

YR6 LONDON RESIDENTIAL 2019

A Report by Archie B & Izzy

On Wednesday 5th of June, Yr6 left Hipsburn for their 8 hour bus journey all the way to the other side of the county! London was an amazing time for all of us, and we are here to write a brief report on our adventures throughout the city. We went with 4 other schools (Shilbottle, Swarland, Felton & Seahouses) and we were on a bus with 2 of them (Felton & Swarland).

Day 1

Our journey began at 7:30, when we all arrived at school. With excitement growing, the bus arrived and we all hopped on. At about half way down the road, we stopped at a service station to eat our packed lunches, though some people had already eaten half of theirs! We arrived in London at about half past three for our first stop: the Science Museum. It was an epic compilation of scientific facts presented in a fun and interesting way. Everyone really like seeing Tim Peake's capsule in the Space section, and in the flight section, Angus, Ollie and Hayden did a flight simulator. Next stop was the rainforest café. We had a fantastic meal there in a jungle environment. Stunning Animatronics, Realistic Foliage and Thunder Storms made it a brilliant experience. The food was great as well; most of us had the cheeseburger, while some had the vegetable pasta.

For our final activity of the day, we went up on the London Eye and it was fabulous! On our way there we passed famous landmarks such as Big Ben, the Houses of Parliament and the entrance to Downing Street. From our capsule we could see miles in every direction across the massive city. It was the only time in the trip we got to see the outside of places like Buckingham Palace and the London Dungeon. Though a couple of us found it a little scary, after getting over fears, we all loved it.

Day 2

After a good night sleep and a hearty breakfast, we set off for another day of fun activities. Our first stop was a wax museum, displaying celebrities and characters: Madame Tussauds! Though we had to queue for a few minutes, it was worth it. Inside we got to see some of our favourite famous faces as wax models (it was hard to tell that they weren't real though). During our time inside we also enjoyed a dark ride all about the History of London, and a 4D experience themed around Marvel Superheroes. Finishing with the shop, we made our way out of the museum and back onto the bus.

Once we had all had our packed lunches, we made our way to a dock for the Thames River Cruise. It started behind the London Eye, and finished about 10 minutes away. We got to see all the sights of the Thames including Tower Bridge and The Shard. Due to delays, instead of going to the Maritime Museum and then Pizza Express we just went straight to Pizza Express so we wouldn't be late for Matilda later that night. Pizza Express was a good stop for food, specifically Italian food! Most people had some form of pizza, while some had pasta or chicken salad. Though Ollie did fall asleep for some of this luckily we were on time, and made it to the Cambridge Theatre for Matilda the Musical.

With seats in the Upper Circle, we had a great view of the transforming stage. It was littered with secrets and props in the floor, with hidden-words all over the border. This gave us something to do while we patiently waited for the show to begin. Munching on our sweets, we enjoyed the marvellous performance we were witnessing, and how much effort had been into the production as a whole. The songs were head-boppingly catchy, and the actors were fantastic. All in all, it was a stunning piece of live entertainment.

Day 3

After a late night, we woke up and had another scrumptious breakfast. Then, in preparation to leave the hotel we were staying in, we all packed our bags and left our rooms.

For our final stop, we went to the

Warner Bros. Studios Tour: The Making of Harry Potter

and it was epic! Filled to the brim with iconic stuff from the eight movies, the tour led us through the world of Harry Potter and all of its wonders. We walked through The Great Hall, Diagon Alley, Platform 9 ³/₄, Gringotts Wizarding Bank and The Forbidden Forest, along with much more. We got to see the real props and costumes used in the films, and even saw a massive model of Hogwarts. The experience as a whole was terrific, and told us all so much we didn't know about the beloved franchise.

Conclusion

In conclusion, the trip was one of the best we have ever had (in some people's opinion, the best) and was a great time for all of us. With, laughter, joy and excitement we all had a great time, and we are all very thankful for it.

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