

Okehampton Castle Visit

On Tuesday 8th October, ASF, BP, C, LP and SC travelled with Mel and Phil to visit Okehampton Castle.

To start with, we explored the castle grounds using the audio tour as our guide. We started by the entrance and finished up on the top of the motte at the keep. The pupils were challenged to find the Norman toilet and LP was the first to spot it, which simply consisted of a chute that guided people's waste outside of the building – yuck!



After getting a good idea of the grounds, SC and C thought it might be fun to find out what it would have been like to try and attack the keep by climbing the motte – the huge earth mound that the keep sat atop. The picture may make it look easy, but don't be fooled for it is much steeper than it appears in real life.

After all that strenuous climbing, it was time for something a little more sedate, so we played some games of hide and seek before stopping for lunch. Unfortunately, as it decided to pour down at this point, we had to eat lunch in the car. However, all was not lost as the rain stopped after we had finished eating and we managed to get in a couple more games of hide and seek before heading back to school.

ASF and Mel even managed to squeeze in a 1-mile walk around the castle via the woodland walk, too.

Although we'd picked the wettest day of the year for our trip, we all had a great time and the pupils were asking before we had even left the car park, "When can we come again?"

