

# Our trip to the Ulster Museum

On Tuesday 13 December we went to the Ulster Museum. We went by Highwayman Coaches our driver was Danny. The traffic was bad so it took us around 45 minutes to get to the Stranmillis Road. On the way there I sat beside Grace.

A lovely lady called Mrs Baird lead us into the lecture room, where she showed us lots of artefacts like bandages from a mummy and a scarab beetle amulet. She also told us lots of facts. Here are some facts: she told us that there were 4 canopic jars (jars that held organs) the jar with the jackal head held the Stomach, the bird headed jar held the intestines, the jar with the monkey (Hapi) held the lungs and the one with the human head held the liver. She got some people up to look for things that she had laid out on table, Jessica, Grace and I were asked to go up and find a coloured stone each. I was shocked to find out they were used for makeup. Jessica got the red one which was used for lipstick, Grace got a silvery-black one for eyeliner and I got a green for eye shadow. Mrs Baird told us that they would break of a bit off a bit of the stone and crush it up into powder. She told us that the bandages for a mummy would be made of linen.

After that we went to the Egyptian room where as soon as we went in there was a glass box with Takabuti (the museum mummy) in it. When we were in the lecture room we were told by Mrs Baird that Mr Thomas Greg bought Takabuti as a souvenir when he went to Egypt (I don't think he knew that Takabuti was inside the sarcophagus!) He put it in his front room and after a while he got bored of it and gave it to the museum, the museum opened it and found out Takabuti was inside!

Thirdly we went to the nature room. As soon as we went in, there was a tiger in a glass box a lady that worked there told me that the tiger used to be a rug then it was stuffed and put in the museum, when you turned the corner there was a big plastic tree there were holes that you could put your hand in and feel nuts and things like that. There were little doors with nut handles that you could open.

Then we went to the elements room where there were lots of gemstones like rubies, diamonds, gold, silver, rose quartz, amethyst and lots more. In the elements there was a Japanese spider crab.

On the way to the history room we went through the sealife centre, we saw a school of fish and a giant squid.

Then we went to the history room and we all dressed up. I dressed up in a purple dress everyone said I looked good in it.

At last we went to lunch, I sat beside my 3 best friends Jessica, Grace K and Leah. We all talked about the things we saw.

Lastly we went to the shop there were lots of things but I bought an amethyst for £1.25.

I loved writing this recount and I thought the museum was great and it was amazing to see Takabuti.

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