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“Transport is great when it’s a boat!”

With great excitement the children donned their bright orange lifejackets and walked to the wharf to catch the “Predator 2” to Greenwich. The boat bobbed up and down and children used a whole new vocabulary of words such as ‘waves’, ‘ripples’, ‘swishing sound’ and ‘wash’. Leaving their lifejackets on board for the return journey they ambled past the O2 centre down escalators and onto the underground.

A study of the map ensued and a route on Jubilee and Northern lines was decided. This of course meant that a change of train at Waterloo was needed, so the novelty for most of a ‘moving road’ (travelator) was met with delight! More escalators and a walk through Convent Garden brought us to the Transport museum. Here the children went back in time and looked at examples of old fashioned transport: the sedan chair,



omnibus, horse-drawn tram, steam train, trolley buses and modern buses.

On our route home a ‘Ben Ten’ lunch box was nearly forgotten, however a kindly gentleman threw it from the carriage as the doors closed, and it was gleefully rescued.

Another boat journey and we were back safe and sound. A day to be remembered and hopefully to be repeated to many more exciting places in the future. Where shall we go next?



“This wheel is bigger than me!”

Visit from Stephenson

We were thrilled to welcome Stephenson School to join us for the day on Tuesday. Children from Faraday greeted their fellows from Stephenson and quickly befriended them as together they mounted the stairway to the playground in the clouds. From this wonderful vantage point they studied the various methods of transport which they observed, from cement mixers to airplanes and bike to trains – not to mention a wide variety of boats!

Lunchtime was a magnificent occasion as picnics were opened and ravenously consumed. This was followed by a peaceful reading of books before once more climbing the stairs this time for playtime. Stilts were a new attraction for the Stephenson children, and together with the Faraday children they played happily with all the toys.



“On stilts we play together”

A grand sing song completed the day before both schools walked together to view the East India Dock. Stephenson took their leave of Faraday and walked on towards East India Station to catch the DLR and bus home. PE for Faraday in the dockland ‘court’ had to be abandoned due to rain, but a vigorous dance session took place back at school.

A little footnote: prior to Stephenson’s arrival, the children had discussed what it is to be a good “host” – you might like to build on this over the holidays if you have any visitors!

NMS School Questionnaire

Many thanks to those of you who have returned your Questionnaires. If you have not yet done so, I would be really pleased to still receive them before the end of term, as it looks as though the analysis of them will take place during the holidays.

We would like to say farewell and thank you to Monique Alleyne one of the ‘third year’ students from University of East London Dance Course who has joined us over the last few weeks for her work experience placement. The children hope she will pop over from the studios for the odd play time or dance session!

Looking Ahead – Easter Hat Parade

We are looking forward to seeing some wonderful and extravagant Easter hats/bonnets. These need to be brought into school on **Monday 29th March** so that the children can practice a magnificent parade on the catwalk for you! If you spend this week-end amidst glue and Easter chicks please hold onto the fact that it is not a competition but more a riot of fun and in keeping with an old English tradition!

Please remember that term finishes at **12.00 on Thursday 1st April**. This will be preceded by the Easter parade and a dance display, to which you are warmly invited. It will start at **11.00**, with juice and biscuits to follow.

Summer Term starts on Tuesday 20th April 2010

Sarah Counter