Aquatics

Last Wednesday, C20 and C23 had a trip to the West Lakes Aquatic Centre to learn about water safety and how to operate boats. When we got there, we had to get changed and meet outside so we could get put into groups. I was in Group Three with Satine, Krystal, Lani, Jade and Caitlyn. We had multiple instructors but the one we had the most was a female instructor named Cassie. She was so laid back.

For our first activity, we had sailing and we had a male instructor. It was really cold and we didn’t have any jackets on. The clouds were covering up the sun most of the time. Our instructor taught us how to steer a sailboat. The wind made us tilt and the boat almost capsized. On the way back to shore, we saw a greedy bird trying to gulp down a big fish but it couldn’t.

For the second activity, my group went kayaking. We learnt how to make safety rafts. We had to be in pairs. I was with Caitlyn. It was very difficult to get on the kayak as it was drifting off in the lake. There was sand and seawater piled up in our seats. When Caitlyn and I finally got out in the water, we were drifting away from the group. Just when we got the hang of it, Caitlyn rocked the kayak and I almost fell in. We were the slowest pair. There was a little dilemma at the end of it. Caitlyn and I got stuck in a whole heap of disgusting seaweed. Caitlyn had to jump out of the kayak and push us out of the disgusting stuff.

My group’s next activity was canoeing. It was sort of difficult because it made my muscles hurt. Caitlyn and I were in a canoe with Cassie. While we were canoeing, it was a bit rocky. It was fun because we got to stand up and jump off the canoe. After everyone jumped off, we all got to swim in the deep water for about ten minutes. While I was swimming, Luke, Sonny and I came across a starfish. I think it was dead). Cassie taught us how to climb back onto the canoe. She said it was like you were a pregnant seal because it was very difficult.

Our final activity was the most difficult of them all, surfing. We had to put on wetsuits. When we got to the beach, we got taught how to stand up on the board and learnt all the different parts of the board. When we took our boards to the water, there was a massive pile of brown, slimy seaweed. The waves were small, but they had great force. I was on my surfboard and a big wave came and swept me off my board. I got sea water up my nose and in my mouth. When I got up, the seaweed was all over me.

When we got back from the beach, we took off our wetsuits and rinsed them in a bucket of cold water. I was relieved to be in warm, dry clothes. When we got back to school, my evil twin and I got picked up by Caitlyn’s mum. Just before we got out of the car, we took a selfie. That was a very long and exhausting day.

(Chelsea, Year 7)

During our literacy lessons we shared a book called “The Day the Crayons Quit” by Drew Daywalt. It tells the story about a boy called Duncan who wants to do some colouring but when he opens his box of crayons all he finds are letters, each saying the same thing: we quit!

The letters were from each of the crayons explain why they have quit. As a class we discussed the story, then looked at the letters of complaint. The students then discussed what other reasons there might be for a crayon to quit.

The students chose a crayon colour and used their ideas to plan a letter of their own to complain and explain why it was quitting.

Here are some examples:

Dear Duncan

This is Gold crayon. I’m not writing to say I’m quitting but I have been stolen.

Please come and rescue me. I feel lonely without the other crayons.

I’m not being looked after, as I speak I just got snapped in half. Please fix me. If you don’t you might have to get another gold crayon.

Please help me.

From Gold crayon

p.s. You’re not a good friend.

(Wesley, Year 4)

Dear Duncan

This is Gold crayon here. I’m quitting because you keep mistaking me with yellow crayon and I barely get used.

I might come back if you put yellow crayon on one side so then we both get used equally.

Your mistaken friend,

Gold Crayon

(Braedan, Year 4)

Turquoise crayon here. Alright, listen, I have had enough. I do not like how you use me. I need a holiday, URGENTLY!

I was on my roof? I melted and you had to get your crayon ice block mould to fix me.

From your almost broken friend

Turquoise crayon

p.s. Do crayons go on holidays? coz young man you are paying for my trip to Crayonland!

(Esther, Year 4)
Counsellor Talk

SRC— Weekly “FUN” events

This term SRC students have been organising a fun event for students to participate in during lunch times. The first week we have a Gnome hunt. C16 was the first class to find them hiding in the library. Last week students could search for Pokémon hiding out in the yard. There were 10 Pokémon hiding. Congratulations to Braeden and Nathan from C16 who were the first students to find all the Pokémon’s. This week we held a Warrior Ninja Challenge. It was great to see so many students have a go at the obstacle course. We had some older students complete it with very fast times. We would like to congratulate Mohammad from c20 who completed the course in the fastest time of 11 seconds. His brother Yousef came second running it in 12 seconds. It was also good to see people having a few attempts to try and better their scores. Angela in c23 was another standout who ran the course 3 x. Her first score was 19, then 16 and then 14 seconds. It was great to see students determined to better their score.

Calendar 2016

New Reception Transition Visit
Wednesdays
23-11-16
9.00 - 11.40am
30-11-16
9.00am - 1.40pm

Monday 21st Nov
Assembly
9.00am

Monday 28th Nov
SCHOOL CLOSURE

Tuesday 29th Nov
STUDENT FREE DAY

Wednesday 7th Dec
SEATON CELEBRATES
BBQ 5.30 - 6.00PM
Performances 6 - 7pm

Wednesday 14th Dec
Yr 7 Graduation
5.45pm - Ceremony
7.00pm - Dinner

Thursday 15th Dec
Whole School Excursion
to Water World

Friday 16th Dec
End of Term 4
EARLY DISMELSSAL
1.30pm

Seaton Park
Primary School
Friday 18th Nov
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Pina Fitzharris

Counsellor
Melissa Matto

Languages Day Out

¡Hola a todos!

In week 2 students from C8, C10 and C16 had the opportunity to attend the Languages Day Out at Open Access College (OAC). Spanish teachers Señorita Eden and Miriam were hosting along with other language teachers at OAC. The Spanish teachers prepared a workshop in which students made Central American tin art.

Students were encouraged to deepen their intercultural understanding with numerous other workshops such as Japanese storytelling, Indonesian kite making, and Chinese calligraphy.

Students had a fantastic day exploring different cultures, trying new things and participating in a Latino dance workshop.

Thank you for coming!

Señorita Eden.

School Closure

Monday
28th November
Pupil Free Day
Tuesday
29th November