

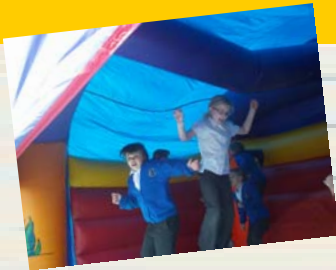


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Royal Wedding Parties

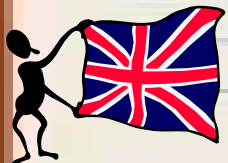


We have had some exciting events at school to celebrate the wedding of Prince William to Kate Middleton.



“We acted out a wedding at school and I was the bride. I had to wear a special wedding dress.”
Sasha Wilkinson

“We made crowns and wore them to our party. We had special food and had a mug given to us with their faces on it. At the party we played musical statues and musical bumps; it was fun.” Jennifer Alcock.



“I think the princess looked beautiful in her dress. We talked about it in our classroom. We had a party and we ate special food. I brought in Skips to share with my friends. Other people brought in cakes.” Lily Maguire



“Oh! I do like to be beside the seaside!!”

Key Stage One—Our Trip to Southend



On Thursday, 28th April Key Stage One went on a trip to Southend for the day. So what were the highlights of the day for the children?

“I liked eating the ice-cream and going on the train which went along the pier. At the end of the pier a man was showing us a crab and some star fish that he had caught.” Felicity Cheshire



“I liked building sandcastles. We went to the seaside because it is our theme. The tram went over the sea and you could see it through the planks on the floor”. Daisy Hunt



“I really liked the trip. The ice-cream was especially nice. I made a sandcastle with my friend. It was really good and I enjoyed myself.” Emily Payne

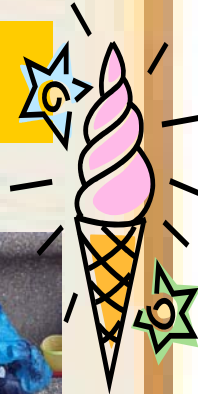


“It was good and I liked it that I could dig holes in the sand with my friend. I found lots of shells and we collected some in a bucket.”

Joseph Cornelius



“I dug a hole with Elise Lynch and I fell in the hole! It was quite a big hole—it made us both giggle!” Shannon Dennis





Key Stage Two—Year Three's Trip to Germany



Very early on 3rd May (3.45am to be precise) 26 Year Three children and 7 staff members left Lark Rise Academy to fly to Dortmund airport in Germany and experience life in a German School for the following three days. For some children, it was their first flight “it was my first time on an aeroplane and I was excited when it took off because it went really fast and I had to lean back” Amy Doult excitedly shared.



Once we arrived in Germany, we had a two hour coach journey to take us to Grundschule Harmonie. “It was really nice when we first got there as they had written all our names on the drive in chalk to welcome us” Abigail Harling told me “and it wasn't long before the children were meeting up with their pen pals and trying to talk to each other”.

Keira Roberts told me “my favourite bit was when I met with my pen pal and we played tag. She was very nice and she helped me” and Kayleigh Day was very excited to share her experiences “I enjoyed speaking English and German with my partner as she really helped me to try and communicate. I taught some children a dance while others rapped and we showed it to the whole school in assembly. The rap was about number bonds and was in German.”



So what else happened? What was the school like? Isabella Allen used her initiative in the classroom “I used Google Translate to have a discussion with one of the German children”... what a fantastic idea! And their playground? What was that like? “Well, they had a sandpit and an Astroturf football pitch” said Samuel Swain “and I scored a goal!” added an excited Thomas Bland. Milan Tack's favourite thing was burying Alice in the sand pit as she nearly disappeared” Milan was full of it and added “with the water pump we made the water flow to the bottom of the hill and we made a lake and the lake had tadpoles in it!”. “Me and my friends went into the woods and made an animal home for bugs and insects” Poppy Mitchell ...“I liked the forest area as it was good for having adventures and it was nice to go to the partners classroom for lessons” Tegan Ingram.



Alice Murphy told me “I really liked having the dinners with our partners. We had to eat it at our desks in the classroom which was a bit weird as other children were working and playing around us! I had pasta and soup which were both delicious” and Ethan Kennedy was very surprised... “I never knew that the Germans would eat their dinner in the classrooms AND lessons! Kian Wilkes shared “I liked having our teachers with us as they helped me with the German so I understood things” and Cavan Taylor “when they spoke in English it was easier to have fun! My partner tried hard to find something we could play and do together to have fun”. “It was interesting to see that they all sit in circles when then go into the class to discuss what they are going to do. It was hard to understand sometimes but their teacher helped” Bailey Hearne.



Apart from the food and the school, what else did you enjoy? “I liked it when we went to the shop. I liked getting to spend my euros and spend things on my family. I thought there were so many amazing things to buy!” India Keane. “At the shop I bought some fridge magnets and bouncy balls for my family and they really liked them” Amelia Simon. Samantha Palmer told me that she really liked going shopping in Germany “I got to try and spend €10. I brought lots of things for mummy and daddy and I had some change too!” and Madalaine Remington told me “I found some really interesting and different things to buy including a watch, a teddy and some nail varnish” and all for €10! WOW! that's what I call careful shopping.



Holly Wilks added another aspect of the trip “it was nice to be able to sleep in a room with all my friends like Maddy, Bella and Amy in sleeping bags. I haven't had a sleepover that big before!—but we all slept very well” (and I can vouch for that!)



Dylan Rolls' comment was “my favourite part was going to McDonalds on the way home as we got to have English style food!” ...but I think the trip was all summed up in a comment from Ciaran Byrne “it was good to spend time together”Oh, so much to do and so little time!!!!

Words of the children scribed by Mrs Berry