



COMBE PAFFORD SCHOOL

Visit to China 2019

Diary Entry 2

31st October 19

DAY 2

Well we have just returned to our rooms, its 9.30pm here.

Up at 6.30am for a 7.30am breakfast of a mixture of toast, eggs, dumplings, somethings I did not recognise and fruit! We then went straight into a very formal welcome ceremony where we signed new agreements and exchanged gifts, the youngster's behaviour during this time was perfect and considering a lot of it was in Chinese, their curiosity about what was happening meant they tried hard to follow it and enjoyed the experience. Several tried Jasmine Tea and really liked it!

We then went on a tour of the school and ended up in a drumming session, the school are the national champions and the performance was loud and really good.....we then had a go, it's not as easy as it looks!!.....what we lacked in timing, we made up for in noise! However, by the end we had created something of a tune from the general din!

Then onto the electrical lesson where each pupil worked with a Chinese student to undertake soldering and made a nightlight as a souvenir....

After a lunch in the school canteen, we caught the Metro and went into the Forbidden City for 2 hours, the nine dragon screen was a favourite.....The 'City' is full of absolutely stunning buildings and we saw how and where the Emperor would have lived.

Then after a 30 minute bus ride we arrived at the theatre for the acrobatic show.....a definitely 'don't try this at home experience!..... although one or two fancy the balancing act using the dining room chairs (so parents beware!).

We then went for a KFC for the evening meal and then metro home, tired, but happy!

Tomorrow is the Zoo and some shopping!

Mr Lock