

Ford Castle 2008

The staff's highlights through the eyes of their charges!!

Each Junior 2 participant was asked to list what would be his/her teacher's three highlights of the five day stay in Northumberland. The children certainly read their teachers well – though few aspects escape a mention by the time their thoughts are analysed! Here are their thoughts!

- *Arriving and walking up the driveway to Ford Castle for the third time.*



- *The visit to the Cornmill because she was fascinated by the power of the water and was able to buy biscuits and hot chocolate which she hadn't done before.*



- *The view of the Cheviots from the castle grounds and towards Holy Island as the mini-bus approached from Lowick.*



- *Walking along the beach on Holy island appreciating the open air, the patterns on the sand and all 'the finds' we were making.*
- *Holy Island because Jim takes a different route every year.*



- *Watching nervously as we plunged down a 'blow out'.*



- *Crinoid hunting because she said she could do it all day.*

- *The outdoor experiences such as walking, orienteering, finding badgers' setts and kick sampling.*
- *Watching our pleasure at finding things as we kick sampled. She was warm and dry and we were delightfully wet!*



- *Seeing everyone enjoying themselves because she spent a lot of time making sure we all had fun and then she knew she'd done a great job.*
- *Seeing us being with our friends and working well together.*
- *Being with us and enjoying our company!*
- *Playing games in the evenings after an exhausting day in the open air.*



- *Reading the stories every night.*
- *Singing all the brilliant songs at night.*
- *Giving the 'thank you' presents as the recipients all seemed to be grateful.*
- *Using the coach's microphone to tell us about our surroundings.*
- *The food, especially the sausages and the apple crumble.*

- *Locking us in Ford Castle's dungeons and in Berwick Town Hall's cells.*
- *The tour of Berwick Town Hall, the history of Berwick's walls and Berwick's links with L.S.Lowry.*
- *Watching us leap off the 'drunkards sloping bed' in the Town Hall jail!*



➤ *The Bird of Prey Centre because the birds were amazing and we all talked about it later.*

➤ *Teaching us out of school for a whole week.*



➤ *When almost all of us played football and she could have a cup of tea.*



➤ *I think she enjoyed the time when we were all quiet in bed and she could go to sleep!*

