

## Year Six Trip to Lundy – 20<sup>th</sup> May 2008

On the 20<sup>th</sup> May, 2008 all of the Year 6 children from across the West Exmoor Federation visited Lundy Island. Despite the weather having been poor for several days prior the trip, we were blessed with brilliant blue sky all day long – this being almost unheard of on Lundy.



We set sail from Ilfracombe upon the MS Oldenburg and spent most of the journey patiently looking out for dolphins (unfortunately we didn't see any) and sea birds. The crossing was really smooth, despite Nicola, the Lundy Warden, being worried that it might be a bit too rough for us. She'd even rung Mrs Peacock that morning to see if we wanted to put the trip off!!

We arrived at Lundy at about 12pm and met up with Nicola at the jetty. We then had to make the really long, hard climb up to the village – it was really tiring and we had to keep stopping to get our breath back. When we got to the top it was well worth it because the views were fantastic and we got to eat our lunch.



After lunch we set off from the village towards Beacon Hill and the Old Light. We then walked along the top of the island to Battery Point. We had a look at the ruined buildings on the cliff edge that had been left by the old fog signal station that was built in 1862. There were two cannons there that used to fire blank shots every 10 minutes to warn ships. These were replaced by rockets in 1878 and abandoned in 1897 when the light houses were built.

Then we moved on to halfway wall and Jenny's Cove where we hoped to see some Puffins. We set up the telescope and waited. There were quite a few 'twitchers' there too, so that was a good sign. Below us in the bay there was a small boat with some people scuba diving – the water was really clear and we could see them swimming. We saw Razorbills and Guillemots, turns and then finally two pairs of Puffins. It was really exciting and we were extremely lucky. They stayed around for a little while and most of us got to see them before they flew off.



Next we headed back to the other side of the island. We saw some ducklings on Pondsbury and some ponies near the old hospital and quarry cottages. We also saw some of the infamous Lundy Cabbage that only grows on the island of Lundy as we headed back towards the village.



Finally there was just time to visit the little shop to buy some postcards and special Lundy stamps before quickly visiting the church. Then it was time to make our way back down to the jetty and catch the MS Oldenburg back to Bideford and then the minibus back to school.



It was a fantastic trip; probably the best one that we've ever been on!

*Written by Year 6 of the West Exmoor Federation*