



JUNIOR SCHOOL BULLETIN

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Towers Special Edition

It has been a quiet week with forty-eight children missing from the Junior School. People often refer to life-changing experiences, and for some, the opportunities for outdoor adventure at Towers really do provide just that. This week's special edition draws on the musings of our Deputy Head, Miss Trevor.

Monday: Here, safe and sound. They're all excitedly unpacking and puzzling over how to get a duvet in a quilt cover!

...Year 6 have had an excellent day climbing mountains. They are just getting ready for tea, to be followed by orienteering & forest walking.

Tuesday: A first for Towers: every room silent and slumbering by 11:30pm (they had all had a very active night walk and orienteering challenge until 9:30pm) and not a sound through the night - all slept well. Sleepy heads are gradually emerging from their cocoons now, following the waft of hot waffles for breakfast downstairs. It is raining, so we're in for a wet day...



...All children have had a super second day - canoeing, mining and scrambling on the beach. Curry for tea, followed by more evening activity.

Wednesday: All settled down to sleep by midnight, not too bad. We had a wet clothes amnesty and drying room adventure at 10 pm, where the children discovered that their sodden apparel had a much better chance of drying if it was hung in the drying room rather than stuffed in a bag on a shelf in their rooms! Looking forward to exploring slate mines today and possibly some canoeing depending on whether the howling wind relents.

Thursday: I'm sure if it wasn't for the aroma of bacon cooking for breakfast we would have to prise children from their bunks; as it is, they're currently beating a path downstairs to be first in the dining room. They had a full on evening last night after an energetic day. Half the group were let loose in the woods with their torches and had to find their way to the top of the ridge finding reflectors on trees. Mission accomplished, they were rewarded with hot chocolate and sweets. The other group set off on a self-guided navigation (teachers following at a discreet distance) through the forest trails on an hour's walk down to Betwys-y-coed. With no wrong turns, they all returned safe and sound and suitably tired ready for a good night's sleep. Very changeable forecast today - rain, sleet and / or snow, so we aren't sure yet what adventures lie ahead.

Friday: No signs of 'thunder snow' as yet (but I don't want to do a Michael Fish!). We have woken to winter wonderland views of snow-covered mountains, but clear roads at our level - the best of both worlds, let's hope it continues. Everyone is busy trying to pack and realising just how skilful a job their parents did for the outward journey! Hopefully, we will be venturing into the hills for some fun in the snow this morning before our journey home.

Key Dates

18 January	U10 & U11 fixtures
20 January	3LD assembly
24 January	Yr 6 Author Visit



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