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On Wednesday 24th April, all the Year 4s from the Societas MAT schools met at Trentham Gardens (Staffordshire). It was a trust day whereby they built upon their teamwork and caring skills. These skills are important, not only in school, but also in their everyday lives.

It was a warm, sunny, spring morning and the children from Year 4 left Ellison Primary Academy with a huge smile on their faces and they were extremely excited. Within a matter of what seemed like minutes, the children and staff arrived at the Trentham Estate. As they got off the bus, they made their way to the toilets and then the main entrance and were greeted with a warm welcome.

Soon after, the children were split into four groups to be accompanied by an adult. The first activity was the famous 'Barefoot Walk'. The children were very excited, but also worried. When they had removed their shoes and socks they experienced many different surfaces including: wet, sharp, muddy, cold and uneven ground. One pupil said, "Wow, this is amazing I never thought I would walk through mud!"

Time passed quickly. The children had time to play on the huge, exciting playground and experienced the zip wire. Next, the group moved on to the Beaver Trail. It was a large walk where the children had to make tree rubbings whilst looking for beavers. Sadly, they did not see any beavers, but they found evidence of activity.

Lunch time approached quickly, and the children enjoyed a picnic by the mystical, shimmering lake. Then they made their way to the 'inspirational' speaker called Darren Edwards. He inspired the children by telling them stories of his adventures and how he fell from a mountain, but luckily he was saved by his friend and a helicopter rescue team. But he still carried on like nothing had ever happened.

Finally, it was time for the last activity - Disc golf. In this activity, the children had to throw a frisbee in to a metal ring. This sounds easier than it actually was. Many frisbees ended up in the trees and bushes being rescued by the adults. Overall, it was a fantastic day enjoyed by everyone!

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