

Thur 11 June

Zoo

The children began today with some concert prep while Sasha and Vadim had follow up dental treatment. We then all drove to Edinburgh Zoo, where the sun was shining and staff friendly and happy to see us! The children enjoyed seeing chimps, monkeys, exotic birds before a snack. A guick hello to the koala's then a much needed play at the park. They very much enjoyed the penguins before a view of the giant pandas - in particular the toilet habits of 'Sunshine' the panda (much hilarity!). We had lunch beside the rhinos, then the children and translators had photos taken by professional photographer Will, who joined us today with his daughter Willow - thanks again to Will. Cant wait to see the photos. In the meantime our own ones will need to do. We then climbed the steep hill, meeting a lion on the way, to the ultimate highlight - the dinosaurs! They loved the life sized water spraying, growling, moving displays. At the top of the zoo hill, it was clear we were all flagging so we took the less time consuming trip down the hill, the children loving the zebra and seeing a tiger - raaar!! It was then the home straight and the quick trip back to the hall, with renewed energy to do more concert prep!! Great weather, great times.





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