

**ST. HELEN'S PRIMARY
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OLD DY'VORIANS



Another year has gone by and we are so fortunate to have our friends at the old Dy'vorians to support us. Once again, thanks to their generous contributions we are able to afford a three day adventure in the heart of the Gower at Borfa House. Without the financial support of the Old Dy'vorians this trip would not be possible. We are so full of gratitude - we have made fantastic memories, and we can't thank you enough!

Leaving School!

We have been looking forward to this trip to Borfa House for some time, and now, it's finally here! We left bright and early on our bus, we waved our parents goodbye and soon we were singing songs all the way to the Gower!



Off we go!



Arriving At Borfa!



We were welcomed by our lovely Activity Leaders: Steve, Libby and Dav! We were shown our bedrooms, our dining room and lounge! We went through all the rules of Borfa, and what was expected of us! After this, the fun could begin!



Beach Adventure!

We set out on to the beach to get some fresh air and take a look among the rock pools! It is so exciting to get up close to the sea and all the creatures living there! We found shells, stones and lots of different sea creatures!





The Salthouse

The famous Salt House is a historical site where rumours of secret tunnels and buried treasure abound! We spent some time searching the area and hunting for lost treasure!





We visited a stone monolith monument that is the inspiration for a location in our very own bespoke Creative Writing Project: Queen Helen and the End of Wales. In our story this place is called The Stone Circle - it was so exciting to visit a place right from our own school story!

Port Eynon Mountains

While walking the cliffs in Port Eynon, we were absolutely soaked in a windy hail storm - but like so many things, there was light at the end of the tunnel. A huge rainbow appeared in the sky above us!



Beach Stop!

After getting totally soaked, the sun seemed to come from nowhere! We arrived back at the beach just before lunch, for a quick sit in the sunshine, and to play some beach games!



Movie Night



When we got home we were so hungry! We ate our food so fast that we didn't even take any photos. After dinner, and after changing out of our soaking wet clothes - we enjoyed movie night! What a successful first day!

Breakfast!

Year 6 made it through the night and woke up to a delicious breakfast! Our tummies are full and we are ready to get out and explore the local area. But first we have to tidy up after ourselves and lay the table for dinner!



Outdoors!



**Our instructors set us some challenges - we had to build human pyramids using six members of a team!
Here are the results!**

Outdoors!

Our next challenge was to turn over the sheet of tarpaulin - from one side to the other - without stepping onto the grass. Working as a team and communicating is not as easy as it looks!



We had to build forts to protect us from the elements!



Flint and Steel!



We have been learning about lighting fires - to do that we have used Flint and Steel! We lit pieces of cotton wool to get the hang of using the flint against the steel. Once we had mastered that, it was time to light a campfire!

Camp Fire!

We lit a campfire and learned all about survival in the wild. We need heat to survive - but we also need food! So this was the perfect opportunity to roast some marshmallows!





TEAMWORK!



BUGGY BUILDING





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In our teams we were asked to build moveable buggies from one end of the garden to the other - with limited resources. These are the final results!

Super proud of the teamwork 🌟

BUGGY BUILDING

Our super buggies 🌟

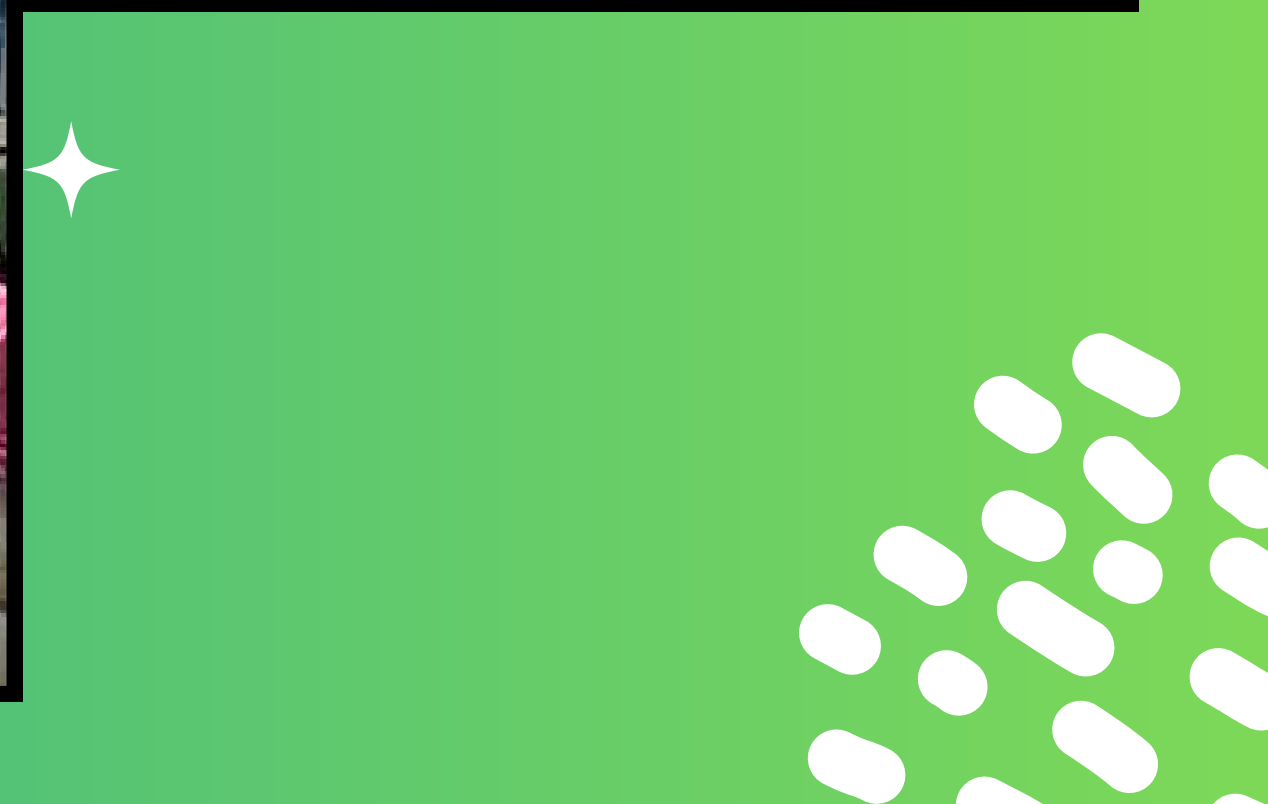




DINNER TIME!

Quiz Night!

Mr. Branford split us into teams for a class quiz - we had general knowledge rounds, celebrity rounds and even a chocolate round!



ORIENTEERING!

We slept like logs on this night, and woke up for our final morning of activities with full bellies and ready to rock!

Our first activity was exploring the local dunes to find hidden items! We used map skills



Orienteering



We made a quick stop off at the RLNI Station - what an incredible job these heroes do! They really are incredible, and donating to their cause is not only beneficial, it saves lives!!



On our last morning we had a little opportunity for some fancy dress - and we put on silly costumes and hats for one last photo of our Borfa adventure!





We cannot thank the Old Dy'vorians for their support and contribution to our trip - we have had the best time, had experiences that have changed us and made memories that will last a lifetime!

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