

1st Thurstaston Scouts



Drawing made from sugar as part of the JOTI weekend activities.

Autumn Term Programme

- Fitness Challenge
- Beavan Challenge Camp
- Problem Solving
- JOTI Weekend and Sleepover
- Hallowe'en Pumpkin Carving
- Treat making for Bonfire Night
- District Campfire, Night hike and sleepover

Firstly, an apology!

So far this term we have not given many badges out. This is not because the Scouts have not earned the badges but rather an oversight on our part for not ordering them.

However we have just taken delivery of a huge number of badges and these will be given out in the next week. So apologies that you may have quite a bit of sewing to do!

Many of the badges to be issued date

back to the survival camp and summer camp.



Challenge Badges

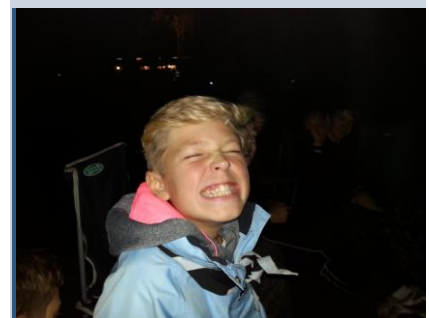
The Challenge Badges are a core part of the activities in Scouting. As Scouts earn their Challenge Badges these build to their Bronze, Silver and Gold Awards. Many of the Scouts who have come through Beavers and Cubs will already have received their Bronze (and possibly Silver Awards) by the time they join Scouts.

This last term we have focused on the Fitness Challenge and Global Challenge. Those Scouts attending the Survival camp, summer camp, Beavan

Challenge camp and the JOTI weekend will be well on their way to have qualified for their Adventure Challenge, Outdoor Challenge and Outdoor Plus Challenge Badges.



"During this term we communicated with Scouts in Portugal, USA, Ukraine, Philippines and on the Afghan- Pakistan border."



Around the fire at the Beavan Camp





The Beavan Challenge Camp

Early in October we took a party of 19 Scouts and Explorers to the Beavan Camp Challenge. This was the largest number of competitors we have taken away for this competition.

Our teams were made up mainly of younger Scouts, so although we did not walk off with any of the prizes, we did well with the limited experience we had. Maybe next year!

The Teams took part in a variety of challenges including mountain biking, hiking, canoeing, shooting, first aid, orienteering and two different camp challenges.

We were blessed with good weather which helped make for a

very good weekend.

As a requirement for a good campfire is to have plenty of chopped wood available the Scout group's latest toy was brought out. An 8lb splitting maul. So much fun, that Carrick and Josh (two of our Young Leaders) were "lent" to 2nd Thingwall to chop wood for their fire!



The splitting maul. Used properly will split tree trunks in half!



JOTI Weekend



Last year, for the first time, on the Friday night of the JOTI (Jamboree on the Internet) we had a little dabble but without any great success due to some IT issues. This year a little more prepared we had a better attempt with some success.

JOTI is in 2 parts. Firstly a series of challenges are given out for Groups to attempt. Usually these challenges take the form of videos or photos or other creative projects. Please see our Facebook page for our contribution which includes a reverse video and a stop motion film of biscuits that move themselves into a Scout's mouth!

The second part of JOTI involves contacting Scouts from overseas. Although we only got to speak to a Group in Portugal via Skype we did speak (via written messages) with Scouts from Ukraine, USA, and a chap near the Pakistan-Afghan border.

At the end of this newsletter is a series of photos that was one of the challenges, to depict the Scout Law in pictures.

Already looking forward to next year's JOTI (if only we could figure out how to make the sound work!)



More of the sugar art for JOTI



Last Friday, both Troops attended the District Campfire at 1st Frankby Greasby's hut. After the campfire 14 of the Scouts and 2 leaders hiked from the venue to Thor's Rock where a game of spotlight was played. From there we hiked to the Dungeon and back along the Wirral Way to the visitor's centre at Thurstaston. There we were met by the mini bus to be brought back to the hut for supper and a sleepover.



Hallowe'en and Bonfire Night

Both Scout Troops had a Hallowe'en fun night. They carved pumpkins and also bobbed for apples.



For Bonfire Night both Troops prepared treats for sale at the Group's Bonfire Party.

Chocolate covered apples were prepared by all the Scouts, whilst Martin Troop also had a go at toffee apples. Richardson Troop were planning to do the same but as the leaders heard how hard it was to clean the pans they thought better of it!



Traditional Scout Law in Photos



A Scout is Trusted



A Scout is Loyal



A Scout is Courteous



A Scout is helpful to others



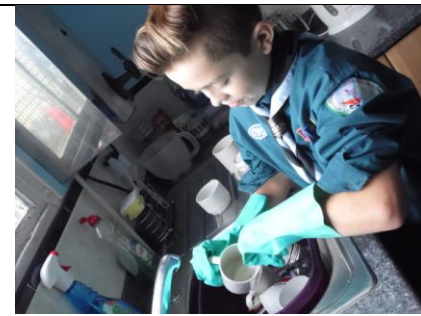
Scout is Friendly



A Scout is a friend to animals



A Scout is thrifty



A Scout obeys orders



A Scout smiles & whistles



A Scout is clean of thought