



COMBE PAFFORD SCHOOL

Visit to China 2019

Diary Entry 4

2nd November 2019

Beijing Day 4

Everyone was up and ready on time for a 7.30am breakfast, this now runs very smoothly as everyone knows the system, warm or cold milk, coffee, toast and jam, yoghurts, fruit, fried or boiled eggsor for those wanting Chinese style, dumplings, sweet corn and meat sausage, egg noodle soup or fried vegetables.

We were on the metro for 8.45am for the long journey across Beijing from South East to North West, 26 metro stops taking an hour and a quarter involving one change of line. This also now runs really smoothly, metro cards enable a fast entry in busy stations, most trains are crowded and seats hard to get, but some do and always smile to those of us still standing!!

It rained lightly this morning and also the temperature had dropped, so jackets and jumpers were needed, but by lunchtime the rain had cleared and we enjoyed 4 hours walking around the Summer Palace which is beautiful, peaceful and spectacular. We had a hot lunch delivered to us and sat in the long corridor to eat it, only chopsticks were available, but all plates were cleared come the end. We went onto the island across the 15 arch bridge, spent money in the gift shop which has low fixed prices and then took a boat to the far side of the lake and walked up to the top to look back over the lake and enjoyed the lovely shape and colourful designs of the buildings.

We then took the metro back towards our accommodation and stopped off to eat at a sports bar, to watch the World Cup Final, so made a wise choice to go to look for an ice cream during the second half.....perhaps that proved a wise decision! We then took the metro back and arrived here at about 8.45am for a well-deserved early night.

I have to say once again, that the behaviour and attitude was extremely good, everyone is positive and really taking everything in, I have yet to hear anyone moan, which considering the amount of walking and the hours we are out, tells its own story.

Tomorrow Temple of Heaven.....Pearl market for a good shop.....Hutong visit.....Kung Fu Show.....

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