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Dear Parent/Carer,

Our Year 5 students have been invited for a day of 'Wilderness Education' at Ardwhallan's Outdoor Learning Centre, delivered in partnership with the Manx Wildlife Trust. This is a fantastic new event for the children to continue to develop their outdoor skills.

The aim for the programme is to encompass a holistic approach to learning, connecting individuals with nature while fostering a deep understanding of the environment, survival skills, and personal growth. The Outdoor Learning Centre aims to capitalise on our islands natural environment and enhance outcomes for young people.

Due to capacity, the site cannot accommodate both classes so the dates for each class are as followed:

25th September - Miss Crowe's Class (5C)

2nd October - Mrs Pearson (5P)

We will leave Onchan by private hire bus around 9.30 and will return to school for approximately 3pm in time for pick up as usual. Due to the nature of the trip, **children are welcome to wear non- uniform** for day but please ensure their clothes and shoes are suitable for the outdoors. We will be outside for much of the day, so please make sure your child is appropriately dressed for the weather. **Wearing a long-sleeve top and long trousers is essential** for protecting against insect bites, ticks, and hot embers from the making fires. It is highly likely that your child will get muddy and/or wet during their visit - please do not send them in their best clothes/trainers. It may also be beneficial to have a second pair of shoes readily available in their backpack should they need them.

As we will be out for the full day, please **provide your child with a packed lunch** and a drink. If your child qualifies for free school meals and you would like us to provide a packed lunch for them, please let your class teacher know **a week prior** to the day of the event.

No additional permission is needed for this trip as all children have been given consent for 'Educational Trips and Events' via Arbor. Should you have any queries about this, please talk to any member of the Year 5 team as we are more than happy to discuss.

Yours sincerely,
The Year 5 Team