



COMBE PAFFORD SCHOOL

Visit to China 2019

Diary Entry 5

3rd November 2019

Day 5

Well a more leisurely start to the day, breakfast at 8am and left at 9am for the journey to the Temple of Heaven, the park which surrounds it is a hive of activity on a Sunday morning, with groups of locals who just organise singing, dancing, playing music and exercising in the open air. We joined in several of the activities, especially the keepie-upiee using a large type of shuttlecock! but also the dancing and the exercising, it was a really lovely hour where we were welcomed to take part with smiles all-round. Then we headed into the Temple enclosure and enjoyed the splendour of the iconic building, taking pictures and just generally enjoying being there.

We were then taken to a private dining room for a Chinese lunch which was very tasty, before heading for the metro to journey to the Hutong district near the Drum Tower. There are some good gift type shops there and I think everyone bought something, before taking the metro once again to go to the Pearl Market.....many bargains were made, Bradley in particular bought a lovely North Face Jacket for about £10, Mathew got a really lovely drinks bottle, Cameron a hat, and several got wireless ear phones.....then it was a McDonalds and a fast walk to the Red Theatre for the Kung Fu Show, before taking our last metro ride back to the rooms.....a really busy day and definitely a long one as we didn't get back until 10.15pm.

We have an early start tomorrow for the Great Wall, breakfast at 7am, on a large coach at 8am for the 2 hour journey I can imagine some will take the opportunity to grab a few extra hours sleep! All well here, we had a shower of rain, but pleasant walking weather.

Mr Lock

Wifi won't allow photos today?? Sorry