

BAGLESS DAY

CLASSES 4 & 5

The Mudumalai National Park is a national park in the Nilgiris Mountains in Tamil Nadu in southern India. It covers 321 km² (124 sq mi) at an elevation range of 850–1,250 m (2,790–4,100 ft) in the Nilgiris District and shares boundaries with the states of Karnataka and Kerala.

The classes 4 & 5 were very excited, the children had an early morning breakfast and they left the school at 7:45 a.m.

We began this adventure with a prayer, and the buses drove past Ooty towards Gudilur. After Gudilur we reached the foot hills of the mountains, the Mudumalai National Park, our bus took us towards the forest office for the safari ride.

The students were ecstatic they were overwhelmed, and they were all looking forward for the safari ride.

The students boarded the safari bus; they were give instructions by the forest ranger not to put their hands or heads out of the moving bus. The Safari bus, drove past the main Mudumalai road and took a small de-tour that leads into the dense Mudhumalai forest. The safari ride took us 14 kms deep into the forest. We came to a halt where there was a cliff and blow us was a water fall. It was truly mesmerizing to be one with nature and to admire the beauty of the green and lush forest. We were lucky to see a heard of wild elephants and spotted deer.

The smell of the forest and the earth was very heart warming, toward the end of the safari the sun gave way to the rain to pour down on the lush green forest and quench the thirst of the animals living in there.

We came back to the Forest office and thanked the forest ranger for taking us and bringing us back safe and sound.

The students boarded the bus that took us to “The Monarch Safari Park”. Once the students came to the resort that was in the midst of the forest, they were happy that they got some time to themselves. The Safari park treated the students and teachers to a scrumptious mid- day meal. We were given rooms to refresh ourselves and also rest for a while. The Safari park had a beautiful ambience that ran into acres of lush green meadows and beautifully built rooms.

The children played in the park on the monkey ladders, see-saw and swings for their recreation. At around 4.30p.m. The students assembled near the bus to board it. They had a fun filled day that will be there in their memories for ever.

The adventure to Mudhumalai was a memorable experience for everyone. We left Mudhumalai and drove towards the Kalhatty Ghats which had 36 hairpin bends. The bus driver brought the students and the staff to school safe and sound at 7:00p.m.

The students and staff are grateful to the Principal for giving us this opportunity to celebrate the bagless day

