

THE BOYS' BRIGADE

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Your regular newsletter from the 13th Bromley Boys' Brigade

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Captain's message

As we navigate our way through the numerous COVID challenges and we hear about the devastating effect it is having on some youth activities, it is important to acknowledge all of the positives that can be recognised within our own Boys' Brigade Company. Whilst our staff have continued to meet regularly and plan our way forward there are many BB companies who have already announced they will not be returning at all.

It has been great to see many of our Boys' and Girls' Brigade members joining in with our online activities through BB&GB@home. It was wonderful to see so many of our existing members return when we resumed Face to Face meetings as well as welcome some new members to our Organisation.

Throughout this period we have been lucky to have a backbone of dedicated staff who have continued to ensure the Company continues to function financially and practically and will continue to do so into the future. We have maintained our impressive online presence, as well as developing our own YouTube channel.

Whilst there is still some uncertainty we can be confident the Company will maintain its strong foundation and its anchor will remain steadfast and sure! Thank you to all our parents for their continued support. Wishing you all much safety this Christmas

Stuart Barker, Company Captain



Captain's cookoff

In November we had our first ever Captain's cookoff.

Well done to all the young people who took part, you cooked up a gastronomic delight which we are sure all your families enjoyed. Looking forward to next years cookoff already.



BB YouTube Channel

Don't forget to subscribe to our YouTube channel where you can view many years' worth of the 13th Bromley Boys' Brigade's history. Link below:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC_QMqdg4NKepQ0gWL8x6I9A



BB&GB@Home

BB&GB@Home is our flagship 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>

Pumpkin carving contest

We had lots of entries for this years pumpkin carving contest.

Well done to all of the boys and the girls from the 1st St Mary Cray Girls' Brigade who took part.



This year's winning pumpkin was from Ross Partridge with his Boys' Brigade Anchor. Well done Ross.



Sunflower growing competition

During the Spring and Summer period the young people (as well as a few older young people) took part in a sunflower growing competition to see who could grow the tallest.

Over 200 hundred seeds were planted and we had lots of different submissions.

However this year's winner was our GB Captain Emma who managed to grow her sunflower to a whopping height of 4.5m. Congratulations Emma.



Anchors Away

During October the Anchor Boys learnt about the history of the Boys' Brigade and why we use an anchor as our symbol.

This was followed by a socially distant colouring competition to see who could colour in the best BB anchor. You can see some of the amazing entries below.



Reflection from Revd. Andy Coyne



This year has not been easy, the outbreak of Covid 19, the requirement to stay at home and self-isolate has affected everyone in different ways.

It has also prevented us from our usual BB and GB activities. Despite trying to re-open, new restrictions have further hindered meeting together. Yet despite these restrictions a great deal of activities, events and competitions have taken place as well as people helping to distribute food, gifts and leaflets to those locked in their homes. This has been a huge help to the Temple Church community who have been greatly restricted in what they can do, as well as being fun for those involved.

I would like to thank personally all of you for your involvement especially parents and staff who continue to support and encourage the Girls' and Boys' Brigade. Special thanks must go to both Brigade Captains Stuart Barker and Emma Rayner and their officers and staff who with sheer determination, passion and creativity have managed to reflect the mottos of both Companies. To seek, serve and follow Christ, who is the anchor of our faith and to be steadfast and sure in all we do.

As Christmas approaches and we look forward to sharing the fun of presents and family, we remember God's greatest present is Jesus who through his birth and death is now present with us always.

May his peace keep us steadfast and sure through all we face this Christmas season.