

We are tough....!



You can't say we're not tough at Brooke House....

I looked out of my bedroom window at 5 a.m. saw the snow and thought 'Well we won't be going to Twin Lakes today.' I dressed in warm clothes i.e. thermals – just in case. As I cleared the snow off my car at 7.30am I thought 'Well I'm sure we won't be going.' Then when I drove to school the snow turned to rain and the roads became clear. We rang the park and they were open and the children were arriving at school, giggling with excitement. We had told them to dress in warm clothes and they did! They came dressed for the Arctic! They had hats, scarves, gloves, ear muffs, fleeces, ski boots, spare clothes..... Then the coach arrived – so off we went!

When we arrived at the park we were a bit worried to see the gates were closed. "Oh dear," we said to the receptionist. "Are you closed?" "Oh no," she replied. "It was just a bit quiet so we kept the gates closed." Well it wasn't quiet any longer as Brooke House surged in – excited and ready for action!

The older children disappeared to the bottom of the park with their adults, while the younger ones headed to the play houses, animals and soft play barns.

We all met up at lunch time in the Buccaneer's Activity Barn and took over the upper floor for lunch. Picnic tables and chairs were set out – GCSE students collected lunch from the bus and helped to pass round the delicious food to the younger children. After everyone had regaled each other with their exploits, the main topic of conversation being how many rides Mr. Beadling had been on – including all of the biggest ones in the park. We finished lunch and had a respectable 20 mins sit down after eating to aid digestion, then all set off again.....

There were more rides, more animals and more soft play but all too soon it was time to head back to the buses and school. Though we had hardly driven out of the car park when the first of the younger children were asleep – 10 in total I counted by the time we arrived back at school – and I took the pictures to prove it!

Our thanks go to the PTA for arranging and financing a super trip for us, it was brilliant! Yes, it was cold but it didn't stop our sense of adventure. And like I said – 'We're tough at Brooke House!'

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