



Moor House School News and Events

3H Educational Visit to Hever Castle

Thursday 5th July 2007

On Thursday 5th July, the 3H students went to Hever Castle with their teaching team Mr. Hart, Miss Jennings, Mrs. Thomas and special guest Mrs. Vinton (who drove the minibus).

We spent two terms this year learning about the Tudors, and Hever Castle has an important history linked to this time. King Henry VIII spent time here getting to know his second wife, Anne Boleyn, who then gave birth to the future queen Elizabeth I. Later, after Anne Boleyn's execution, Henry gave the castle to his fourth wife, Anne of Cleves.



When we arrived, we met our tour guide Patricia who gave us a private tour of the castle before anyone else was allowed in. Patricia was really good at explaining interesting things and very helpful at answering all the excellent questions that the students asked. It was wonderful to see how much information the students had retained from our work on this topic, and how much they had understood about this important time in British history.

After our tour, we had a quick snack before going to the famous hedge maze, which had only just re-opened.

The hedge maze is made out of Yew hedges, and rainy weather can make the paths very muddy which can cause damage to the roots. Luckily, the sun shone and we were the first visitors to this maze after a few days of solid rain! Jon, George, Nick, Ken and Tom did very well at finding their way to the centre of the maze. George was a helpful guide to those who got lost!

We then visited a model exhibition that showed how houses have changed over the last 1000 years which was quite interesting; then we had lunch, a game of 'it', and visited the adventure playground to solve the Henry VIII Tower Maze puzzle.

Afterwards, we went on a walk around the beautiful Italian Gardens and bought some postcards to write to our friends and families. We finished the day by going to the Water Maze which is a special

kind of maze. It is on a lake, and to get to the middle you have to walk on some raised platforms. However, some of the platforms are booby trapped and squirt water at you when you walk on them! The idea is to find the only path to the centre that does not cross one of these water traps.



Jon, Liz, Nick and Harry did really well at finding their way to the middle without getting wet. George, Tom, Caoimhe, Connor and Ken also found their way to the middle, but they accidentally on purpose got completely soaking wet in the process and looked like someone had tried to drown them. Luckily everyone had brought a warm top to put on at the end!

This was a really enjoyable day out which allowed 3H to see for real and experience some of the things to do with the history that they had been learning about throughout the year. It was also good to get out as a class and enjoy each others company for the day, as the year comes to a close. Our thanks go to Hever Castle for the wonderful tour, and to Mrs. Vinton who drove us there and back.

