



Girlguiding

18th October 2011

1st Hatfield Broad Oak

Rainbows, Brownies and Guides

girls in the lead

1st Hatfield Broad Oak Girlguiding October term Newsletter

Wow! What a few weeks it's been!! I can't believe that it is half term already, we will be back on the 1st November for the run up to (you know what) and New Year!

What we've been up to!

The Guides had their first **End of Summer Camp** at Nicki's house. We spent two nights under canvas in the lovely surroundings of Nicki's garden, fortunately the weather was kind to us and it was lovely sunny and not too cold at night! We completed our Anglia Outdoor challenge, did lots of camp crafts and had two camp fires (with compulsory marshmallow toasting!) The Brownies came and joined us on the first day and many of them did their swimming badges, they then stayed and joined our campfire that evening, joining in wholeheartedly with our campfire songs.

We then had a stall at the **Dunmow Carnival** in September and managed to raise just over **£150** thanks to cake making by many (especially Sue and Angela – Maddie's mum), beautiful jewellery made by Lara, homemade jam by our very own Sam, and last, but certainly not last, Lisa and her fantastic face painting and glitter tattoos (I had my very first experience of face painting!!) A special mention must also be made to Maddie, Natasha and Celeste who came along and helped man the stall, they did a sterling job drumming up business for Lisa's fantastic artwork!

October the 2nd saw 14 of us making our way to the Wembley Arena, as we were fortunate enough to have got tickets at this years '**Big Gig**' Girlguidings very own annual pop concert. We made it just in time despite London Undergrounds best efforts to thwart us. This year the acts included Ollie Murs (my favourite), The Wanted, and Pixie Lot, who appeared in her Brownie uniform including sash, showing just how many badges she'd earned! After witnessing 12,000 Guides and Senior Section screaming I shall have to invest in some ear plugs for next year!

Fundraising

As you all know we are always looking at ways of raising a few extra pounds to help us provide your girls with all the materials they need to get the most out of Girlguiding.

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Ali Ackhurst took our plea to heart and hosted a fundraising lunch for us on the 7th October, by growing, cooking and advertising her lunch she raised a fantastic **£125** for the girls. So a huge **Thank You** must go to Ali, and to all who enjoyed her soups.

A big **Thank you** must also go the Parish Council for their donation of a large tent to the Guides and £100 of craft materials to the Rainbows.

The girls will all be going home with an Ivory Webb catalogue. We will receive 25% of everything you spend through these, so please have a look for those Christmas cards and wrapping paper, even if you just choose one item it will all be funds we would otherwise not have. I have also looked at running a fruit and veg scheme (for when those that have been lovingly tended all summer and finally been used) this scheme would involve ordering a bag of fruit and/or veg, to be collected from Brownies once a week. Please see attached flyer for further information about this, and let me know if it's something that you would be interested in.

Sixt Care hire. Craig Nash at Sixt car hire has agreed to set up an account for Girlguiding in Hatfield Broad Oak that will earn us 10% commission on every booking he takes through this account. So next time you need to book a van, minibus, etc please consider making a booking through our account and helping us this way as well.

Upcoming events

Christmas Polar Express weekend

From the 25-27th November 1st Hatfield Broad Oak Brownies and Guides are going to Skreens Park, Roxwell. We will be doing lots of Christmasy crafts and activities, including going to see Father Christmas on the Colne Valley railway, who have agreed to put on a train just for us, at a much reduced rate. A big Thank you must go to Craig at Sixt again for letting us have one minibus plus driver free of charge and the other for the much reduced rate of £60. We will be joined on the Saturday by the Rainbows to visit Santa, but would love to invite brothers, sisters, cousins, friends for the Santa Express, please speak to Brown Owl to get any extra Golden Train tickets that you may want. (Flyer attached)

Panto

10th December will see us going to the Panto at the Rhodes Centre, Bishops Stortford to see **Robin Hood and the Babes on the Wood**. I have a few tickets left, so please let me know asap if you'd like to come. (See flyer attached – again!!)

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If you're still reading Well done! Just a little more!

The following girls have earned badges!

Basic Swimming badge: Katie, Megan A, Ava, Bethan

Advanced swimming badge: Hannah, Amber, Olivia C, Bethan

Numbers badge: Amber

Road Safety badge: Olivia C

Cleaning badge: Amber, Ava, Poppy W, Olivia C

Camping badge (Guides - basic): Celeste, Natash, Anderley, Bethany, Lauren, Emma S, Alice (Sheering Guides), Elodie (Sheering Guides)

Everyone has earned their Harlow District Carnival badge!

A huge well done to all of you! I look forward to the next 6 weeks with the run up to Christmas and all the fun we shall have across the units. Don't forget to choose badges to work towards in your own time, and to keep your Girlguiding Promise, not just at the meetings but at home and school as well.

Regards

Alex and team

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