On the 19th December I accompanied a group of 6 students and Miss Hung on their English trip to Noah’s Ark in Ma Wan. I was very excited and unsure of what to expect as I’d visited there before, but it was definitely as good as I had remembered.

The ark was full of exciting classrooms which had walls full of pictures and facts on everything about dinosaurs, architecture, art, food and lots more! Firstly we went to a class about nutrition where they learnt about the food triangle and a balanced diet and then got to play some quiz games to check everyone had been listening and paying attention.

After a quick break in the architecture classroom with a lot of broccoli for the group to practice their building skills, we headed to the cooking classroom. Two teachers taught the class how to make dumpling wrapping in preparation for the ‘master chef competition’ in the afternoon. After a few messy tries everyone finally learnt how to make them and they all looked very good and I think everyone was very proud of their work.

After lunch the competition had finally arrived! Separated into their groups they had to prepare their dumpling wraps which they had learnt to do earlier and put in a filling. They had a lot to make and not much time! Once they had been cooked and they had presented them on a plate, the head chef from the restaurant came to judge and taste the dumplings. After choosing the winners, he demonstrated how to make the ‘perfect dumpling’ which he made look very easy although I am sure he has had years of practice! We were all given a recipe of how to make the dumplings at home and I will definitely be trying to make some.

By the time we had finished our day at Noah’s Ark it was late afternoon and we got the ferry and then the bus back to school. It was a very enjoyable day and everyone not only had a lot of fun but also learnt a lot of new things.

In mid-December, we went to Noah’s Ark in Ma Wan. We were happy because we knew it would be very fun.

That was the first time that I went to Noah’s Ark with my schoolmates. When we arrived, Miss Hannah said, “Oh, the ark is so beautiful!” Then, Miss Hung took us to Pleasure House. At first we explored the nutrition of food, such as fibre and fat, and we played games. Then, we went to the architecture room where we happily built with bricks. Finally, I learnt how to make dumpling skins for a cooking competition. After the lesson, we went to a restaurant called “Haven Restaurant” to have a children’s lunch. We had mixed chicken spaghetti with tomato sauce, deep fried fish in sweet corn, cocktail sausage, mixed fruit jelly and fruit.

After enjoying a delicious meal, we had the cooking competition and we had to make dumplings. After we had finished cooking, the best chef in the Pleasure House was chosen. Group 4 won and we got the second runner-up.

It was nearly twilight after the competition; we left Noah’s Ark with joy. All the students were still talking about the trip on the bus home. Apart from having a lot of fun, I learnt how to make dumplings and what nutrition is. It was a trip of joy and learning. I hope I can visit Noah’s Ark again.

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Interesting Corner of New Zealand

Q1. Why do some of the Maori tattoo their chin, and some on their entire face?

Q2. Why do Maoris always project their tongue?

Q3. How do Maoris say ‘Hello’ to each other?

Q4. What is Kiwi in New Zealand?