



Sailing

SAILING CLUB

In the winter months Sailing Club has settled into a routine, canoeing on the pool, swimming at Tenterden and visits to various beaches were enjoyed. Throwing dead fish on Hastings beach was more accurate this year and the smell of certain members afterwards will stay in the memory. A dry session on the climbing wall at Claverham also wore the children out.

We were fortunate to sail Mr. Casselden's boat from Eastbourne on a cold wet and lumpy November Saturday. The children remember crashing into the waves, Mr. Ingram will remember running aground on the bar at the entrance to the marina!

Of the two other outings in March one was too windy but the other gave a glorious sail up towards Beachy head. The sailing at Bedgebury lake was as relaxed as ever, a lot of capsizing and swimming taking place as well as some good progress with sailing the Topper dinghies. Several children had more practice paddling Bob Keech's windsurfer, but as long as they were wet no one minded.

Camp Saturday gave us good weather and a long session at Bedgebury, sailing, swimming and races on two large rubber rings. After supper at McDonalds the evening was spent exploring the rock pools on Bexhill beach and yet more wet and sandy gear was brought back to school.

Thanks are due to Carol Davidson at Bedgebury for allowing us to use the boats and lake, to Bob Keech for helping out with instructing and to Miss Rickards for her help at each session. Many thanks also to Mr. Casselden for allowing us to sail his boat and to the Matrons for dealing with piles of wet clothes.

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Testing the canoe built by Tom Casselden and Christian West