

The Beach Clean-Up

On 19 October, the learners of the Outdoor Club had a late start to their outing because of the captain, Joshua Calmeyer, arriving late.

We arrived at the Blaauwberg Nature Reserve and played the 'name game'; we had to beat our record of 11 seconds, which we did. Once we had finished that we were given pieces of wood and cards with patterns which we had to recreate with the wooden blocks. The levels got harder and harder, the more we did played.

It was getting very windy outside so Lizelle van der Merwe, our guide, did a presentation about ocean litter and what happens to it. Once the wind had died down a little, we decided to go on our beach clean-up. We were put into groups of 4 or 5. Each group received a plastic bag and each person received 1 glove with which to pick up litter.

After a while, some of the learners got bored, so we found a sand dune and started jumping off it, whilst Mr Bennett took photos of us. Once we had finished we did a survey to see what we had picked up. We had collected 150 straws, 157 ear buds, 90 chip packets, 8 lighters, 12 plastic bottles and 90 plastic bags, to mention only a few.

Unfortunately our time at the Blaauwberg Nature Reserve was over but not our trip. The teachers treated the learners to an ice-cream or a milkshake from McDonalds, which brought us to the end of our trip.

-Joshua Calmeyer-



