

Year 5 and 6 Residential Trip

Skern Lodge – Day Three

Our final full day is in full swing and the children have once again enjoyed a fantastic day here at Skern.

Waking up to heavy rain and freezing temperatures would put off most children from wanting to be outside, however our group have spent the day in wetsuits in rafts on an estuary, challenging themselves on assault courses and even climbing to the highest point at Skern Lodge as part of our climbing and abseiling groups!



The children once again enjoyed a big breakfast before readying themselves for the day ahead. Twenty-two children joined Mr Schwartz and Mr Justin and the Skern instructors for a rafting trip on the estuary that runs through Bideford. In freezing temperatures, the children set off in three rafts learning how to work as a team to effectively navigate the course.



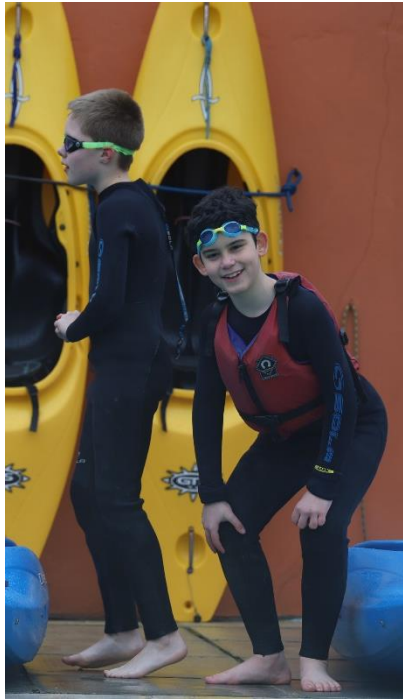
During this time, the remaining children stayed on site with Mrs Nurse and Mrs Clark, overcoming fears by climbing and abseiling up and down the wall that towers above trees here at Skern.





After lunch, the groups split once more to enjoy pool kayaking, orienteering and archery. Once again, we have seen the children learning to be more and more independent in organising themselves for the day,





yet at the same time developing their social skills to work closely with the other members of their team.





This evening we once again have campfires and nightwalks, which were a huge success last night. Around the campfire, children were learning how to light a fire using flint and steel, whilst the other group's nightwalk allowed them to visit the local lifeboat unit to see how these boats operate in the local waters.

All of the children are excited to see their families tomorrow and I am sure that they cannot wait to tell you all about their adventures over the past few days. It was been so wonderful to see their personalities in a setting outside the classroom and to have an opportunity to share this enjoyable week with each and every one of them. We look forward to seeing you all tomorrow at the end of the school day!