



Sailing

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SAILING CLUB

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In the winter months, Sailing Club enjoyed a variety of activities. Canoeing on the pool, the adventure playground at Bewl and swimming at Tenterden were surpassed by a day on the beach at Bexhill in a full gale. Foam was being blown right over Galley Hill and a rash promise by Mr Ingram meant that cold windswept children had to visit McDonalds!

The climbing wall at Claverham and visits to Hastings and Pett beaches were a prelude to the 2004 season but as the children were so keen that we got sailing at Bedgbury in March.

The wind blew and the water was cold. Sam Gilbert and Toby Edwards had a short but effective lesson on cold shock. Christian and Carl demonstrated commendable heavy weather sailing technique coping with quite extreme conditions. Rupert did likewise but also found that his head was not quite as hard as the boom!

The warmer summer term had fewer chances to sail than we would have liked but 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. A new addition this year was the windglider windsurfing trainer kindly donated by Mr Goldsack which gave some a first taste of windsurfing and many more a lot of fun as they piled on to it.

The weather held for Camp Saturday but the first session at Bedgebury involved so much swimming that several children were cold by lunch time. Perversely the wind got up just as we were putting the boats away. After supper at McDonalds and a cool walk back to Galley Hill the minibus was reached just as the rain started. A good fun day.

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 Johnson for her help at each session. Also to Mr Goldsack for the donation of the Windglider and to the Matrons for dealing with piles of wet clothes.

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