

## The Millom School Geography Department Iceland Fieldtrip

16 students from Millom School and 40 students from the Nelson Thomlinson School Geography Departments participated in a fieldtrip to Iceland during the Easter Holidays. The trip was designed to support the student's studies at both GCSE and A Level by seeing for themselves a wide range of landforms on an amazing scale. Whilst there they were fortunate enough to visit the geysers at Geysir and see the most active; Stokkur geyser spouting. They also visited the Eyafjallajökull volcano and saw how the ash impacted on the local residents of the areas and how they cleaned up the area and repaired the damage subsequent to the eruption. The students also visited the Sólheimajökull glacier and new lagoon that has been formed by the ablating glacier. It snowed the first night there, which resulted in an icy but beautiful walk through the Þingvellir rift valley from the North American plate to the Eurasian plate, which has also been used a location for filming the series 'Game of Thrones'. In addition the students visited coastal and river landforms, including the Seljalandsfoss 60m high waterfall, which they were able to walk right around, taking the opportunity to look from the back of the waterfall over the local landscape of the raised beach. The students also had the opportunity to visit the geothermal springs of the Blue Lagoon and Reykjavik Pool, swimming outside in 38°C water whilst the air temperature was below 0°C.

At the beach near Vik, basalt column cliffs in the background







At the rift valley



In front of Seljalandsfoss

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