

## Junior Section Boys' Brigade

Our session started off with our planned trip to Blair Drummond Safari Park along with the Anchors. We were blessed with good weather which enabled everyone to enjoy a picnic lunch and make use of the many outdoor attractions within the park.

The boys even managed to zip wire across the Alligator infested lake. (OK it really was just the boating pond). And take command of the play fort for some climbing & sliding fun.

In true form some 24 very tired boys and 10 even more tired officers arrived safely back at the Church around teatime.

As mentioned in our last newsletter we celebrate the Centenary of Juniors this year and we have been busy doing various challenges and activities to mark this milestone in our history.

At the beginning of October all the Juniors and the three boys who moved up to Company Section at the display joined other sections for a battalion event.

We left Lenzie Old Parish Church on an open top bus and travelled through Glasgow to the National Football Museum at Hampden where the boys were given a grand tour of the stadium and a guided tour of the museum followed by a packed lunch within the stadium before returning to Lenzie for juice & birthday cake.

Sadly this time around the weather was not as warm & sunny however this did not detract from a great day out along with other juniors from Strathkelvin.

Our own birthday celebration was linked to our annual Halloween Party so that the Anchors could help us celebrate. It was the usual SPOOKTAKULAR event with some 24 guests including Dracula & several Darth Vaders enjoying sticky doughnuts, dooked apples and yes even more Birthday cake.

We are also working through a challenge sheet for this year as part of the centenary so if you are in the small hall pop in and have a look at how well we are doing. We doubt if we will make all 100 challenges but we will try our best.

The numbers remain steady at the moment and the attendance has been very good indeed. Our squads are now set and we are starting to practice for the figure marching and early indications are that we may have a good chance in 2018.

Our next big event will be our joint Christmas Party with the Anchors but sadly we ate all the birthday cake at Halloween so we will need to see what other goodies we can find in the cupboard.

On behalf of all the boys & staff may I take this opportunity to wish each and every one of you a Blessed & Peaceful Christmas

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