

School Trip

On the 9th of June 2009 my class, Miss Milne and I went to Glencorse Water Treatment Works. We went because we wanted to learn more about our interesting topic, Water. We looked at the site being made. I saw five excavators and four cranes and many other exciting objects. Then we saw two different types of cranes; the crawler crane and the tower crane. They were huge! After that we went to a corner where they told us they had to dig for 14 metres down so they could put in a tank the size of four football pitches! I got to talk to Jimmy, the man in the crawler crane.

After that we went to go back to the bus and went about four miles down the road. We were going to the pipe factory. Lynsey and Neil came too and a man called Brian gave us an amazing tour. We stepped in the door and there must have been at least ten machines. The first one was like a giant washer. It washed the pipes when they came out. They were really hot. We went out to see the pipes when they were made they were a little chilly. Everyone was shouting things in them.

Then everyone got a bit hungry it was lunchtime so we got back on the bus and went back to a little room where our bags were. When we got back we had to take off our safety gear such as - helmets, safety glasses and florescent jackets. After lunch we decided what to do. Lynsey came and gave us a pencil, rubber and ruler with Scottish Water written on them.

Everyone wanted to go and do something with water so we got into groups my group went pond dipping. Katie, Lily, Nicola and I caught a fish. It was shiny, stripy and about 8cm. I got SOAKED! Although it was great. Then we went up to the reservoir because we have been learning a lot about them lately. We had a walk up a steep, sandy hill. Then we walked with a ranger (he was called Victor). When we got to the top we looked at the lovely view.

Victor asked us four new things we had learned I said- "pipes are made out of plastic, we are supplied with enough water (a day) to fill two, million baths, the pipes we have are fifteen kilometres long and they have to dig for about three hours a day."

When we were getting on the bus I didn't want the fun, exciting trip to end. When we got back to school it was home time.

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