

Thursday 17th September

Junior Citizen 2015!

Yesterday we had an extremely fun morning at Junior Citizen held at Walton fire station!

At 9:00, Blackwater and Abbey walked outside the gate to find the coach hadn't arrived. We walked up the road and waited about twenty minutes, later the coach still wasn't there. As we started to walk back to school, Mrs Kent (~~Marched~~) marched out with a smile on her face. She told us that the coach was parked at Knowle Green base. We piled onto the coach and then we were off!

When we arrived, the policemen and fire men welcomed us into the fire station. We were split into groups of 6 and started a circuit around the stations.

The group that I was in started at a station where we had to call the emergency services. Kyra went first. She was given a crime scene to report. The emergency services asked her questions about what she was reporting (which was a man smashing a window in a car) and made sure everything was alright. Coby reported a man stealing bikes. Then it was my turn. I had to report someone trapped in a house on fire. They asked me where I was and what service I required. Also if there was anybody trapped in there.

After that, we went to our next activity. We had to put an unconscious man into the recovery position. The man had fallen off a stepladder with an electrical item in his hand. Our activity host asked us what we would do first. Kuka died by trying to feel the unconscious man's pulse, Coby died by trying to remove the electrical items.

Our next task was to identify dangers around water. We managed to find all of the dangers and found out at the dog safety station how to be safe around stray dogs. We had to act boring. Even though the dog wasn't real, we learnt how to make kind contact with dogs and their body language.

After that a suspicious lady came to collect us from the dog activity. She started asking Kyra questions about where she lives. Kyra told her. That's when I realized she wasn't wearing uniform. I started to edge away from her when the policeman came out to collect us and he put the suspicious lady in handcuffs. He told us that it was luckily only a setup, but we got frightened. The police man took us to the base and taught us how to run, shout and scream.

Our next base was about littering and dog mess. We learnt how much you would get fined. We saw all of the dog duty posters and was given a bag (which is environmentally friendly) that included: a measuring cup, leaflets, little gum bins and a dog mess poster.

Our last activity was bus safety. We got given bus pass holders to get on the bus. I got accused of scratching I heart one direction off the bus window and Heidi picked up the bag with a bomb inside. We had to stay at least our broody height and a step outside the bus.

Finally, our last activity was how to react to a house fire. We learned how to feel if there is a fire on the other side of a door. We had to place our hand facing backwards and run it around the edge of the door frame, if it's warm, there's a fire. We had to lie on the floor so the smoke didn't get to us.

Next we all crowded together again and (~~thanked~~) thanked the

hosts. We were back at school by lunch.
What a busy morning!

By Maddie Francis.

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Junior Citizen Day

By, Luka van Rooyen

On Wednesday 16th September 2015, two year 6 classes Blackwater and Abbey attended Junior Citizen day at Walton Fire Station. At nine o'clock in the morning we set out to get the coach and surprisingly it was quite late. After about sixteen minutes later we decided to head back to school where we saw Mrs. Kent waiting for us. She told Mr. Tom the coach actually parked at Knowle Green Base! Because of that we started to make our way to Knowle Green Base.

Eventually we saw the coach and got on with a sigh of relief. It was a long journey there, at least thirty to forty minutes but finally arrived, we were all full of excitement. Later we got off the coach. We saw a few firemen waiting for us and we walked in the fire station. After that we got split into six groups of seven and we went to our activities. My group's first activity was how to dial 999. It was really exciting because when you dial it gives you an adrenalin rush.

After that we went to our next activity which was to put someone in a recovery position or aid someone who is unconscious. We were taught how to assess our surroundings and how to spot dangers. Our scenario was a young man who had fallen off a step ladder and we had to see if he was alive or dead. It turned out he got an electric shock and was

unconscious.

Our next activity was safety around water. We were told not to play around water and how to spot life boats. We were also told not to throw life rings up ~~to~~ trees because then if they are up trees and someone was in danger in the river you couldn't save them.

After that we went to our next activity. On the way there we met a lady who was not in uniform and she asked us where we lived but me and Heidi didn't tell her anything because she looked like a stranger but she was part of a circuit. The topic was on stranger danger and we learnt to run-shout-scream.

Later we got to our next activity which was how to keep our area tidy and we got a free bag with items in which we got to keep. The items were: a mini bin (which is my personal favourite), a good measuring cup, a leaflet about dogs and a leaflet on what to recycle.

After that we went to learn about how to see dogs' behaviour and feelings. We learnt how to approach new dogs. We then went to bus safety and we learnt how to talk to the driver and not to pick up unattended bags.

Finally we gathered into one big crowd and squeezed into the coach and headed back. It was one of my most favourite trips and I thank this school and I think future generations will enjoy this too.