

GRAP NEWSLETTER

GRAP Events Summer 2017

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Class R

Class R GRAP Visit

As part of our topic 'Ready, steady, grow' we went to Aldbourne School. During the day we did sport, dance, planting and story telling.

The children really enjoyed the day.

"I really enjoyed everything, it was good being with the other children. I made friends." Cara

"My favourite was planting the bean seed."

Caspian

"I really enjoyed eating my packed lunch with everybody." Alex

"I loved dancing with all the other children it was really hot but fun." Lola

"I liked learning how to ballet dance." Erin

"The story telling was funny, the lady made the story exciting by acting it and using different voices." Alexander

"I liked doing different kinds of dance." Seth

"I loved everything; it was a really fun day." Lily

Class 1

Class 1 GRAP Olympics

"We went to Aldbourne to have our own Olympics. The teams were called Northern Ireland, Scotland, Wales and England" by Florence

"We had a skipping rope game, a parachute game, we made medals and had an obstacle course through the forest. It was amazing!" by Jasper

"My favourite thing was being in a team with other people. I saw my cousin from another school. That was exciting!" by Herbie

"My favourite part of the day was being in a team and doing races. The best race was the relay" by Naomi

Class 2

Class 2 GRAP Maths Day

On Thursday 6th July, Class 2 went to Aldbourne School for our GRAP Day. We did lots of different activities with different schools. First, we did 'Blindfold'. You had to get a partner and a map. You were blindfolded and your partner gave you

instructions to follow a path. Next we looked at nature and spotted the unusual shapes we could find. Then we did patterns using twigs and sticks. When I was finding some twigs, the hills were so steep. You had to be careful. After that we did the obstacle course. You had to bring a jug of water to a bucket and if your team had the most water, you won. Finally, we did the Daily Mile. On this hot day, we had to do as many laps around Aldbourne field as we could. I estimated that I would do 5 or 10 laps but I did 17. What an amazing time we had! By Hattie Trusson, Annabelle Watts and Daisy Cox

Class 3

Class 3 GRAP Visit to Ramsbury Estate

On our GRAP visit, we took part in many fun activities, such as seeing Highland Cattle, going on a long walk, having a tractor ride and pond dipping. My favourite activity was pond dipping because we found lots of amazing things like sticklebacks, American red claw crayfish, water mites and lots of fresh water shrimps.

We all enjoyed our visit, all of us made new friends, it encouraged us to split up and play with other people.

I loved making new friends, my favourite new friend was called Charlotte, she was so generous, kind and helpful-we shared our lunch together.

Rosie and I helped her up the hill and we laughed together through the heat of the day.

Combined extracts of accounts from Max, Oliver, Lexi and Millie



Class 4

Class 4 GRAP Singing Event

We liked Ben Vonberg-Clark because he made learning the 5 different songs fun. We met some people we already knew and made some new friends as well. Our favourite songs were the ones from Africa and The Guianas. The songs were challenging because some of them were in another language. We really enjoyed singing our hearts out and we learnt how to sing louder. The Japanese fans were fun to make because we got to use watercolours and it was nice seeing what the other schools made.

By Carys and Isabelle

Class 5

Class 5 GRAP Elephant Project

Last week in school we created lots of beads to make into treasures to sell and make money so that we can adopt an elephant in Kenya. Lots of Year 5 students from the GRAP schools came in to help us make lots of beads, this was fun because I saw some of my friends from rugby and other clubs. I like painting the beads to interpret lots of different animals in the wild that may be endangered.

I learnt lots of facts such as baby elephants suck their trunks like human babies suck their thumbs, that elephants cool themselves with their ears, and listen with their feet for vibrations, which was amazing!

On Friday afternoon we set up tables in the playground, some tables had cakes for sale, guess the name of the elephant, lucky dip and beads. I was on a table with Gabriel, Toby and Harvey. We were selling the beads and if you bought a string of beads, you could have a free leaflet telling you about endangered elephants.

I hope we've made enough money to adopt an elephant.

By George Haw

Class 6

Class 6 GRAP Walk

On the 29th June, Class 6 walked from Aldbourne to Ramsbury as a part of GRAP week. 'GRAP' stands for the four schools that were taking part in the events: Great Bedwyn, Ramsbury, Aldbourne and Preshute. We set off mid-morning and stopped for a drink and snack – and had a go on a zip wire at Aldbourne Rec – then headed for the Downs. The

whole purpose was to make new friends from other schools so that we would know more people when we get to secondary school! I've lost count of the number of new friends I made.

By the end of the amazing adventure, everybody had loads of new friends and we were all exhausted. It was a very successful day! Thank you to all the staff for accompanying us on the walk.
By Isabella Spreadbury

On the 29th June 2017, I strode into St. Michael's Aldbourne, absolutely not ready at all for the amount of walking I was about to do! After dropping our bags into a classroom, we were shown onto a sports field. We were joined by Year 6s from Bedwyn, Preshute and St. Michael's, Aldbourne. I recognised a few faces in the crowd and I was excited to be meeting some of my new school mates. After a play on the field, we were called over and were put into groups of 15 or more. Following a quick 'loo run' we finally set off on our 'Aldbourne to Ramsbury' walk. The walk was about three miles long ... and mostly *uphill!* It was tough but amazing exercise. Lots of chatting took place and many new friendships were built – I had a fun time and enjoyed the walk very much.
By Tatiana Waite

