

# 1st Newport Brownies

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The 1st Newport Brownies have had a very exciting and busy summer term. It started with our annual Pack Holiday weekend away at Thriftwood scout Campsite in Brentwood Essex. Our theme this year was 'I'm a brownie get me out of here!'

Although the weather wasn't on our side for the weekend it didn't stop us having fun and getting covered in mud!

On Saturday we started the day with a game of earth ball which is a giant ball we played different games with. Human Skittles was fun! We had to push the ball to see if it touched the other team. If it did they won a point for their team.

We then 'walked on water' with the water roller on the lake. The brownies looked like little hamsters running in a ball! After lunch we enjoyed the adventure playground and trampolines.

In the evening we all got changed into bug outfits for our Ugly Bug Ball. During the evening the brownies enjoyed our own special Bush Tucker Trials! We had different challenges for the girls to do to win stars for their teams.

Our first trial was 'stars in your eyes'. The girls had a plate of spaghetti and had one minute to collect stars with their mouth. 'Touch and tell' was next - we had 3 different boxes containing different items and the girls had to guess what was inside. The one that challenged them the most was an old potato! Then 'A quick Dip' - the girls where blind folded and had to collect as many stars from a box using one hand. Inside the box were different slimy critters.

'Bug Bowling' is not the normal game of bowling! Each pin had different points on some being plus numbers and some being minus meaning points where deducted from their teams score. We are so mean!!

The best Bush Tucker trial was 'Ant and Dec's Diner' - yes you guessed an eating trial. We organised different foods for the girls to eat to gain more stars for their team. We had frogs spawn (tapioca pudding), cockroach cocktail (banana milkshake with chocolate sprinkles), wiggity grub



(gnocchi on lettuce), and crocodile eye (pickled onion covered in icing)! The brownies that took part in the challenge did very well and found it hilarious once they found out what it really was - the one that got them the most was the cockroach cocktail! They where pinching their nose to drink it ... it's amazing how your mind can play tricks on you.

On Sunday we enjoyed a woodland walk and a session on the Inflate-a-bull. The Inflate-a-bull is a big inflatable bull that you sit on and the rest of the brownies had to pull the straps to knock them off.

As always the brownies favourite part of the holiday was spending their pocket money in the tuck shop. They have to spend every penny!

At Brownies we have been working towards the Home safety badge. The girls learnt how hot is 'hot enough to burn' and how many things in the home could cause a burn or scald. The girls were shocked at some everyday items and how hot they really get. The girls had to draw a giant thermometer and place pictures of house hold items on the temperature they thought it was.

We then taught the brownies how to boil a kettle and make a hot drink safely. They girls then had a challenge to take home and make their mum's and dad's a nice cup of tea. We had some very happy (although slightly nervous) parents!

They then had a check list to do at home to see if there house was safe. Which I am pleased to say most houses were, if they were not, then the parents had a brownie telling them off!

To finish off our badge in September we visited Newport fire Station and a visit from PC Hannah Griffith from Saffron Walden Police Station to learn some more about home safety.

1st Newport Brownies have been working extremely hard building and making things for our Environmental walking Float for Newport Carnival which took place on 7th July. The girls made their own posters, signs, bunting and bugs for our float.

On the day of the carnival the Olympic Torch come through the Village and we were lucky enough to see Jamie Oliver holding the torch though the village. Whilst waiting for the torch to pass, two lucky Brownies and Brown Owl where



interviewed for Anglia News, which was very exciting.

A big Thankyou to the man in Hayling house who gave us some umbrellas to keep us dry.

After the torch had passed we made our way to our carnival float to start the procession. Thankyou Maria Birch for helping us get the Brownies there in a flash.

We carried our float dressed in our bug outfits to Newport Common. We had a great response from the crowds and the Brownies had a fantastic time.

1st Newport Brownies would like to say a Special THANKYOU to:

- Richard Jennings for building our carnival Float.
- Wickes in Bishops Stortford for donating all of the materials for our float.
- Central garage in Newport for letting us use the workshop to build and store the float.
- Rob the Hog for helping transport the float to the start position.
- Mick & Maria Birch for helping keep the float and the Brownies dry on the day!
- Stansted Airport Community Fund for their kind donation. And a BIG THANKYOU to all of the Brownies that attended. WELL DONE GIRLS - you did us proud! **NN**



If your daughter is between 7-10 years old and interested in joining 1st Newport Brownies, please contact Leanne 01799 543606 or Cynthia 01799 541408. Email: leanne1stnewportbrownies@hotmail.com We meet on Friday's at Newport Scout Hut. We currently have a waiting list for under 7's. Put your daughter's name down today to avoid disappointment.



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