

Monday, 19th April 2010

Dear Parents

We have had a busy, enjoyable (and extremely sunny) first day. Having learnt about the Isle of Wight in class, the ferry trip across the Solent and to the mouth of the River Medina at East Cowes took us on a route we studied in our map work. The visit to Carisbrooke was a great opportunity to look at life in a castle; we found out how important water was for surviving a siege and were given demonstration of the donkey-powered well. We also had some hands-on experience trying on a variety of clothing and weapons used during the castle's long and interesting history.

We are now all settled in at Little Canada, everyone is unpacked, well fed and has been given a tour of the PGL site. The evening activity was great fun as we got to explore the site in 'Passport to the World'. Tomorrow morning we will be heading off for our river study, to build on our geography work with practical activities taking measurements at different points along the river. During the afternoon we will be learning some new skills in a variety of physical challenges. News of all of those will follow.



The defenders of Carisbrooke

Please enjoy these photos of the day and we will be in touch again tomorrow.

Best wishes from all of us here at PGL, IOW.



The ferry crossing to IOW, 19/04/10



Happy travellers! 19/04/10



Up on the Keep at Carisbrooke, 19/04/10



Out on the castle Bowling Green! 19/04/10