

The astronomy trip!

On the 29th of September 2016, a few Year 5s and 6s went to Clanfield Observatory Centre. If you want to find out more, then keep reading!

The children met at the school at 6:00pm then they got on the mini bus. After the long journey there, they met the staff at Clanfield Observatory and learnt the rules. Then they split in to two groups. Since there were two groups and two domes, one group went in one and one group went in the other.

One of the groups went in the dome with two white telescopes which were from the 1800's. There was a newer telescope in the other dome and we got to look through that one. Before that we had to stand on a ladder and look through the window and guess the amount of lights there were then look through the telescope and there were three rows of lights. Afterwards, we went outside and we looked at stars. Unfortunately, the night wasn't completely clear but luckily we saw the plough small and large. The plough is a rage of stars that look like a saucepan. It is also known as the big dipper.