

3rd Ockbrook Brownies

2018/2019 has seen Brownies grow from strength to strength in terms of both numbers of girls and a stronger unit team. We were joined in late 2018 by Hilary who is now co-leader with Bex.

April 2018 saw pack holiday at Brook House, Burton On Trent playing outside and making crafts to show who they are as an individual as well as a water fight to top off the weekend.

June saw a painting evening which turned a little messy with us having to hose the girls down after painting with their feet. It also saw a day for our budding young campers, learning how to put up tents and basic skills ready for the first camp.

July saw a visit from Paula and Geanie. The girls had great full stroking Geanie and listening attentively about the work of a guide dog and how they support people like Paula. July also saw Derbyshire County Camp. A big camp for all sections which was attended by unit across Derbyshire. With our very own Bex as co-organiser it was at this event that Hilary took an active role in helping at Brownies when we needed more adults. The girls all had an amazing time, making new friends, trying new things and learning how to wash up (or that was the hope!)

September saw the start of Girlguidings new programme which sees the introduction of new badges, activities and awards. Since September we have had a number of girls complete various badges but the overall favourite appears to be baking!

October saw us selected as Co-Ops Local Cause in Borrowash and over the past few months we have been in co-op bag packing and various fundraising activities to help raise funds at Brownies. We have until October 2019 to raise in store at co-op and hope to continue with our already achieving efforts.

November saw us celebrate UK Parliament week, building Big Ben out of biscuits, deciding what rules they would have if they were in charge and looking at fair rules. The girls all loved receiving their badge.

Clip and Climb was our end of term treat. The girls had a great time climbing with some conquering a fear of heights and racing to the top against their friends.

February saw pack holiday at Glenbrook, Derbyshire looking at all things space. The girls had great fun on the muddy obstacle course with 1 of our older girls needing a shower afterwards!!

February was also our joint Thinking Day event with the rainbows followed by a trip to COSMO. During the day the girls learnt about other countries including India, Africa and Mexico making crafts from those countries including clocks.

March saw Nottinghamshire Gang Show 2019 at the Theatre Royal which was attended by many our girls. The girls enjoyed the show and some even aspired to be in the Derbyshire one when their older.

April saw our trip to Cadburys World, a special day for 3 of our girls who made their promise. The girls got far too much chocolate and had a difficult task of only having £5 to spend in the shop, although it's not surprising that the majority of that went on more chocolate.

Over the last year the girls have worked on a number of badges including first aid, I'm a physicist, I'm a Brownie Get me out of here and many more. We look forward to seeing the girls complete many more badges.

We had a special celebration when 3 of our older girls achieved their Brownie Gold Award, the top award in Brownies and we look forward to more achieving this amazing award.

Finally, we were delighted when we were given the go ahead to open a much-needed Guide Unit in Ockbrook as our oldest girls who we opened Brownies with 3 years ago have now out grown Brownies and are more than ready for Guides. Our oldest Guides along with Hilary and Bex would like to say a massive thankyou to the council for paying for our brand-new flag which we hope will make its first appearance at Remembrance Parade this year. We look forward to opening the doors in September and welcoming our older Brownies as well as some brand new Guides.

'Its amazing what you can achieve when you put your mind to it' Izzy, 3rd Ockbrook Brownies while completing the muddy obstacle course in the cold on pack holiday.