Bewl 2023 Day 2- Tuesday 26th September

Amazingly, and pleasingly, none of the staff were woken during the night and we all had a good restorative sleep. Until at least about 6.15, when I thought somebody had switched the TV on really loud during one of those David Attenborough wildlife documentaries. You know the one where 70,000 panicked wildebeest are stampeding away from crocodiles and lions? It was just like that but with the volume turned up to 11. I stuck my head out into the corridor but couldn't see any lions, (quite a few stampeding wild beasts, mind you) so bravely went back to bed, put my pillow over my head and reviewed my life choices for the 27th time this week.

Eventually, the lure of fried bacon proved too much, so I came out to greet the children and cheerfully barged my way to the front of the breakfast queue. As usual, there had been a delivery of fresh adults from Tunbridge Wells to take over from the night shift, and what luck that their arrival coincided with breakfast time! Fortunately, there was plenty of food – for the adults anyway – and while the children were squabbling over the precious few scraps we'd left them, we bade farewell to our colleagues as they set off to the relative calm of 200 children back at school.

I sent the children back to their rooms to prepare for 'Room Inspection' a longstanding TWFS tradition dating back to 2022, which buys us about 4 minutes peace while they go to tidy up and hide all their contraband under the carpet. This year group have clearly learnt from last year's cohort in two main areas:

1. Their rooms were actually pretty tidy
2. More importantly, some of them had given a decent amount of thought to how they were going to bribe the judges.

Ably assisted by Mrs Bedford, I inspected each room and gave feedback and scores. Points were deducted for infringements like unmade beds or food debris on the floor but were added based on the quality and quantity of confectionery offered.

So one of the boys' rooms was very clean and tidy, securing an excellent score of 9/10; but the winner was the girls' room, a complete tip scoring just 5, but gaining 6 bonus points for a total of 11/10 by giving

us excellent chocolates. Another important life lesson learned, you're welcome.

To be continued tomorrow

The children were later to bed than before and have taken a while to settle completely, so it's now 11.30 and I am completely done.

Everybody is very happy, we've had a brilliant day, but forgive me – I really need my bed.

Goodnight!