

The Dork Story – Day Four – 3rd March

Happy Birthday Mrs Thomas! What a great place to celebrate your birthday and such lovely people to be with. Thankfully the children are here as well!!

It was our spiritual day today, with the morning and lunchtime spent at Fountains Abbey. Yet again we were bathed in glorious sunshine, with the added aesthetic pleasure of the sight of snow on the ground around the Abbey ruins. The children were (as they have been all week long) absolutely brilliant,



Sarah opted for the Mother Theresa look when choosing her birthday outfit.



Mrs Hacker invested heavily in preparing for the excursion.

full of great questions and totally engaged in what we were doing.

The spiritual top and tail to the day was interrupted somewhat by the shallow materialism of shopping in The Shambles. It has to be done and it amazes us how the children manage to spend so much time wandering in and out

of shops that seem to have nothing worth buying. Unsurprisingly, the most popular choice of purchase was confectionary related and we wandered up to the Minster amid the sound of chewing.

We thought we might have a problem getting into the Minster as Mrs Thomas had been highly efficient in ensuring all non-



Seeing the Abbey for the first time is always breathtaking



The holy trinity?

essential luggage went on the coach back to the hostel. Regrettably, the school cheque book turned out to be essential luggage, but Mr Brown's smooth tongue and Mrs Thomas's lost soul expression ensured that we got in without needing to threaten the church authorities.

And so back to the hostel – at the time of writing the children are in the middle of their performance night. It's not easy concentrating whilst 'Jedward' are performing!! And I cannot begin to

describe what Georgina has done to herself in the interests of entertainment!

It's time to stop writing and get some photos added to these pages, but the staff would all like to say what a fantastic group these children have been so far. There's been a complete absence



Don't look directly into her eyes!



So angelic!

of conflict amongst them, they've done everything we've asked and we've been able to give them plenty of freedom in what they've done. Brilliant.

We've got our last night together and we've had a great time. We're looking forward to seeing you all together...and having a lie in on Friday!