

Reporting a Governor visit to Kea School

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Purpose of visit	
To accompany KS1 on a science trip to Treilissick gardens	
Links with the SDP/SEF/20 Questions	
Governors taking an active role – link governor for Science. Use wider curriculum as a tool for teaching and practising writing.	
Governor observations and comments	
<p>I accompanied Year 1 and Year 2 on the bus to Treilissick gardens and remained with Year 1 on the subsequent trip on. There was great excitement on the bus trip but this did not distract from the exemplary behaviour displayed by all of the children.</p> <p>The day consisted of a practical session from the head gardener learning how to plant seeds and the science of how seeds grow. Every child had an opportunity to write on the plant labels demonstrating a practical use for their writing. All children were thoroughly engaged and it was obvious that they enjoyed this task.</p> <p>The next session was to complete a bug hunt. The children set off in small groups with their pots to collect whatever they could find. The sense of adventure was apparent and all of the children explored the gardens. Each group had a leaflet containing pictures of creatures to look for and they were encouraged to tick off the ones they had seen or write the names of additional creatures they saw. I noted how well behaved the children were in relation to members of the public who were also enjoying the gardens, some even asking what the children had found. The teachers and teaching assistants, with the help of some parents, were in complete control of the groups despite the large area they were working in.</p> <p>Whilst having their picnic I saw children using their imaginations and being creative with the materials around them, asking about pine cones, building creations out of fallen branches and looking at the wildlife. After the class had eaten their picnic they had an opportunity to spend some time in the large orchard before it was time to return to school.</p>	
Any issues for the governing body	
<p>This was a thoroughly enjoyable day, I would really recommend joining a school trip where at all possible to see how well planned, prepared and organised each member of staff is. It is also a great opportunity to talk with the staff.</p> <p>Are ‘Thank You’ notes sent back to the locations used for school trips?</p>	