

## WEDNESDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> MARCH 2022

### BLOG 3

Our school has now been on this glorious farm for the past 3 days, throughout these unique times, Groups A, B and C have focused on each task they were presented with. Some of the activities that the students faced were challenging: gardening, sheep feeding and pigs and poultry. In this blog we will try our best to inform you on all the assignments that we endured in this blustery weather.

Bright and early, each dorm room woke up to the sound of music (thanks Miss Head). Afterwards, every student put on warm clothing to stay heated and dry to prepare for the brutal weather awaiting outside. Next, all groups headed out to complete their morning shift: Group B walked across the rocky terrain of the farm's landscape to feed the rested sheep their breakfast. Group C did pigs and poultry, for our learning on chicken they held the baby chickens (chicks) and also fed the pigs their breakfast.

During the second shift, Group B headed out to make new rows of vegetable patches. Firstly, we made some compost using our food waste, putting it into the big 'Welsh Compost Dragon'. After having a good go at this, we dug up some pre-prepared compost and filled up the wheelbarrows with it. Next, we raked the compost to make sure it was evenly spread. We also filled some other planter drums with soil. Group C made chocolate chip muffins in which they paired up into partners to complete our task, each put the right ingredients with meticulous care to create a muffin that was just right.

For break time, some students chose to play outside in the garden and play football while others played games in the quiet room and finally some read books in their dorms. For lunch we had a burger with a salad, served with the chocolate muffins that Group C had made (which I thought were quite delicious).

The first thing Group C did for their afternoon shift was donkeys. They moved their manure, made a new resting place using straw and finally walked the donkeys to the field to give them an activity. Afterwards, we went to the garden to plant hedges to reduce the amount of wind that is hitting the crops. We were paired up to make the planting process easier. We used shovels to dig holes, marking them with wooden stakes in the ground. Finally we planted the hedges in the rich soil. Our goal was to plant an entire row, which we achieved.

Meanwhile, Group B headed to the sawing shed to cut enough firewood for the next few days. In three groups, we rotated through sawing, splitting wood and making kindling. Our final activity of the day was to feed and water the goats, as well as conduct a health check to make sure they are fit and strong. In pen 4, the billy goat named Bryn appeared to be quite aggressive, but it was really simple to calm him down; all he really wanted was a stroke on the head.

For dinner, some of us had pork sausages (from a pig from Lower Treginnis) whilst others had vegan sausages. For pudding we had seasonal berry and white chocolate chip sponge with berry sauce... in my opinion, I liked the berry sauce but the cake had a bitter taste that didn't come to my liking (Daniel).

All in all, it was an amazing day that was topped off with delicious hot chocolates!!!

Daniel and Finn.

Coming in late from Group A!!!! Sorry we are late... we have been busy feeding the pigs and chickens!

We will just give you a quick wrap up of our day, as it is getting late.

Today, we started by feeding the goats, giving them water and adding straw to their pens.

We also did some gardening. We dug some holes and put trees deep in the holes. They were crab-apple trees. We put plastic tubes around them to protect them. We went for a coastal walk where we got to climb Buzzard rock- it was really windy and wet. We visited the sheep and the little lamb that had been born. It was a long journey to feed the sheep, they loved eating their food.

Finally, we fed the pigs!! There were 3 pigs that we had to feed: Archie, Crystal and Ellen. Then we fed the gilts: Fredrica, Sammy and Sally. They were massive!!

Nahom and Andy.