

Sir Harold Hillier Gardens

Introduction

On Friday the 13th May, I went on my fantastic school trip to the magnificent Sir Harold Hillier Gardens. We went there because we were learning about beautiful plants.

On the coach

First I carefully stepped onto the coach and then I sat down. As the coach started we started to play silly games.

Arrival

We met our guide, Sarah. She gave us rules when we were eating our snack. Then we started to do our fun and exciting activities.

Vegetable garden

In this game we had to guess which part of the plant was edible. There were four different plants – carrots, beetroot, potatoes and jumping beans. We learnt that you can eat different parts of fruits and vegetables.

Bee game

In the Bee game we learnt that bees take pollen from the flower. Then the bees give nectar to the flower. Next the flower curls up and turns into a seed. Then the cycle happens again, and again and again.

Sticky Caterpillar

In the Sticky Caterpillar activity you have to collect leaves and put it on the caterpillar because it is hungry. We learnt that different plants can have different smells.

Trees

We learnt that there are two types of trees, evergreen and deciduous and that trees are as beautiful as ever. As we walked around we found piles of leaves that had fallen.

Bamboo Trail

We went through a forest of bamboo. There were lots and lots of hiding places everywhere. Then we entered a mysterious bamboo cave...

Pond dipping

There are many types of creatures that can live in dirty water. We found at least 3 or 4 newts.

Seed survival game

In this game we had to flip a coin and then read a card. At the end whoever had the least seeds was the loser in that game. We learnt that there are different ways a plant can die.

Back to school

We excitedly hopped onto the large coach and sat down. I was sitting next to Lucy and I just relaxed peacefully looking out of the huge windows. When we were back at school we got ready to go home.

My thoughts of the day

My favourite game is seed survival. My favourite part of the day was lunch because you got to roll down a bumpy hill. My other favourite part of the day was learning from Sarah, our guide.

Abhinav (Y2)

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Introduction

On Friday the 13th of May we went on a school trip to Sir Harold Hillier Gardens, to learn about plants, how to keep them safe and about bees collecting pollen.

On the coach

First we hopped on and I sat next to my best friends Harry and George. It was very noisy because Year 1 were coming with us and there were 51 children on the coach! I talked to Harry a lot. We all had hats, and we were putting them behind us and Poppy was grabbing them. It was fun and exciting.

Arrival

Next we arrived and a lady called Sarah was our guide for the day. She told us the rules and then we ate our snacks.

Vegetable Garden

After that we started our fun, exciting activities. In the Vegetable garden there were onions, potatoes, tomatoes, garlic and runner beans. Most were bulbs, but some were seeds.

Bee Game

We looked at how bees collect pollen from the colourful flowers. We stood in a circle and pretend bees cam round and patted our hand.

Sticky Striped caterpillars

Next we collected 10 leaves that smelt different and stuck them on a picture of a caterpillar. We smelled different scents like lemon, mint and the best one was chocolate!

Trees

We learnt that evergreen trees always keep their leaves throughout the year. But deciduous trees are really light and their leaves fall off at autumn.

Bamboo trail

We went in the awesome Bamboo Trail with a bright red bridge across a stream.

Pond dipping

We went to see what different creatures there were in six different ponds. We found pond skaters. George, Harry and I found it but it jumped out. Some people caught newts and they are my absolute favourite.

Seed survival game

We had to go round the gardens and find pictures and the reasons why the plant had died. We had a coin, and heads meant move 1 and tails means move two. There were 20 seeds and 6 survived.

Back to school!

We hopped on the bus and I sat next to Luka. We were talking a lot as we were so happy because it had been a nice day.

My thoughts on the day

Lunch was my favourite part because I was hungry. Pond dipping as well because I could learn about new creatures. I learnt to keep plants safe.

Adam (Y2)