

Year 5 School Journey to Fellowship Afloat



For many years, children at this school have had the unique opportunity to take part in a school journey to Fellowship Afloat during the summer term. This trip is special. The children stay on a real lightship moored permanently at Tollesbury, where they appreciate the beautiful natural tidal salt marsh environment around the boat and experience a great range of activities - sailing, climbing, archery, team building games and get to take part in a day long expedition. Things that cannot be done in school, in Edgware or perhaps ever again in your child's life! It is an amazing week which children love.





Some quotes from children who went last year:

“Best experience ever!”

“I want to go all over again, it is the trip of a lifetime.”

“If you don’t go, you’ll regret it.”

The ship has a capacity for around 30 children. I am delighted to let parents know that we have arranged with Fellowship Afloat two separate weeks, in May and June, for Broadfields this summer! This should mean that everyone who wants to attend can go!

Please look at the school journey page on the website ... www.broadfields.barnet.sch.uk ... for video and photos about Fellowship Afloat. Hopefully, this gives a further sense of the excitement and enjoyment of this school journey.

We will have meetings for all parents to provide further about the trip on **Thursday 1st February, either at 3:15pm or 7:00pm**. Please come along!

The Fellowship Afloat lightship stands in its own mud berth on Tollesbury Saltings, just off the River Blackwater. Each child will sleep in a cabin with either 2 or 3 other children in single or bunk beds; each cabin has a porthole. There are showers and facilities on board the light ship. Breakfasts and evening meals are taken on board in the refectory underneath the helicopter deck. The boat is comfortably furnished, but is not afloat when the tide is out and depending how the boat settles in to the mud, it can develop a slight list! The children will have the opportunity to visit the light tower and the engine room on a guided tour, but are not allowed to roam freely in these areas for obvious safety reasons.

All the activities that the children will be involved in are based around the Tollesbury Saltings or on the River Blackwater which is a sheltered estuary. Fellowship Afloat takes the safety of all their guests extremely seriously.



One of the chief activities is dinghy sailing. The group will learn to sail and enjoy a trip to a part of the Blackwater Estuary. Fellowship Afloat is recognised by the Royal Yachting Association as a teaching establishment and they are also licensed with the Adventure Activities Licensing Authority. All instructors are qualified.

Children use the high ropes course and the climbing wall both of which have been very popular with groups in the past. The group may also get to carry out studies of local sea life, go crabbing, learn to canoe and ride in powerboats. It is a tremendous week, a unique experience and great fun!



The cost of the trip will be £300. Please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Archibald if you have any issues with payment. We will send a payment card so that the total amount can be paid in instalments when we receive the permission slip below.

Further information is available from Mr Archibald or the Fellowship Afloat website - www.fact.org.uk

Name _____ Class _____

I would like my child to attend the Year 5 school journey to Fellowship Afloat.

signed _____ Date _____