

11th October 2017: Year 5 School trip to West Stow – Governor Report

I was pleased to be able to attend and assist with the recent school trip to West Stow. Year 5 are learning about the Anglo Saxon's and their existence back in 420AD. What must life have been like, living in these past times? The answers were found at West Stow. The trip was broken down into 2 main sessions, either side of lunch. Our morning session was spent inside the actual museum, where we were able to look at the collected artefacts' from the era. From pottery and plates to Broaches and weapons there were many real relics that have withstood time. The children worked in small teams to answer the questions set about life as an Anglo Saxon – where did they come from? What did they eat? Where did they live? What was the hierarchy? Independently, the children were able to seek the answers and working as a team they were able to complete all the tasks – some while wearing Saxon clothing which was on hand for all to see. The curator then gathered the group together and talked about the museum, and of course the Anglo Saxons – the imagination stirred and the held.

It was a real pleasure to see our cohort mix with another school trip that were present at the same time – behaviour impeccable, what great ambassadors Year 5 are.

After lunch, our group visited the recreated Saxon village.

The recreation of the open air village gave the children the chance to walk inside and see 1st hand what home life was like for the Saxons. In small groups, they worked upon the tasks of identifying the various buildings and individually sketched their allocated building – this will prove invaluable as once they are back in the classroom they shall be recreating a model village and each will have seen, touched and felt the various structures. The activities were inclusive and relevant which clearly compliments the learning journey for Year 5.

We were soon back aboard the coach and on our way back to school. Some were tired; others were still excited by the wonderful day out that experienced.

Congratulations to Miss Madden, Mr Hopgood, Mrs Rolfe and all of Year 5, and the other Parents and Governors that made this trip such an enriching experience to the year 5 cohort.

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Parent Governor