

The Houses of Parliament

On Tuesday 19th of November, Hogarth Primary School's school councillors visited the Houses of Parliament. We had a once in a lifetime tour assisted by a gentleman called Princeworth, who told fascinating, true stories based on the historic landmark, one of them being about King Henry VIII and his six wives.

First of all, we put on headphones and a radio connected to Princeworth's microphone, which allowed us to hear him clearly. He introduced us to a unique piece of art made from mosaic panels controlled by the tide of the River Thames. While everyone was still in shock of what we had seen, Princeworth slowly lured us to the Mr Speaker's (who is head of commons) procession. It was a delightful sight, which no one thought they would see.

Our experienced guide then took us a special way around to the House of Lords; the colour symbols of the Houses of Commons and Lords were placed everywhere. We were then confronted with a majestic art gallery to which our surprised faces grew because the images were actually of past Kings and Queens and their husbands and wives. In that very same room, but hundreds of years ago, King Henry VIII used to live but ever since the disaster of the Great Fire of London happened, it became the Houses of Parliament that we know to this day. Directly under this room, Guy Fawkes tried to explode the cellar of Houses of Parliament - fortunately, it did not go to plan.

This trip was very educational and valuable. We are very thankful and feel lucky to have been given the opportunity to visit the Houses of Parliament with Mrs King and two parents who gave up their time for us.

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