



From the Headmaster: Mr C. Hyde-Dunn, MA(Oxon), PGCE, MA(Ed.), NPQH

Letter to parents of boys in Year 5

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2012

Dear Parents

*Year 5 Residential trip to Wales – 8-11 May 2012*

You will no doubt have heard from your boys the exciting news that we are proposing to take Year 5 on a three night camping residential trip to the wilds of Lampeter. The focus for the visit will be to celebrate the boys' achievements as a whole year group; to have fun together and develop our personal and social skills. For a more detailed description of Naturesbase at Tyngwndwn Farm with Gyles Morris, please visit their website:

<http://www.naturesbase.co.uk/>

Attached to this letter is also a proposed activity timetable.

We will depart from school on the morning of Tuesday 8 May and return on Friday 11 May in the afternoon before the end of school. The total cost for each boy, including return coach travel, is £152.00. This will be added to your school bill at the beginning of next term. Please contact Clare Dicks, [clare.dicks@abingdonprep.org.uk](mailto:clare.dicks@abingdonprep.org.uk) by Friday 27 January if you would prefer to arrange payment by other means.

We will of course contact you again nearer the time with suggestions about what to pack, which staff will accompany the boys and the finer details of timings. Until then, we are all looking forward to the adventure!

Please do email me with any specific questions or queries.

Yours sincerely

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Suggested programme for Abingdon Prep School Journey

| Monday                         | Tuesday   | Wednesday   | Thursday  | Friday  |
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| Example programme for the week |   | Badgers group help prepare breakfast  | Owls group help prepare breakfast   | Squirrel group help prepare breakfast   |
|                                | <b>Breakfast</b>  | <b>Breakfast</b>  | <b>Breakfast</b>  | <b>Breakfast</b>  |
| <i>Bank holiday</i>            | <i>Morning help</i>   | <i>Collecting eggs, making pack lunch, feeding animals, weather, sweeping</i>   | <i>Collecting eggs, making pack lunch, feeding animals, weather, sweeping</i>   | <i>Collecting eggs, making pack lunch, feeding animals, weather, sweeping</i> |
|                                | Arrive  | Together we stand divide we fall, team building   | Carving sticks<br>Lighting and cooking on fires<br>Making bush craft pencils  | Pack up<br>Final group activity   |
| <b>Lunch</b>                   | <b>Lunch</b>  | <b>Lunch</b>  | <b>Lunch</b>  | <b>Lunch</b>  |
|                                | Naturesbase discovery<br>A series of experiential activities to help create a sense of place<br>Moles help prepare supper | Farmers in training<br>Grind corn, make butter and cheese<br>scarecrows, hurdle making, bug hotel<br>use compost to plant seedlings, paint planters, weed and water, make felt, recycled garden<br>Otters help prepare supper | Survival in the wild,<br>Building shelters, lighting fires<br>Tree spirits<br>Dream catchers<br>Make pizza in the eart oven |   |
| <b>Supper</b>                  | <b>Supper</b>   | <b>Supper</b>   | <b>Supper</b>   |   |
|                                | Orienteering<br>Story<br>Bat detectives   | Tuck shop<br>Own activity   | Songs and campfire  |   |

In order for the children to feel confident, comfortable and included during their stay at Naturesbase camp, they will be divided into small groups for working in and helping around the site. Every morning, and sometimes in the evening, each group will have an important and responsible job to help with the running of the centre. The exact number of groups and children in each group will be decided nearer the visit, but the group names will be: Moles, Squirrels, Badgers, Otters, Kites, and Owls