

Year 6 Isle of Wight 2015

Monday

After a slow start out of Hertford due to roadworks and horrible weather, we had a steady drive down towards Portsmouth. The children were extremely well behaved, but ready for a comfort stop at Fleet Services. After this, it was a short run to Portsmouth and the ferry terminal.



We were all ready for our lunch and, despite the wind and the rain, the crossing went very smoothly. The children found out their rooms and were very excited once they found out who they were sharing with!



Once we were approaching the Isle of Wight, the sun came out and we were bathed in warmth! It was a short drive to Shanklin, through some beautiful scenery, and the coach dropped us up at the top of Shanklin Chine.

The children were amazed by the waterfalls at the beginning and by the variety and size of the plants along the way. The views over the sea at the end were breath-taking!



Once out of the Chine, we walked along the esplanade, along the sea front, past the crazy golf – sneak preview for tomorrow – and up the hill to the hotel. There were a few complaints about the climb but we made it and had a warm welcome from the staff at the Cliff Hall Hotel. The coach was emptied and the children – and staff – were soon settled into their





rooms, many with beautiful sea views.

After some relaxation time, we sat down to our first meal at the hotel. Everyone was hungry after the long day and the food went down very well. Once we finished, it was time to get ready for the beach!

Once down there, the children couldn't wait to get in the water to paddle. There were some great waves to jump over and several children had 'accidents' and fell in! The children who didn't want to paddle played Kwik cricket, football, rounders, did gymnastics or dug holes. They also discovered that their feet sunk in the wet sand and had fun seeing how far they could go.



Then it was time to go back to the hotel to wash off the sand, dry ourselves off and warm up, before having a drink and a biscuit then off to bed! Hopefully the sea air will help everyone to get a good night's sleep!





Looking forward to
lots more fun
tomorrow!!