This week, our Year 6 Class were very fortunate to be able to visit the campus of the University of Western Australia for a Science Excursion. As our Year 6’s are studying the unit ‘Marvellous Micro-Organisms’, one of the mums in our community, Mrs Deirdre Mulvaney, a micro-biologist, invited the class to attend her lecture. The lecture was called ‘Ecosystems and Humans’ and is part of the Dynamic Planet unit for first year science, arts, business and engineering students at U.W.A.

Students were able to catch public transport to the university, meaning they needed to read and interpret both a bus and train timetable. I am happy to say that we did not get lost and managed to actually arrive at the campus about 15 minutes early!

Upon arriving, Mrs. Mulvaney was able to take us on a guided tour of the campus. Students were intrigued by the historical buildings and the general atmosphere of the University.

After a lunch break, it was off to the lecture theatre where we were special guests for a real university lecture! The lecture was very informative and entertaining; students learned about the importance of protecting biodiversity. Did you know that the south-west of W.A. is one of a very small number of official ‘biodiversity hotspots’ on our planet?

An enormous thankyou must be extended to Mrs. Mulvaney for the invitation and for giving up her time to accommodate us. The students are also to be commended on their excellent behaviour. I am certain that this excursion has inspired many of our Year 6’s to strive for a University enrolment one day; who knows, perhaps some may even study something in the Biology field!

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