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#13th Bromley



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Your regular newsletter from the 13th Bromley Boys Brigade

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## Captains message

I hope this newsletter finds you and your family well at this very challenging time. This is an opportunity to look back at all the successes over the last few months.

I'm incredibly proud to see the involvement of our younger members in our BB@Home program. We were the first company in the UK to launch this and both the Boys and Girls Brigade UK followed up with their own programmes a week later called BB@Home and GB@Home. I'm very sure we had a strong influence in the name!!!

Please do encourage friends and neighbours to join in. When we are finally able to return to our usual weekly meetings they may wish to come along and join in the adventure...

**Stuart Barker, Company Captain**



## Bromley Battalion swimming gala

January saw our first joint swimming team with the 1st St Mary Cray Girls' Brigade.

The guys and girls smashed it winning the Intermediate shield, Senior shield, 100 meters cup as well as being crowned the overall winners.

There were wins for all the girls that were taking part against the boys. A great team effort from our youth at The Temple URC.

Also a big thank you to all staff who gave up their time to organize and run the competition.

Thanks guys.



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## Bromley Battalion table tennis

There were some outstanding performances from the boys at the Bromley Battalion Table Tennis in early February.

We had 1st Place Senior Boy, 1st Place Junior Boy, 1st Place Junior Team and 2nd Place Senior Team.

There was such a great turn out and it took nearly 4 hours to get through all the games!

## BB@Home

As we have had to take an unfortunate break from BB the 13th Boys Brigade has launched its new BB@Home programme bringing you weekly brigade resources, fun and challenges to complete at home.

If you'd like to take part or see what the kids have been up to please visit the 13th Bromley Facebook page at the following link: <https://www.facebook.com/13thBromley>





### London Cross Country

It's been a very long time since the 13th competed at the Boys' Brigade in London Cross Country competition.

Our small team did great achieving 1st, 2nd and 3rd place.

Thanks to the staff from West Kent Battalion Boys' Brigade for arranging the event. There was a lovely friendly atmosphere, not to mention great weather.

### Baby training?

The boys had a special visitor from the 1st St Mary Cray Girls' Brigade in February. Our visitor quizzed them on a few baby facts, had them explore a bag of mystery and even had them changing a baby (ish). They could only be trusted with fruit at though...



By the second week the boys were sampling real baby food and learning how they can make their own in the future for a fraction of the cost. They then met the companies youngest and cutest recruit.



### Astro Anchors

The company hosted an Anchor Boy activity afternoon in February that was themed about space.

It was great seeing so many different companies from across the Battalion working together to provide a fantastic afternoons worth of fun.

There were Pod Races, rocket building and great fun was had by all.

A big thank you to staff from across the Battalion for coming to support and supervise all the young people.



### Woodworking 101

You might remember from our last newsletter that the boys were working on their woodworking skills and building their own bird boxes. The boys have now finished their boxes and distributed them in the community.

You can see a short video of the whole building process on the following link:

<https://en-gb.facebook.com/13thBromley/videos/514283449141048/>

Well done guys.

