

Today was wet. Really Wet. After no rain on any of the previous days of our holiday, today more than made up for it. There was a steady downpour for the rest of the day. Given that this is an adventure holiday, there was no real change for the children, they carried on with the activities this time with the addition of heavier wet weather gear.

Group A visited Rhiwbach Quarry. The English translation for this is Little Hill, which shows that someone had a sense of humour as it was a twenty minute walk to the entrance and two hours till the children eventually found their way to the top. They explored the slate mines and their inner workings, checking out discarded artefacts from a bygone age as they travelled deeper into the mine. We even traversed a pool of water using our via ferrata skills from previous days and rowed across another, which was 25 m deep. The children battled the conditions on the descent with a steady pounding from the Welsh rain, this didn't dampen their spirits, although it did lead to some interesting hairstyles as they warmed up on the way back to RYG.

Group D and B went rock climbing and tackled a via ferrata route. They enjoyed a swift woodland walk before finding a suitable cliff and practising their climbing skills. The children had a great time, particularly enjoying Mr Cole's descent from the cliffs that seemed to involve more sliding on his bottom than typically demanded. They stopped then for a light lunch back at base camp before heading down to the highly anticipated Via Ferrata. It will come as a surprise to no-one that Mr Cole once again demonstrated his initiative in sliding down the slope rather than walking sensibly like the children seemed to manage. They scaled multiple levels of a tricky task, taking responsibility for their own safety as they chose when to attach and detach themselves from the climbing frame; carefully picking their route to the top.

Finally, group C had their turn tackling the mountain walk and were able to reach the summit (with some difficulty). Despite these challenges, everyone made it up and down the mountain successfully. Unfortunately, due to today's cloudy weather, it was difficult to see much from the top, but the feeling of triumphantly conquering the mountain was worth it.

Once we got back, the children were able to have some free time to play football, pool and other games. We were treated today, to a roast dinner! In the evening, children had the opportunity to visit the Rhos Y Gwaliau gift shop, share positive stories with one another and retrieve their daffodils.









