

# Frank Chapman - Day 1

Hello Everyone!

We have had a lovely first day. Journey was fine with only one 'nearly sick' but arrived just in time. Unpacking was trouble free and everyone got settled in really sensibly. Problem solving was fun and involved lots of decisions to be jointly worked out. It also generated a few pairs of wet trousers and gloves (which we have dried). The children then could 'buy' items to get their egg to fall safely from a great height. The 'egg drop' produced unexpected results: Would you believe a tiny plastic parachute and a bit of sellotape enabled a less damaged egg than a carton?

Evening walk was exciting. Amazingly, after getting used to the lack of light, we managed about 500 metres with NO torches! We listened to the story of the Magic Tree and made our own wishes. Paavan assures us it really is magic as his wish came true from last year's visit! Children loved it and even spotted a few interesting stars and the planet Venus!

Bedtime was fun and after lots of chattering, reading and visits to the toilet, ALL the children were asleep by 10.30!!!

Boys are still asleep as I write this e-mail at 7.00 am but girls have been awake some time.

Denver has had a great birthday. He enjoyed his presents and we sang Happy Birthday to him at tea time. We all agreed the cake was delicious.

Hope you enjoy the photos. We are looking forward to another action packed day today.

Love from

The All Saints Frank Chapman Expedition



# Frank Chapman - Day 2

Hello everyone!

Another good day yesterday. The rain stopped to a drizzle shortly after breakfast so it didn't really spoil the day. We made shelters that needed to withstand hurricanes (children huffing and puffing), earthquakes (stamping) and storm (bucketsful of teacher thrown water). The three teams managed really successfully and worked hard in their teams.

The Nightline activity was a real challenge for some of the children but they all had a good go at walking through the forest blindfolded with only a rope to guide them.

Lunch was interesting when we had to make our own sandwiches. Most of the children are eating very well and enjoying lots of home cooking.

In the afternoon the children made some fabulous bookmarks. It's amazing how many different colours can be found in natural materials even in the middle of January! The children also found lots of mud on the adventure course later in the afternoon.

Lots of energy was spent in finding answers to clues around the grounds during the evening activity. The children were all asleep after supper, a welcome shower, some shopping and a DVD by 10.10pm.

Off to Bewdley today and looking forward to a visit to Teddy Grey's sweet shop!

Love from the All Saints Frank Chapman Expedition



# Frank Chapman - Day 3

Hello Everyone!

Children are still having fun, eating well (mostly), playing and learning, and are indeed a credit to their parents, their school and themselves!

Walk to Bewdley was lovely. We stepped through Henry VIII's parklands and hunting grounds, found an ancient water pump, and met some delightful Shetland ponies. Interesting conversations arose about the various types and sizes of animal pool!

Children had a picnic lunch by the river (including a small share of chips from the chip shop). The swans, ducks and seagulls enjoyed it as well. We saw lots of Tudor and Georgian houses, and walked along the most haunted alleyway in England. The highlight of our walk around the town was obviously Teddy Gray's sweet shop. Needless to say the children were able to show off an array of multi-coloured tongues and teeth after sampling the delights of the shop, and even Mrs Fox enjoyed her bag of Kayli and a stick of liquorice, Miss Whistance's choice was a less messy bag of strawberry jellies.

Unfortunately the museum is closed for the winter and the railway station is closed for maintenance, but we did see some old carriages and suitcase carriers.

Children had fun working out which creature stole the chocolate in the 'Chocolate Mystery' evening activity. Many were extremely tired and settled down after supper to watching a DVD and were all asleep by 10.00.getting earlier everyday!

Looking forward today to orienteering and conservation tasks.

Love from the All Saints Frank Chapman Expedition



# Frank Chapman - Day 4

Hello everyone!

We are almost at the end of a very successful visit. The children have grown in independence, overcome homesickness, fear of darkness and got on really well with each other (most of the time). As promised, they have also developed the skill of getting very dirty!

Having missed the rain throughout the previous three days, the weather decided to get its revenge on us yesterday morning with the most horrendous downpour! By this time, the children had already become slightly damp from their feet up, during their exploits of clearing the stream of leaves, sticks and excess mud. They did however; thoroughly enjoy this conservation task, as well as lopping the intrusive holly that is trying to take over the forest. Needless to say, many needed a change of socks and trousers before lunch.

The afternoon produced some orienteering superstars and some expert skills in traversing the climbing tower.

Our evening activity involved locating animals inside the building by matching picture clues to places and objects they had been able to observe over the previous three days. Great fun!

We have done our best to ensure children are fresh and thoroughly showered for our return tomorrow. We are looking forward to orienteering in the forest after packing our suitcases (hopefully bringing home ALL that we brought with us!)

Love from the increasingly tired but fulfilled All Saints Frank Chapman Expedition

