

Wednesday, 21st April 2010

Dear Parents

Another busy and highly rewarding day from a sun-drenched Isle of Wight; perfect for rock pooling on the local beach. A short walk off-site took all of us to the shingle spit at the mouth of Wootton Creek, where the children found a wide variety of organisms from starfish to crabs,periwinkles to prawns. We learnt about the different beach zones and the adaptations developed by the creatures that inhabit them in order to survive.



Exploring the lower tidal zone at Wootton Creek, collecting and identifying the locals! 21/04/10

After another tasty lunch it was back to the physical activities. In the high ropes area the children were testing their balance and agility on the cat walk (not a fashion show but an aerial course of wires, beams and ropes with each of the 3 levels accessed via a climb up a telegraph pole!) The 'challenge by choice' nature of this activity allowed all children to set and achieve a personal target, with the support and encouragement of friends on the ground.



The cat walk! 21/04/10

Elsewhere, other groups were involved in the indoor climbing and abseiling activities, which again proved exciting and popular. The children also took the aerial route across a section of the PGL site on the zip wire, which they all thoroughly enjoyed.



Let us down!



Zip wire, 21/04/10

However, it was not only the children who were enjoying an adrenalin fuelled afternoon as our PGL group leader kindly arranged for some of the staff to experience the thrills of the GIANT swing. We received plenty of vocal support from the ground once the children had done their bit by hauling us skywards.

Tomorrow the groups will continue their field studies work followed in the afternoon by the much anticipated water sports down at Wootton Creek – we cannot wait! We will be involved in canoeing and kayaking, which will provide a fitting end to our physical activities programme.

Please enjoy these photos of the day and we will be in touch with one final update tomorrow.

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



Over the edge! On the abseil tower, 21/04/10