



COMBE PAFFORD SCHOOL

Visit to China 2019

Diary Entry 3

1st November 2019

DAY 3.....Beijing calling!

We certainly packed a lot in today! We had breakfast at 7.30 in time for a special school parade at 8.20. The parade was to mark the opening of a sports festival and we became honoured guests! Having watched all the different subjects march past, pausing in front of the grandstand to deliver a short message, we saw the raising of the flag ceremony and then a series of speeches from the school leaders. I think the highlight though was the fantastic drumming display by the school drummers who taught us yesterday.....they were stunning and it's easy to see why they are National Champions!

Then we were whisked by bus to Jinsong School to be taken on a tour, they have a 4 star hotel built in their school!!!?They specialise in catering and after a really good demonstration, we set off making our own lunch! Sweet and Sour chicken with pineapple. Everyone did really well, with some help from 2nd year Chinese students, all dishes as you can see from the pictures looked and tasted delicious.

After Jinsong, we took the metro to Beijing Zoo where the highlight is obviously the pandas and everyone delighted in seeing them eating bamboo....lots of it!

We then squeezed in our first shopping expedition to Silk Street.....we watched and took part in some bartering and several purchases were made. Then it was back on the metro to visit a friend of CPS, Grace an interpreter who has worked with us for over 10 years. She took us to a lovely restaurant which served food from Northern China, it was really good and everyone left empty plates.....chopstick use now very high!! Then Grace took us back to her one bed roomed apartment for ice cream.....all 19 of us!

Then metro back and arrived back at the accommodation by 10.30, very tired but very happy! Everyone is fine, a super bunch to be with, whilst it is tiring, no one is complaining, everyone is having a great time!

Mr Lock

Tomorrow.....Summer Palace for the day.....tea at a burger bar.....(there is a rumour its showing the rugby world cup!)