

Lower Treginnis DAY 3

Dear parents,

Today we have had lots of exciting moments during our day in Wales. Firstly, we all woke up feeling energetic at 6:45am in the morning. We all got dressed and zoomed our way to the quiet room to get into our groups. We have two groups - group A and group B. We all had to go to the boot room to get our waterproofs on and then ambled to our group leaders - Les and Ellis.

First, we went for a check on the goats. We also fed the pigs and piglets. Then, we visited the horses and donkeys, we mucked them out and then gave them some new hay to munch on. Some of us were giving our best animal impressions which brought on a few fits of laughter. Next, we stopped and had a nice drink. After our drink, we had an early lunch consisting of different types of sandwiches followed by meringue with fruit.

We went on a beautiful coastal walk of the Pembrokeshire coastal line and took in the stunning views. A highlight of our walk was spotting two seals in the water, as well as porpoises frolicking in the sapphire-blue water. We were challenged with some muddy, slippery and rocky terrain but we persevered and fought our way through the wind and rain. This didn't stop us from having enormous amounts of fun!

Once we arrived back to the farm, we went straight into our work. We visited the newly born lambs and had the chance to hold them. Did you know that a female sheep is called a ewe, a male sheep is called a ram and a baby sheep is called a lamb? Sheep are also pregnant for five months. The pregnant sheep are scanned and are sprayed with different colours to show how many lambs they will have. Blue is one, red is triplets and no colour is twins. The majority of sheep have twin lambs. This year, Lower Treginnis is expecting 2400 lambs to be born between now and March!

Do you know what the difference is between hay and straw? Well, straw is made from wheat, oats or barley and is used as bedding for the animals. Whereas, hay is dried grass and is used as food.

Following this, we were treated to a delicious Sunday roast dinner, complete with all the trimmings! We thank our wonderful kitchen staff for keeping us well fed during our busy days!

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