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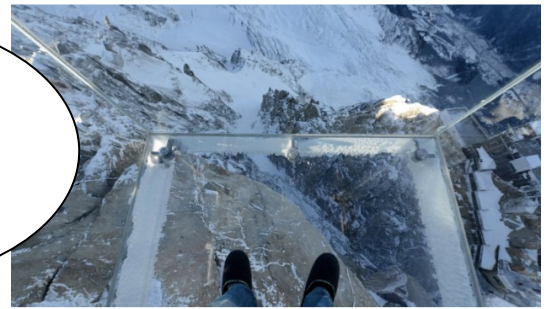
December 2014

Dear All,

A winter break for Mike and Janice in the French Alps took us to 12,600 feet up the side of Mont Blanc (Aiguille du Midi) and taking a step into the void - into a glass box perched on the edge of the mountain.



Chamonix is
over 8,000 feet
below



Isobelle in Le Reposoir,
Feb 2014



Eve snowboarding in
Flaine,
Apr 2014

Then it was the turn for Richard, Eve, Amelia and Lucy, who had to take their snowboards to a higher resort since it was very late in the season. Amelia and Lucy took their first Skiing lessons.

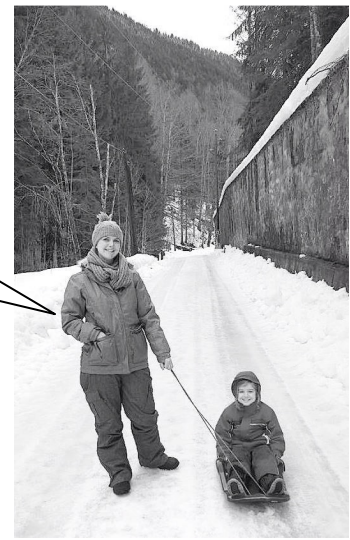


Lucy and Amelia,
Apr 2014





Eve, Rich, Jo & Isobelle in the snow



Oscar (Karate Kid)

Oscar is growing into a proper little boy and is attending Karate lessons with his mum Blanca. He is becoming a little chatterbox in English and though he fully understands his mum's Spanish, he usually answers in English. How lucky he is to be brought up bi-lingual!



Oscar, Blanca and Jon



Isobelle, Amelia, Oscar, Lucy

Eve, Tim and Jon's families are all thriving. We enjoy being together as a family group and in October we all had a great time on a family visit to Legoland – including Isobelle's class pink and white (unicorn) mascot.



Janice has been trying to prise Mike away from his office and has arranged a number of day trips including a visit to Cornwall and a visit to the Spinnaker Tower in Portsmouth. We visited the poignant 'Blood Swept Lands and Seas of Red' poppy exhibition at the Tower of London and we were lucky enough to be able to buy a poppy.

Tim and Jo bought a Volkswagen Camper Van during the summer and recruited Tim's Dad to help refit the furniture and redecorate the inside. We all look forward to being able to use it next year!



Tim and his dad hard at work.

Janice's mum was very poorly at the beginning of the year but after a visit to hospital has recovered well. She was then able to help at a fund raising Christmas Fayre. Unfortunately, one of the other helpers fell over and like a row of dominoes knocked Janice's mum to the floor. She is now recovering again after this fall and hopefully will be joining the family in Berkshire for Christmas.

We wish you all a very happy Christmas and a prosperous 2015.

Mike and Janice