

Lower Treginnis, DAY 2

Dear all,

Last night we were all told by our teachers that we would be woken up at 6:45am sharp. Sounds early, doesn't it? Well, it wasn't early for us! We were all so excited that in the blink of an eye all of us were dressed by 7:00! Then, we dragged ourselves to the boot room where we put on our wellington boots and all of our waterproof clothing. We went out to feed the cockerels (called 'Black Rocks'), and some of us became friends with a very kind cockerel who we named Alex. We also had to feed pigs, geese and turkeys. Then, we cleaned our boots and headed back to the warm, cosy cottage to have breakfast. We were greeted to the inviting smell of croissants and toast.

Once we finished our breakfast, we went back onto the farm at 9:45am. With our wheelbarrows and shovels in hand, we set to cleaning out the homes for the poultry. Some of us were reluctant at first but it turned out to be great fun! We then made up the beds for the animals and ensured they had fresh water to drink through the day. Group B had to chase the chickens back into their homes for bedtime...!

We came back for juice and before we knew it, it was lunchtime! We ate a delicious meal of mashed potato, peas and beef casserole, followed by cake (with custard!).

Our first activity in the afternoon was log sawing! We all wore protective goggles and gloves. We used a bow saw to chop the wood into one foot long pieces. We used a log splitter to split the logs in half so that it burns better on wood fires. Our final task in this session was to make kindling. For this we used a kind of mallet which was as heavy as a brick! Finally, we took some useless wood and added it to a pile to make a bonfire.

Finally, as our day was drawing to a close, we visited the farm's wonderful goats. We guided them into separate pens and then saw a demonstration of the goat milking process. Dan then handed us our bowls of goat food and we went into the pens to feed the goats. We had to use our strength to push the goats back into the pens as they were so eager to gobble the food! We met Mervin (the male goat) and the other female goats. We learnt that a male goat is usually called a billy goat; a female goat is called a nanny goat and a baby goat is called a kid.

We had delicious pork/beef burgers with potatoes followed by homemade brownies. Having showered and completed a round of Pictionary, we are feeling content and looking forward to our bedtime hot chocolate!

We look forward to bringing you our fabulous update tomorrow evening!

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