



ABINGDON

27 April 2010

To: parents of boys in 1st year

Science and Geography Trip

On Thursday 20 May we propose to take all the first years on a joint educational visit to the Natural History and Earth Science Museums in London.

The visit to the Natural History Museum will incorporate the Body Zone and the Eco Zone. Here the boys will be able to revise and review many of the reproduction and cells topics studied this year as well as getting an insight into more ecological topics which we will be covering later in the Summer term and on into the 2nd year.

The geography element of the day will involve an immersion into the processes that lead to the formation of continental and oceanic crusts through interactive displays and detailed information boards. The “Power Within” section details how earthquakes and volcanoes occur and their associated consequences. The “Restless Surface” considers the range of surface processes that shape our planet. Both of these exhibitions offer a superb introduction to a major element of physical geography and extremely useful for geographers of all levels from 1st year up to A2.

On the day of the trip the boys should wear school uniform and register as normal and then they will be directed to the coach park from where we will travel down to London by coach. We aim to depart promptly at 9.00 am and we hope to arrive back in school in time for the normal buses home.

Boys will be provided with a basic packed lunch (this includes a baguette sandwich and a piece of fruit only); I would advise packing individual drinks and an additional small snack. A small rucksack to carry lunches and a clipboard to work on around the museum will also be very useful. Your son may like to take a small quantity of pocket money as there will be a brief opportunity to visit the gift shops in both museums.

It is important that the boys are aware of their groups and the staff leading them. Your son(s) will have a morning or an afternoon in each of the museums with the relevant department staff. The groups will swap museums and staff after lunch.

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	Group	Tutor Group Split	Morning Session	Afternoon Session
1	Group A	1M Anderson-Besant to Foster	Natural History Museum with Mrs McRae	Earth Sciences Museum with Mr O'Doherty
2	Group B	1M Garmroudi to Webb	Earth Sciences Museum with Mr O'Doherty	Natural History Museum with Mrs McRae
3	Group C	1S Al-Yousuf to Goves	Natural History Museum with Mr Bliss	Earth Sciences Museum with Mr Perriss
4	Group D	1S Lay to Ward	Earth Sciences Museum with Mr Perriss	Natural History Museum with Mr Bliss
5	Group E	1W Anderson to Gooder	Natural History Museum with Miss Briggs	Earth Sciences Museum with Mr Gooding
6	Group F	1W Gordon to Wu	Earth Sciences Museum with Mr Gooding	Natural History Museum with Miss Briggs

Please could you fill in the attached parental consent form and return it to me as soon as possible (note that there is no charge for this trip).

If you have any further questions please do not hesitate to get in touch with me. Please use my email su.mcrae@abingdon.org.uk.

Yours sincerely,

Su McRae
Biology

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1st year trip to the Natural History and Earth Science Museums, London on Thursday 20 May

Son's Name: _____ Tutor: _____

I would / would not like my son to go on this trip. *(please delete as appropriate)*

We will rely on the information on the School database unless you notify us otherwise, below, regarding medical and emergency contact information.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Please return this form to Mrs McRae as soon as possible

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