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Dear parents and carers,

**Re: River Dart trip**

In the final week of the half term, a total of 84 Year 6 pupils (the most we've ever had) joined us at River Dart Country Park in Devon. The children had an exciting week full of activities: canoeing, kayaking, raft building, rock climbing, caving, zip wire, crate stacking and high ropes. In the evenings, the children played in the adventure playground including the giant snake slides; they built shelters in the woods using tree branches of different sizes and had to use their imagination (some groups had a swimming pool and a football pitch apparently!); the children sat around the campfire and sang songs (a favourite was Petunia); and orienteering where the children had to work collaboratively as a group and use their torches to navigate around the pitch-black adventure playground. The children were tested, overcame their fears, developed their team-building skills and made new friends. Overall, the children had a fantastic week and a few even said that it was the best week of their life, which was great to hear. The pupils behaved exceptionally, showing they are William Harding trustee role models and made the staff very proud.



Kind regards,

Mr Irwin

Year 6 Year Leader

**Our School Values are: Inclusion, Perseverance, Honesty, Respect, Responsibility and Collaboration.**

