

# Knocklyon Scout Group 112<sup>th</sup> Dublin

## Beaver News

During the month of March, Monday Beavers took a trip to the Hell Fire Club where they hiked, played games and toasted marshmallows. Thursday Beavers enjoyed making Mothers Day Crafts, St Patrick's Day Crafts and Easter crafts. They also visited the Chocolate Warehouse in Walkinstown, visited the Easter Bunny and got a personalised Easter Egg. Well done to Friday Beavers who have completed all their paw print badges. As part of their badge work they went on a torch hike and visited the Church where they were welcomed by Fr. Jimmy. They have also enjoyed the outdoors with a hike on Ticknock.

## Cub News

March was a busy month for all three cub packs. Monday Cubs enjoyed a weekend in the IMC Hut in Glendalough. Taking advantage of unusually sunny weather the cubs savoured the delights of the outdoors with a 9km hike led all the way by the bronze arrows on Saturday. The cubs prepared a special "Scouts Own" on Sunday morning followed by a hike to the Glendalough visitors Centre where everyone spent hours having fun in the sun. Taking advantage of unusually sunny weather the cubs savoured the delights of the outdoors with a 9km hike on Saturday. Bravo to all the cubs, especially the "bronze arrows" who led the way from start to finish. The cubs prepared a special "Scouts Own" on Sunday morning followed by a hike to the Glendalough visitors Centre where everyone spent hours having fun in the sun.

Tuesday Cubs spent the weekend at Slane Farm Hostel where the cubs discovered the historic Hill of Slane and Boyne Valley. They had fun doing Celtic rubbings, balloon shaving and making goggles as well as putting the map and compass skills they had learnt in the Scout Den to practical use in the open countryside. There was craic agus ceoil in the Scout Den when the Tuesday Cubs celebrated St. Patrick's Day with a Ceili. The cubs, dressed all in green, showed off their Irish dancing skills while the leaders (with assistance from some of the cubs who attend the Gaelscoil!) organised games 'as gaelige'. Wednesday Cubs visited the historic city of Kilkenny in early April, staying in Kilkenny Scout Den they explored the many sights and attractions of the local area including the Dunmore Cave. Before Easter the Wednesday Cubs learnt various forms of communication such as morse code, semaphore and sign language earning their communications badge as a result.

## Scout News

The Scouts have been practising their camping skills in preparation for the County Shield Campcraft Competition at the end of April. Over the weekend of March 12th - 14th: the Monday and Thursday Scouts held their first camp in Larch Hill brushing up on their Pioneering, campcraft and cooking skills. This was followed two weeks later by a 3 night camp where the Shield team this time put their bivvy-shelter making, communications and First Aid knowledge into practice. The rest of the scouts set up camp in Larch Hill, then went on a survival camp to Cruagh wood, where they made and slept in bivvy shelters for a night. The two groups joined up together on Sunday afternoon back in Larch Hill to do grass-sledding and outdoor rock-climbing before breaking camp and departing on Monday afternoon.

At the end of the Easter holidays the Munster Mountain Pursuit Challenge took place on Mount Brandon near Dingle with Monday and Wednesday Scouts taking part. Stephen Kiernan, Conor Maguire, Ben Thompson and Mark Quigley survived sweltering conditions to conquer Mount Brandon and complete the challenge. Special praise must go to Stephen Kiernan who succeeded in getting the full triangle of Mountain Pursuit Challenges having completed the County MPC, County Expedition, Leinster, Munster, Ulster and Connaught MPC's. He is only the second scout in the history of Knocklyon scouting to achieve this and is the youngest ever to attain the triangle.

### **And Finally....**

We have recently completed work to improve the outside of our Scout Den which has given us a grass area to pitch tents and play games. As a result of this we have brought into operation a new one way system, entering the Den from the new entrance beside the M50 pedestrian bridge and exiting via the old entrance. We would ask all parents and visitors to the Den to follow the new system.

We would like to thank the Parish for their kind donation which has been used to purchase new camping equipment for the three cub packs. We would also like to congratulate Alan Waters on his recent appointment as County Commissioner for the Montpelier Scout County and thank him for all his hard work as a scout leader and group secretary for the 112<sup>th</sup>.

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