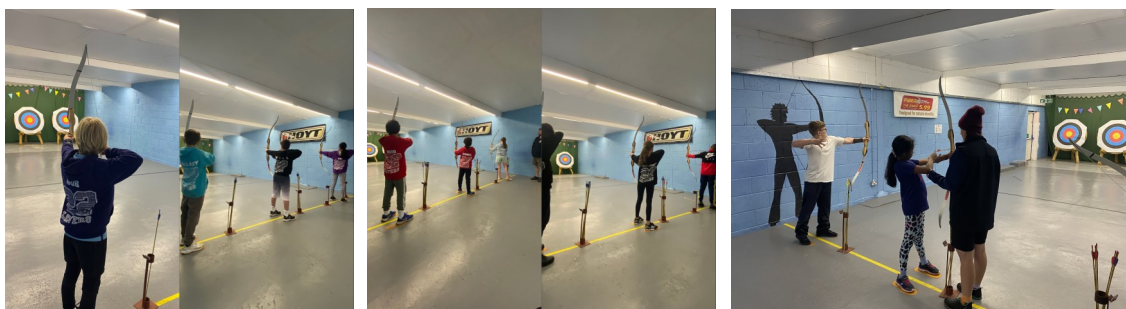
Aero Trek is a brilliant activity containing various but challenging obstacles whilst being up high. The first of these activities was called the Bermuda Bridge made of rope. There was also a zip line which was many people's favourite part because you could strike a pose as you zipped across the hangar.



We also got to do some shooting with an air rifle. In our groups, we had to lie on the floor and we learnt how to load our rifles with the silver pellet. We would then have to look through the finder and shoot the paper target at the other end of the room. It was quite tricky to get the shot on target but we all managed to hit the paper in the end.



The first thing we did when we went to archery was learn how to load the bow. We then had a few practice shots before we got to play some games. One game was the holiday game where we would shoot to find out where we would go, how we would get there and who we would go with. Then we played the pizza game where we get pizza ingredients depending on how we shot. If we missed the target we would have to put cat food on our pizza! Gross!



Initiative is an activity where you have to work together. We had to work as a team and work on our communication skills to solve tasks. For example, we went in a tunnel and had to switch order to come out in a specific order for example oldest to youngest. One of the tricky activities was getting the whole group over a big wall! We had to think carefully about the order people went over in to support each other. Unfortunately, Group 3 had to do it in the rain, but it just made it even more fun!

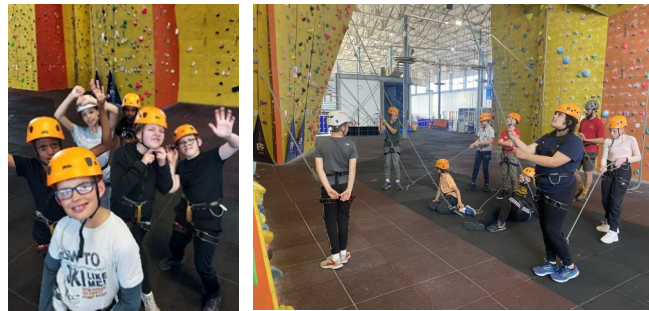




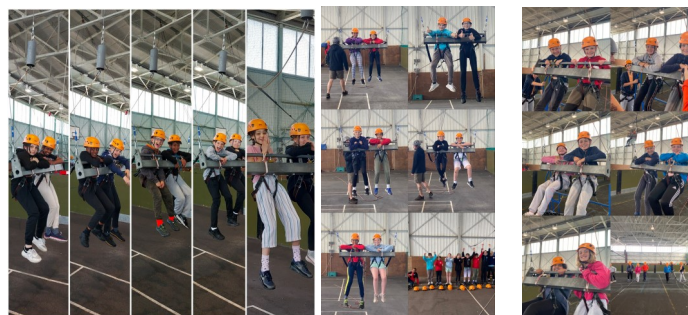
On Thursday we all did Seine netting and Beach Bonanza. One activity was collecting cool things along the beach as well as rubbish that had washed up to clear the beach and protect our waters. Another activity was throwing a gigantic net off the end of the spit and we caught lots of fish. We even caught a huge Bass! Once we had finished identifying everything, we let everything that we caught go back into the sea!



When we did climbing we first had to learn how to belay. It was so important that we worked as a team and listened carefully to the instructions that we were given. We also did something called auto belaying where we were able to jump from the top rather than walk down. There was also a speed wall where we were able to time ourselves to see who got the quickest time.



We did this Team Swing in the Schneider hanger. 2 people were hooked onto a metal bar. As a team we had to raise them to the roof. The two people that were then at the roof had to pull a green string when the rest of the team were in the viewing area. It was so scary but fun and most people enjoyed swinging from a great height and lots of us conquered our fear of heights.



When we visited Calshot Castle we had 2 activities to do. The first was acting out a play and filming it using costumes and props that we found. We learnt about people who lived and worked in the castle. The second activity was to look around the castle and find exciting forms of defence. It was so interesting to see the different ways they defended Calshot.



Ringo was our last activity before we left Calshot. Ringo is where we get into blow up rings and then we pull the up the ski slope. We could go down in groups of up to 5 or we could go down by ourselves. We could also get spun by our instructors: Richard, Phoebe and Barney. We had a great week with our amazing instructors.



All of Year 6 had a wonderful time at Calshot and on Thursday evening, after packing, we went on the beach. While we were on the beach people went into the sea as the tide was out. All of us had a lot of fun, we took pictures, sang funny songs and even the teachers got involved in the fun. We had a fun time and we even found live sea creatures. It was so fun and everyone got really wet!

After the beach, we went inside to put our PJs on and we all went downstairs to watch a movie called 'Valiant' while eating biscuits and drinking juice. It was a great end to our trip!





## **Musician of the MAT**

On Thursday evening last week, the Xavier Trust ran their first ever young musician of the MAT competition hosted by Cardinal Newman School in Hersham. Jacob and Harry represented St Hugh's and did a brilliant job playing the piano in front of 22 other contestants as well as their families and supporters. Jacob played, "Anastasia," by Ailbhe McDonagh and Harry played, "Hedwig's Theme," by John Williams. It took lots of courage to play in front of a large audience and I am very proud of them for representing our school so well.



## **Safeguarding contact reminder**

We seek to provide a safe and happy environment for all children. This means that we have a Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy and procedures in place. If you are concerned about a child's welfare, please record your concern, and any observations or conversation heard, and report to Mrs Grace, Mrs Harper or Mrs Pickard [dsl@sthugh-of-lincoln.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:dsl@sthugh-of-lincoln.surrey.sch.uk) as soon as possible the same day.

Have a lovely half term everyone. God bless.

Mrs Harper