

# ANNUAL REPORT



2020

# FROM OUR PRESIDENT

The 2019-2020 session began with much excitement for several Rangers who travelled to World Centres in Sangam in India, and Pax Lodge in London.

Sadly due to COVID-19 many County events had to be cancelled; the Fun Day for Rainbows and Brownies and the County Camp for Guides and Rangers. The County team adjusted to a new way of Guiding by holding a virtual camp called Llama Fiesta when the girls were invited to put up tents or build a den in their own homes!

I am full of admiration for the different methods adopted by the Guiders and Commissioners to keep the girls engaged and huge thanks must go to them for their enormous efforts.

The spirit of Guiding is certainly alive and well in Moray and as I am retiring as President I send you all my very best wishes for the future.

*Hilda MacKessack-Leitch. DL.*



# FROM THE COUNTY COMMISSIONER

What a strange year 2020 has been for us all. Who would have thought we could cram so much into 6 months before we went into lockdown? Guides and Rangers went to Holland and India, Brownies had sleep overs and Rainbows built dens. Girls slept at Innoflate and bounced the night away; we sang along to Lewis Capaldi; made slime and drew with robots! We cheered once again with Cammie and Fanny and booed at the baddie when we all went to Eden Court to see Beauty and the Beast. Some visited Our World Centres and we celebrated World Thinking Day by participating in the Living Threads challenge teaching us about equity and inclusion and celebrating the diversity in our communities and beyond.

Then one evening in March the Country came to a standstill just as we were planning our County Camp! We were all asked to stop our meetings and stay at home with our families to keep safe and protect everyone. We complied but it was so hard not seeing the girls every week, camps were cancelled, fun days postponed and events put on hold.

So many things have changed since the beginning of 2020, but as ever our amazing volunteers here in Moray stepped up to the challenge, after realising the enormity of what was happening across the country. Our volunteers began making and sending out packs, encouraged girls to complete interest badges and learnt to communicate by social media and conferencing technology.

Girlguiding sent out challenges - whether you worked towards your 'Guiding at home' and 'Guiding at Home' or Netherurd Challenges we proudly received our badges of achievement. Girls sent letters to care homes, one Brownie danced on the street to brighten everyone's day, we clapped and banged pans to thank the NHS, and we lit our own Guiding lights every Sunday evening. Zoom became the buzz word of the Guiding fraternity where meeting up virtually became the new way to stay in touch, have a chat and helped to keep meetings going with the girls. Virtual scavenger hunts, quizzes, baking and dancing in our sitting rooms as everyone joining in at home became the 'new norm'. Unmute, mute were the words of the meetings as the girls all chatted at the same time! What an amazing way to communicate Guiding has moved with the times and the future looks so positive in terms of never missing a meeting - should it snow!

Moray held its very first virtual camp -Llama fiesta. Over 288 members from across Scotland joined in - building dens and pitching tents at home - mums and dads (experiencing a wee bit of what it's like when we go away with the girls - only we usually have a whole unit making rainbow bubble blowers and lava lamps!!) Brothers and sisters joined in the excitement, with a special visit from Auld Mill alpaca's joining us live on zoom.

As we move towards being able to meet face to face either outdoors or indoors times are changing again. Social distancing brings its own challenges the 2-metre rule is not as easy as it seems when asking teenagers to step back! As we don our face masks, wash our hands one more time; who would believe it no Taps, Brownie bells or Rainbow songs!! Everyone is beginning to adapt and develop new ways to deliver exceptional experiences for the girls here in Moray allowing them to continue their Guiding journey and supporting their mental well-being. I am so proud of all our volunteers who have made such a difference in the lives of so many girls in Moray. Thank you all for your continued support. Remember you made a difference in 2020, be proud of what you have achieved you are special people. We have welcomed new leaders and said goodbye to others. We now say a fond farewell to our wonderful County President Hilda, thank you for the support and encouragement you have given us all over the last few years we hope you stay in touch and wish you well.

As we look forward to 2021, let's keep the Guiding spirit alive; continue to share the friendship, fun and adventure we have all shared together.

Here's to 2021!

Stay safe everyone

*Alison*



## Elgin Landward District

Elgin Landward has been super busy working together to create great memories for all our members.

In November, we all met up on Elgin High Street for Remembrance Sunday. As always, the girls did us all super proud coming along in full uniform to pay their respects. We laid a joint wreath with Elgin and Lhanbryde District.



At Christmas time we had our Christmas Extravaganza. With help and organisation from the wonderful leaders and Trefoil Guild, all members had a fantastic evening with a bouncy castle from Jump For Joy Moray, glitter tattoos, some yummy treats and juice, reindeer crafts and Christmas colouring. Throughout the evening we had special guests including... a snowman and SANTA. Santa, joined in with some singing and dancing before giving all the girls some goodies to go home with. Over 100 members had a fantastic night with Christmas music and glitter getting everyone into the festive spirit.



For World Thinking Day we all got together at the New Elgin Hall for an afternoon of fun. Using the 5 continents we flew around the world. Starting in Europe, Moyra and Helen organised a Europe quiz teaching us about the different cities and what countries are famous for. Flying over to Asia Elaine had organised some origami; the girls really enjoyed it and loved getting to take home the dog or cat they had made. Over in the kitchen we went to America where the girls had some yummy pancakes with the Trefoil Guild along with making indoor yummy s'mores with Janice.



In the noisy part of the hall, Lori organised making Didgeridoos all the way from Australia; they were bright, colourful and also very noisy. Over to the wild side, Vicky organised animal masks where girls learned different animals from Africa. Each unit performed a different traditional song on stage and we all joined in before enjoying a mini disco with lots of dancing and singing.

At the end of the day, Elaine led a presentation on World Thinking Day and we all renewed our promises and sang our goodbye songs. All leaders did a great job to make sure all girls had a fantastic afternoon.

All these events and memories would not be possible without our amazing leaders; I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every one. During this strange time, it's lovely to see so many still keeping in contact. Take care and hopefully we will be meeting for a nice cuppa soon.





## 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> New Elgin Guides and Elgin Landward Rangers

This year has been a busy one again for us.

We started off last August with the Rangers taking part in their Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Expedition. Jenna, Caitlyn, Olivia, Leah and Lucy walked from Lossiemouth to Findhorn stopping at Roseisle, where they spent the night. The weather was very wet on the second day and it took them all their determination to get to Findhorn.



The following weekend the Rangers had a much more relaxing trip to the Tartan Gig. They travelled down by train on the Friday and went to see Grease before having a day shopping in Glasgow. The Rangers met up with the Guides and they all had a wonderful time. They were very impressed by Lewis Capaldi.



We got right into the new programme and did many of the UMAs and Skills Builder activities.



We had a Body Shop party to raise the money for our badge books and more.

Outfit Moray did sessions for us in October with half of us climbing at RAF Lossiemouth the other half of us did some cycling around Lossie forest.

We all attended the pantomime at Eden Court in December where guides Indy, Katie and Imogen and Rangers Abigail and Charlotte made their promises. Our final night before the holidays was a District Christmas Party complete with bouncy castle, glitter tattoos and Oreo robins.

Thinking Day was another district get together and we used the theme of looking back and tried out some traditional games and made traditional toys.

Our final fling before lockdown was a joint sleepover with 3rd New Elgin Brownies and 1st and 2nd New Elgin Guides at Innoflate, Aberdeen in March.





We have been busy trying out lots of different Skills Builders and UMAs, they have been great fun. We learnt how to tie our laces along with lots of different knots and bows. We collected our plastic rubbish for a week and took it in to show and learn how much plastic we use; we made a huge line of all the stuff we brought in. We decorated a pot and planted a seed to give to someone we are thankful for.

During Lockdown Lucy Paul, Jenna Milton, Caitlyn McGilly and Leah Topp had their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Awards approved and we are just waiting till we can be together again to get them presented.

We really enjoyed when our leaders took in some boxes of rubbish and we made 'Rubbish Robots'.

### 1<sup>st</sup> New Elgin Rainbows

We have done lots of different fun activities over the last year, here are some of our favourite bits.



We had a great time at Elgin Library. We met Zoe the library assistant who gave us a great tour around the library and even into the secret room. We also did a quiz round the library finding all the different sections. Before going home, Zoe read us a story in the children's story area. The following week at Rainbows we made thank you cards and sent them to Zoe for letting us spend an evening with her down at the library.

We also learned how to help mum and dad change batteries in some of our toys. We all had a shot of helping using screwdrivers to take the screws in and out. At the Rainbow fun day, we had a fantastic time getting together with all the other rainbows doing lots of different activities. We also enjoyed joining with other Girlguiding Moray members to see the pantomime at Christmas time. We really enjoyed our district Christmas Extravaganza and World Thinking Day events.



We have also been to Pinz where we had great fun playing at Planet Pinz with juice and biscuits. We had good fun at our Hallowe'en Party; we looked for apples, made our Halloween hair bands and played games.



Thank you to all the leaders and young leaders for all your help in organising fun activities.



## 5<sup>th</sup> New Elgin Brownies

What a year this has been my first year as leader of 5<sup>th</sup> New Elgin Brownies.

We started the year off with the new programme and we managed to complete our first Skills Builder badge - Innovate Stage 2. The girls worked really hard to complete this badge both at meetings and at home.

We celebrated Hallowe'en with the guides, attended Remembrance Parade, we had fun (and made a lot of mess) learning to write in Chinese for Chinese New Year. We especially enjoyed the Christmas Extravaganza and World thinking Day.



At the start of 2020 we welcomed 2 new Brownies to the unit who have settled in extremely well.

Lockdown came and we engaged at the start with clapping for carers.



Easter packs were sent out with activities for the girls to do at home. After Easter I had to take a break from Guiding to concentrate on my family and work; however we came back together for the Llama Fiesta and had THE best time.

We are now doing online weekly activities through our Facebook page with an aim to complete another Skills Builder in the near future. We look forward to when we can meet again in person.

I would like to take this time to thank everyone for making me feel so welcome especially to Lorna and Kirsty for answering all my questions. However, my biggest thank you has to go to Doreen for her continuing support at our meetings and behind the scenes.

## 2<sup>nd</sup> New Elgin Brownies

What a fantastic year we have had. As part of parliament week, we got into different groups to create our own 'parties' to help decide what song would be our 'Going out' song for 2020. The girls all worked together to choose their parties name along with a song. They stood on stage and told us why we should vote for their party and song. At the end, we used poll cards to vote. The winning song was 'Can't stop the feeling' by Justin Timberlake. We also learnt a bit about the UK and Scottish parliaments and who was who and what their job involved. Thanks to the UK Parliament, we all received a certificate and badge.



For Children in Need we all came to Brownies in our pyjamas and did lots of different one minute challenges including a silence, run, skip, sing and lots more. We donated some pennies to Children in Need.

Twinkle Owl and Sparkle Owl just LOVE Christmas. We had 5 nights of Christmas activities including; Christmassy games, lots of songs, making up our own 12 days of Christmas dance, lots of glittery crafts and so much more. We had our own mission where we made 70 cards which we posted out to people living on their own or living in care homes that didn't have many people around at Christmas time. Kayla, one of our Brownies, took some of the cards together with some she had made herself to the Christmas dinner organised by the Elgin Elves in the Bishopmill hall on Christmas Day.

We all had a fantastic time at the Panto, Beauty and the Beast was brilliant and the ice cream was super yummy. Thank you to everyone who organised it.



We have also been working on UMAs and Skills Builders. We loved doing Trash Fashion, we all took in our rubbish (don't worry, it was clean) and used it to make some clothes. We had a catwalk where we showed off all our outfits.



We also really enjoyed Room in a Box. We all took in a shoe box and emptied the Brownies craft boxes. We designed our bedroom using lots of bits and bobs.



Pop up Shop was great, we had lots of different shops, some selling jokes, others selling paper aeroplanes. We all had our Brownie pounds and we went round each pop up shop, and the owners tried to sell us their products. We ended the night with a money race. The girls had a bag of real money; a leader would shout out an amount, the group who could get the correct amount first got a point. We also learnt all about personal hygiene and how to wash out hands properly using glitter (that went everywhere)

#### 'Guiding At Home'

Since lockdown, we have completed lots of badges and activities at home. These include baking, mindfulness, languages and so much more. Mums and dads have been great sharing what they have been up to in lockdown on our Facebook page. Brownies also completed Mission: Promise where they were all secret agents and had packs to work through different activities and challenges. We all have done lots of colouring in and decorated our windows for those passing to see.

We have taken part in a toilet roll challenge along with the Ice Bucket Challenge. For each Brownie who did the Ice Bucket Challenge, when we get back to Brownies, they get to throw a bucket of water over Sparkle Owl. (We are up to 12 buckets so far. Oh oh)



We have also started our own cookbook with all our Brownies favourite recipes.



### 1<sup>st</sup> New Elgin Brownies

1<sup>st</sup> New Elgin Brownies have had a fun filled, busy year again. Highlights are lots of joined up fun with the district; Remembrance service, Christmas Extravaganza, the Panto trip and of course Thinking Day.



We all got out in our uniforms to clap for the wonderful key workers and NHS staff on a Thursday night. #Uniforms4Uniforms



We have enjoyed new crafts, games and also had a sleepover. Our Harry Potter night with potion making and chocolate frog eating was a huge hit and so much fun.



Thank you to all who organised the Llama Fiesta, we all had a great weekend.



## 2<sup>nd</sup> New Elgin Rainbows

We started off our 19/20 year back with a day volunteering at Moray School Bank. Some of the Rainbows and their grown-ups came along and we made up pencil cases to go in with school bags and uniforms that are given to children that might otherwise go without. We then got the chance to pick out the clothing items that were needed for individual children. Even Abigail's Grandpa...all the way from Australia was given a job to do.



Back to Tuesdays we got up to loads of different activities and games. From assault courses (that our parent helpers were not going to get away without joining in too...thankfully they loved it and said they'd come back again) to changing batteries, fancy dress games to making tap shoes, we had so much fun.

We joined all the other units for panto, Beauty and the Beast and even got out pictures taken with some of the cast.



Mia raised the unit some money with a fundraiser so we decided we would all go on a 'day camp' at The Loft in a wigwam. The Rainbows did pottery painting, fed the goats; we ate lunch and played games in the wigwam, went on a fairy hunt and even squeezed in a campfire and songs before home time.



I was lucky enough to get to join our Guide helpers Madison and Tia and their unit at the Tartan Gig in Glasgow.

Two of our Rainbows moved up to different Brownie Units to continue their Guiding adventures and we gained another from a Unit in Cyprus.

One of our last meetings was World Thinking Day when we travelled around the world in an afternoon with a Euro Quiz, didgeridoos, origami, pancakes and s'mores, animal masks and we finished with Guiding's Got Talent where each unit performed on the stage, we sang Boom Chicka Boom.

When we had to stop meetings due to COVID-19 we've kept in touch with all the girls during lockdown and the phases since and we linked up with another Rainbow Unit in Cannock, Staffordshire and each of the girls exchanged addresses and now has pen friend!

Llama Fiesta (online) Camp was great fun; we camped out in our living room and took part in the activities and crafts.

Our hope, going forward, as a unit is to start badge work and weekly challenges online, and have a monthly outdoor meeting...until we can resume 'normal' Rainbow antics.



**1<sup>st</sup> Burghead Rainbows and  
 1<sup>st</sup> Burghead Brownies**

It's been a really busy year for the Rainbows and Brownies in Burghead. We moved to a new building which has given the Brownies in particular loads more room for activities - parachute ahoy!



We have loved designing and decorating our new noticeboard too and have welcomed several new members as well.

More space has meant we could do lots of joint activities like a really successful coffee morning to raise funds and our first Christmas crafts and sleepover.



All the girls were brilliant and everyone had a very festive time. The two units also worked together to put up tents and campfires for our Camp Stage 2 badges as well as earning our Hallowe'en badges together with a range of creepy activities - we loved the corpse outlines. Brownies and Rainbows alike have really benefited from the peer support and encouragement in these occasional sessions and we have really noticed the increase in their self-esteem and confidence.

Other activities within each unit have included boat building, a BSL visit from Mary and her Hearing Dog Scott, learning lots of new songs, planting Pots of Kindness to hide around the village, building hedgehog houses, writing letters to old folks homes, painting Easter sheep, collecting donations for and learning how to microchip with Amanda from Cats Protection, plaiting bracelets and talking about good deeds, and much much more.

The girls have also earned lots of new badges and some girls in both units are on track for Silver and Gold Awards!



The lockdown has obviously sent some plans awry but we have enjoyed keeping in touch with the girls over Facebook and offering them the chance to do badges at home, if they want. So far we have had girls completing Netherurd, Guiding at Home and several interest badges already. So lovely to see the girls still enjoying their badge challenges, even with the business and stress of life under lockdown.

We have had a really wonderful year with our girls and cannot wait to see them again after the summer.



## 1<sup>st</sup> Hopeman Brownies

### 1<sup>st</sup> Hopeman Guides

We restarted back after the summer break at the end of August with 12 guides.

This is our second year with the new program. All guides went to the Tartan Gig and had a great time; this was a great experience for the girls.

In November along with the Rainbows, Brownies and the local Scout groups we attended the community led Remembrance Day service in the local memorial hall.

In December along with the Rainbows and Brownies we all had a great day at the pantomime in Eden Court. The girls all sang Christmas carols at the switch on of the Christmas lights.

In January the guides helped with a craft afternoon in the memorial hall that Rainbow Eva Burton organised to raise money for the kangaroos suffering after the bushfires in Australia.

In February we all attended the Thinking Day Service in the local Church of Scotland led by Rev Jenny Adams and pastor of the Baptist church Matt Moeller with all guiding and scouting groups taking an active part.

The unit all achieved badges, made crafts and did some baking and cooking over the weeks. We have not met since lock down but have kept in touch with parents. Hopefully we will all meet again at the end of August.

1<sup>st</sup> Hopeman Brownies have had lots of fun times. We have completed some Skills Builder badges and we are working towards the "Be Well" theme award. As part of the mindfulness badge we had an NHS specialist come and do a session where we all learnt what mindfulness is and how to incorporate it into our everyday lives (very useful at the moment!) The girls loved it although as you can imagine there were a few giggles when attempting the deep breathing and relaxation exercise!!



We had a local boxer attend a meeting and show us some moves as part of the Triple Boxer brownie activity.



The girls found their inner Versace during a trash fashion night. They were very inventive with their outfits and showed them off well in a fashion show at the end of the evening.

Our local fire safety officer came and gave the girls a presentation on fire safety in the home - the leaders learnt some new things too and it certainly made us think.

We have taken time out since the COVID outbreak but are looking forward to restarting with outdoors meetings - let's hope the sun shines.



## 1<sup>st</sup> Duffus Rainbows

In September we said goodbye to our Duke of Edinburgh Helpers and wished them well on the next part of their journey.



Our Unit leader Angela's husband's company 'Boortmalt' kindly donated a new First Aid Kit for our Unit. We enjoyed looking at its contents and discussing how we might use them.



We started our 'Have Adventures' Theme Award by creating passports for our favourite teddy and then recorded their adventures during the October school holiday. What a lot of different places the bears visited. In October the Rainbows took part in the Moray Rainbow STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) Fun Day. They thoroughly enjoyed all the activities they took part in and were delighted to receive another badge for their tabard.



In November we created our own poppies to present at the Remembrance Service. We also learnt a poem about the poppy which was videoed and shown at the Hopeman Memorial Hall for the annual Remembrance Day Service where our Rainbows joined other Rainbows, Brownies, Guides, Beavers, Cubs and Scouts.



As part of our badge work we decorated terracotta plant pots before planting autumn bulbs in them. We decided to think of others and delivered them to older members of the Duffus Church Community along with cards.

In December the Rainbows went to Eden Court with other Moray Guiding members to see the pantomime 'Beauty and the Beast' - lots of very excited girls!



In January we continued our badge work by creating a seasons calendar focussing on a different season each week. Our families were delighted with their new calendar.



Duffus Rainbows all received sunflower seeds to plant for themselves as well as a friend or neighbour. They were encouraged to have a competition to see whose seed grew the tallest.

### 1<sup>st</sup> Hopeman Rainbows

1<sup>st</sup> Hopeman Rainbows have been busy learning sign language we then presented a Rainbow Promise as part of our church service we also had one Rainbow who helped organise a coffee morning and fun day to fundraise for koalas in Australia after the bush fires.

In February the girls joined other Rainbows, Brownies, Guides, Beavers, Cubs and Scouts for a Thinking Day Service at Hopeman Church of Scotland. They renewed their promise with the other Rainbows.



In March the girls were encouraged to help around the home. Some of the activities they helped with included watering plants, collecting the recycling and put it in the recycling bin, helping a brother or sister, making their bed... The girls enjoyed sharing how they had done this with their friends through photos, pictures and discussion.



During lockdown some of the girls took part in the 'uniforms for uniforms clap for carers' as well as sharing some of their Rainbow window art work on the Girlguiding Moray Facebook page.

We also enjoyed our outing to the panto and our Christmas party. We are all looking forward to getting back to Rainbows.



## 2<sup>nd</sup> Lossiemouth Rainbows

Fruit kebabs and edible beaches are certainly favourites of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Lossiemouth Rainbows when we celebrate Pot of Gold Parties; this year's party themes included unicorns and a tent-tastic night! Our miniature gardens were displayed at the Lossiemouth flower show and our plastic promise sculptures are still on show in our hall.



We had an awesome time at the county Rainbow STEM day and a merry, jolly time on the county pantomime trip. We enjoyed a variety of activities, including the Thinking Day 2020 activities, and have built up our skills of Be Well, Innovate and Skills For My Future too.

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Lossiemouth Brownies

2<sup>nd</sup> Lossiemouth Brownies entered celebration cards into the 40<sup>th</sup> Lossiemouth Flower Show.



We donated food hampers to Lossiemouth Community Council's Mrs Santa appeal before succumbing to the lights and laughter of the Pantomime with the rest of the county.



Plastic promise sculptures and string art decorations have brightened our hall and homes. We completed Be well, Innovate and Skills For My Future yet still made the time for the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion themed activities for Thinking Day 2020.

## 4<sup>th</sup> Lossiemouth Guides

The girls started the year off with a trip away to Glasgow for the Tartan Gig, it was pink flashing bunny ears all round while dancing in time with some great performances.



The dancing was then swapped for swimming leaning to paddle board at Lossiemouth beach.



Great efforts were made by all the girls at the yearly Christmas concert with their singing, dancing and poems. They added to it all by working on their John Muir awards.



## 1<sup>st</sup> Keith Brownies

During the autumn term we took part in a community concert at the Longmore Hall where we had a pretend campfire on stage and sang campfire songs.

The winter term saw us attend and march in both Newmill and Keith Remembrance Day parades. We hosted Hallowe'en and Christmas parties. We had a Christmas comes early sleepover at Cullen Residential Centre which was great fun.



We visited Eden Court Theatre to see the pantomime Beauty and the Beast. The fun continued when we did a night carol singing in our local Spar.



Our spring and summer terms were not as we had planned, due to Coronavirus we stopped meeting face to face from March until the end of the summer term. We did however start virtual Facebook room meetings from May. Lots of brownies have continued to work on various badges including the Netherurd Challenge and the Guiding at Home challenge badges. Eight girls joined and thoroughly enjoyed Girlguiding Moray's first ever virtual event Llama Fiesta.

## 4<sup>th</sup> Keith Brownies

4<sup>th</sup> Keith Brownies have had a very busy year.

In the spring we worked towards the Easter Challenge badge.

Eight of the girls worked towards the Charities badge. Mollie raised money for the Brain Tumour Charity. As a whole the girls raised more than £700 for a variety of charities.



At Christmastime we supported the Shoebox Appeal. We raised money for goodies by saving our money in Smartie tubes; we bought loads of nice things and filled four shoeboxes. We donated lots of leftover goodies to the charity so that they could fill more boxes.

We practised pitching a tent and even slept in one (in the hall) during our sleepover. We had a great time doing lots of fun activities.



We celebrated Thinking Day and during lockdown we clapped and made noise for the NHS.



### 1<sup>st</sup> Keith Guides

What a busy time we had last summer, we joined Gordon Guides for a two night camp at Haddo House in July and in August three guides and a guide leader joined Gordon Guides for a 13 night camp in Holland to the Haarlem Jamboree.



At the end of August we travelled by train to Glasgow to attend the 2019 Tartan Gig.



We stayed overnight in a nearby youth hostel and had a fantastic day trip to the Glasgow Science Centre.

At the end of the autumn term we took part in a community concert at the Longmore Hall where we had a pretend campfire on stage and sang campfire songs.

During the winter term we attended and marched in both Newmill and Keith Remembrance Day parades. We had amazing fun when we hosted Hallowe'en and Christmas parties. We also had a Christmas Craft Day at Newmill Hall. We had a super time when we visited Eden Court Theatre to see the pantomime Beauty and the Beast. A night carol singing in our local Spar proved to be great fun.

Our spring and summer terms didn't quite go to plan when due to Coronavirus we stopped meeting face to face in March. We did however start virtual Zoom meetings from May. Five girls joined and thoroughly enjoyed Girlguiding Moray's virtual event Llama Fiesta.

### 1<sup>st</sup> Keith Rainbows

1<sup>st</sup> Keith Rainbows have enjoyed working towards lots of interest badges with family tree and animal lover both proving popular.

We had our annual sleepover in October completing a Rainforest Challenge which involved lots of crafts and finished with a chocolate tasting session



## 1<sup>st</sup> Cullen Guides

The year started off with a highlight - The Tartan Gig. As always the Guides had a ball and it was even more special in the Hydro. Lewis Capaldi was definitely the favourite with our girls (and leaders)

In September we presented the last of our BP Awards at an afternoon (evening) tea to 3 of our girls who finished their badge in June. What a great achievement by all of them.

We then had a fitness night at Blitz Fitness run by one of our guide's parents. We all got a great workout. We finished the autumn term with a visit from the Buckie Pottery Company where we made pots of all shapes and sizes.

In the winter term we had our annual Hallowe'en Party and worked on the Future Girl challenge.



As well as making our own poppy brooches for the Remembrance Service we attended, we made log snowmen and decorated Christmas candles to sell at the switching on of the local Christmas Lights.



We finished the year with a trip to Mcdonalds and Ten Pin Bowling in Elgin.

We have worked on the new programme with the older girls working on level 4 and the youngest on level 3. We like how the UMAs let us all work together.

The spring term saw us making soap and looking at natural cosmetics. We also baked for our coffee morning on Thinking Day - tasting of course, as well as freezing our home bakes. The girls helped on the day by running stalls.



We also visited a local pantomime which starred one of our older girls. Brogan did a fantastic job. Pancake Day was celebrated with a pancake challenge and of course making pancakes. The Guides had chosen to go swimming at our local pool which turned out to be one of our last meetings before meeting virtually. Our virtual meetings have been fun. There's been lots of chat, laughter and games.



Some of our girls have also completed the Guiding at Home badge.



### 1<sup>st</sup> Buckie Rainbows

1<sup>st</sup> Buckie rainbows have had a busy year. We managed to get out for a few of our meetings going to Lynzie Gordon Park, which the girls loved. We also went to the pot of Linn where we played parachute games, skipping and ran races. We have worked on our badge books, which the girls have enjoyed. During the autumn term, we worked on save the planet badge. The girls made dolphins out of plastic bottles and really got into recycling.



For our end of term at summer, we had a joint barbecue in the hall (due to the rain) with the other two rainbow groups. Our theme was shorts and shades. The girls got sunglasses and bubbles; and they all had a great time. The girls who attended the fun day in October in Lossiemouth had a great time.

We all enjoyed our annual trip to the pantomime of Beauty and the Beast at Christmas. Rainbows finished at Christmas with a joint Christmas party in the North Church hall. The girls all got a water bottle with their name on it this was to tie in with our recycling theme.

After Christmas we had to cancel our meetings until February as we were getting our hall done up. We had our Thinking Day service in the North church, which was a great success.

We only managed 3 weeks of our program before we had to finish in March due to Coronavirus.

We have kept in touch with the Rainbows and managed to have a few zoom virtual meetings. These have been a great success and the girls were pleased to catch up with each other. Most of the girls have been joining in with adventures at home festival and guiding from home.

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Fochabers Brownies

We have been busy doing UMA's and badges like Future girl Plastic, Parliament week and the Amey Badge.



We enjoyed a campfire and toasted marshmallows. A scavenger hunt in the dark went down well. A visit to the Panto and our party at Pinz finished off 2019. To start the New Year the older Brownies organised a Games evening and the Trefoil Group came to help us knit Easter chicks.



## 1<sup>st</sup> Cullen Rainbows

We have been trying some of the new programme activities. We have also enjoyed our favourite baking activities going out locally and lots of parties.

### 1<sup>st</sup> Cullen Brownies

1<sup>st</sup> Cullen Brownies have been busy trying out some of the new Unit Meeting Activities such as Trash Fashion, Room in a Box, Odd Socks and In a Fix.



The girls have made promises and we have enjoyed many parties and celebrations.



We enjoyed our visit to the pantomime. In the spring term we completed the Leap Year badge where we learned many things from old games like leap frog, team games, making puppets and activities about the moon.



We have enjoyed the year and are looking forward to next year.



The rainbows had a brilliant time at the STEM Day in Lossiemouth.

We completed the Feel Good Skills Builder and tried some of the new Unit Meeting Activities.



We have enjoyed many parties and celebration including promise ceremonies.



The girls had a fantastic time at the pantomime. We look forward to another fun filled time next year.



## 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Buckie Rainbows

Our girls have enjoyed an exciting and fun packed year gaining badges in Know Myself, Express Myself and Have Adventures allowing for many of the activities to take place outside - along with many interest badges being gained.



We celebrated Parliament week with games and activities - the girls had great fun pitching some new meeting ideas and voting for their favourite.

The girls have travelled the world during World Thinking Day enjoying some delicious food, had messy sticky fun making lots of crafts, carrying out exciting experiments, planted seeds and played lots of games. We had great fun with the Future Girl plastic challenge the girls had great fun completing this one.

We had great fun at Girlguiding Morays STEM activity day trying out all the different activities on offer.



Christmas was spent making Christmas Crafts and decorating the wall in our hall.

We didn't meet in January as our hall was being refurbished and then we only had a couple of weeks before we stopped for lockdown. We have still been busy with zoom meetings where we have baked, read stories, had a quiz, played bingo and we have had lots of fun. The girls have been busy doing the Netherurd Challenge, the Guiding at Home Challenge and various other activities that we have sent home to the girls.



## 1<sup>st</sup> Fochabers Rainbows

Until lockdown we had a busy year but since then we have been suggesting activities while understanding that many of the parents are struggling with home schooling and their own work. We are not aware that many of the activities have been done.

The year started with an outing to Byres Farm on in-service day. We had a tour of the farm, looked at how they recycled items, made craft from recycled items played games and had free time. As a bonus we learnt about safety on the farm near machinery as the grain lorry was loading up the other side of the craft room window.



As part of the Take Action Theme the girls brought in items for Moray Food Plus and Moray Supports Refugees. Representatives from the 2 charities came to talk about their work and to receive the donations. Later in the term the girls planted bulbs in pots to give to the residents of Milnescroft Court sheltered housing.



Seven girls went to the County STEM day and enjoyed the activities provided.

### 1<sup>st</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Buckie Brownies

Our girls have enjoyed an exciting and fun packed year working on the new Programme, looking, and completing UMA's and Skills Builders and completing lots of Interest Badges at home. We finished the summer with a shorts and shades party and BBQ that we had to have inside due to the grass at our usual venue not being cut.

We celebrated Parliament week with games and activities - the girls had great fun pitching some new meeting ideas and voting for their favourite.

We had great fun with the Future Girl plastic challenge the girls had great fun completing this one.

The girls also had great fun when we had a messy night, blowing bubbles, shaving foam pictures, making slime and playing with glup. Very messy but fun night was had by all.

The girls have also been collecting crisp packets to send off as part of the Crisps for Helimed appeal where Walkers Crisps was exchanging packets for money. This also meant that there was less going into landfill.



Christmas was spent making Christmas Crafts and decorating the wall in our hall. We didn't meet in January as our hall was being refurbished and then we only had a couple of weeks before we stopped for Lockdown. We have still been busy with zoom meetings where we have baked cakes, had a music quiz, played bingo and had lots of fun. The girls have been busy doing the Netherurd Challenge, the Guiding at Home Challenge and various other activities that we have sent home to the girls.



## 1<sup>st</sup> Buckie Guides and 1<sup>st</sup> Eastern Rangers

We have had a terribly busy year at Guides and Rangers with the girls loving the new programme and enjoying choosing and planning the activities they want to complete in small groups. They have also loved the choice of interest badges and have completed quite a few with the favourite being mixology.

We have had a few themed evenings as well with the girls taking part in Parliament Week, completing the Future Girl Challenge, having a Bake Off Challenge and taking part in a unit quiz.



We also had a visit to the local pottery shop where we were able to make a Highland Cow - the girls had great fun.



We attended the District Thinking Day service with all the Rainbows, Brownies, Guides, Rangers and Trefoil Guild. The girls also had a visit to the local lifeboat station as 3 of the Guides raised some money as part of their Campaigning Interest Badge.



We had great fun with 1<sup>st</sup> Forres Guides at a Grinch themed Christmas Camp at Spey Bay hall. There were lots of grinch themed crafts and activities with of course watching the film.



We unfortunately as it turns out had the month of January off as our hall was getting the toilets and kitchen refurbished. We managed to have a couple of meetings in it before lockdown.

Since lockdown we have been meeting on zoom and have made cakes in a mug, had Kahoot quizzes, found the diamond in the escape room, played bingo, and had great fun. The girls have also been working on the Guiding at Home activities and completing some of the activities that have been sent home to them thanks to a donation the district received from Foundation Scotland.



## 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Elgin Rainbows

It's been another busy year for the girls in 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Elgin Rainbows. We started off with a visit from the Dolphin Centre in September 2019. We learned all about echolocation and how big dolphins and whales are.



In October 2019 some of the girls joined other Rainbows from Moray at the Country STEM day. They had a lot of fun particularly making slime.

We also had a visit from 2 local Brownies in December. This was to find out more about all the fun things they do and how they are different from Rainbows as 10 of our girls are now moving up.

Of course, we also worked on programme and throughout the first 3 terms we have earned our Reflect Stage 1 and First Aid Stage 1 badges. In term 3 the girls also got the bug for completing interest badges and we were looking at what they had been up to almost every week. Some of their favourites were Animal Lover, Drawing and Family Tree. A big thank you goes to Janet and Jennifer at the depot for responding to my many, many emails and ordering all the badges.

Somehow, we also managed to squeeze in celebrating St Andrews's Day, Christmas, Burn's Night, Chinese New Year, Thinking Day and Pancake Day.



The girls particularly enjoyed joining the other members of the district at Lhanbryde PS to earn the WAGGGS Thinking Day badge.

Since going into lockdown, we have managed to keep in touch by creating a Facebook page. Over the past few months we have been working on adapted unit meeting activities and completed our Live Smart Stage 1. Girls have also continued to work on badges both from their Rainbow Book and those available from Girlguiding Scotland and Girlguiding UK. All this work meant that at the end of term we celebrated two girls achieving their Bronze Awards.

As we move into the summer, we are continuing to share challenges with the girls including the Carnival Challenge and the Moray Seasons Challenge. With the majority of our girls moving to Brownies at the start of the new term we wish them luck on the next part of their Guiding adventure.

### 1<sup>st</sup> Lhanbryde and Urquhart Guides

1<sup>st</sup> Lhanbryde and Urquhart Guides have had another busy year. We have enjoyed working on the new Guiding programme, a number of challenge badges and took part in Girlguiding plastic promise campaign.



## 1<sup>st</sup> Lhanbryde and Urquhart Rainbows

We had many outings on our own and with other units. Trips included The Tartan Gig in Glasgow, Elgin Cinema, Campfire/Backwood Cooking at a local farm and the West End of Elgin Ghost Tour.



1<sup>st</sup> Lhanbryde and Urquhart Rainbows have had another great year.

We welcomed new members and said goodbye to some who flew to Brownies. We have really embraced the challenges of the new programme with some of our Rainbows hoping to achieve the Gold award this summer. We welcomed the introduction of the Bronze and Silver awards to recognise achievements for all the girls no matter how small. In the past year we achieved all 4 aspects of the Moray Seasons badge, We visited Elgin Fire station for International Women's Day. We participated in Remembrance Day parade at Elgin and Thinking Day celebrations for 2020. We learned to sew with our new sewing machines, and we had planned to visit the Dolphin Centre to do a beach clean but lockdown interrupted our plans.



Lockdown was an unexpected change to our programme, but with resilience and that “can-do” attitude we were not stopped from enjoying Rainbows. Each week we had a zoom meeting and managed to achieve the Growing Guiding in Moray badge, Activities at home badge and Go for it Girls (Plastic) badge, With the fantastic support of parents and family members a number of our Rainbows completed Skills Builders, unit meetings and interest badges and are working towards achieving their Rainbows Gold/ Silver/ Bronze award before flying to Brownies at the summer of 2020. A big thank you from me goes to those girls who have helped at home and helped our communities to stay safe at this time. We now hope to embark on the Unofficial Summer Challenge! Nothing will stop us.

We celebrated World Thinking Day 2020 with the other units from our district in Lhanbryde.



### 3<sup>rd</sup> New Elgin Guides

Our Guide unit has continued to be very active this year. We have been working on different parts of the Guide Programme. Some of our favourite activities from it have been a litter pick around McDonalds where in an hour we filled 9 full bags of rubbish. The Guides enjoyed a tasty treat afterwards. Speedy explorers was also thoroughly enjoyed by the unit. It was great fun making different zip lines for our teddies.

We took the majority of the unit to the Tartan Gig where we all loved the acts especially Lewis Capaldi. Several badges have been gained over the past year. We completed a Mexico challenge badge during which we tasted yummy food, made newspaper and edible sombreros, learnt some Spanish, we had a smashing time with our pinatas and much more.

Hallowe'en was celebrated alongside the Brownies and then we did our own messy challenges. We held our first art themed Promise Party and it was amazing...canvas painting, games and we even created large canvases by bursting paint filled balloons in a relay style race....messy by great fun!



To raise some unit funds we created a recipe book with various recipes from Guides and Leaders. This helped with our census fee and we hope to subsidise a trip too. Thanks to all who purchased these. Once again we returned to the Oaks to help clear the fallen leaves over a few weeks. The Guides gained a great sense of achievement from this.

Christmas was celebrated with a delicious meal at The Firth Hotel in Lossiemouth and we all thought the puddings were amazing!

Perhaps one of the most memorable things we have done this year was creating a big poster thanking the Australian Emergency services during the Bushfire crisis. The Guides worked so hard on this and the finished result was impressive.



Thinking Day was celebrated both in our unit and at district level too. It was nice to see so many Girlguiding members together. In our unit we made a lovely garden of positive thoughts and wrote about inspirational women.

Our last face to face meeting was held on March the 16th where we made some Mother's day gifts. Following that meetings were put on hold due to Coronavirus and learning for the leaders began. We have kept in touch mostly on our unit Facebook page and have suggested activities. We had an egg decorating challenge, shared our Guiding Light candle photos, clapped for carers in our uniforms and tried a zoom meeting with success. The girls were issued some optional challenges for over summer in a pack sent to their homes. Some Guides and leaders completed the Netherurd Challenge, Festival at Home, Stay at Home badge and had fun at the Girlguiding Moray Virtual Llama Fiesta. We look forward to seeing our Guides in person again and enjoying more activities together.

Thanks go again to the Leader team; the Guides could not achieve so much without your time. You are all stars.



## 6<sup>th</sup> Elgin Guides

6<sup>th</sup> Elgin Guides has been very fortunate to continue to welcome new Guides into our unit this academic year. This meant we really have finally had the numbers required to have fully functioning Patrols and the girls are really taking to this. They have always been very involved in planning but the new program and structure see them thriving in their Patrols and organisational skills are really developing. The girls have provided warm greetings to all our new Guides and we feel very proud of the way they include new members.

We were lucky to have had Kim join our leadership team; she is a real asset to the unit, providing lots of knowledge, enthusiasm and fun and we look forward to lots of good times over the next year ahead.

2019-2020 has been a busy one as always. We have embraced the new program as well as sticking with term time favourites such as celebration nights, favourite games and of course anything to do with food!

A number of girls attended the fabulous Tartan Gig, we were not sure who was more excited the Guides or the Leaders.



The Guides took part in Period Poverty badge work and impressed us with their maturity and openness. It was great to observe the girls supporting each other and answer each other's questions. We set up an anonymous Q & A box, which was well used and served as a good

reminder of how important this safe girls only space is for all our members.

One of our Patrols asked to organise the Hallowe'en night for the whole unit. They organised everything from getting the girls to all bring a dish of food in, to party games and provided us with entertainment for the evening. Everyone agreed this was a very successful event.

At the start of the year we enjoyed a visit from Peer Educator, Emily, again the girls engaged really well and learnt a lot from this visit. We attended Thinking Day Event where the Guides enjoyed meeting up with all the other units and taking part in activities on offer.



The Guides particularly enjoyed throwing a baby shower for their Leader in Training Sophie and then welcoming little Evelyn to the unit a few weeks later. We were all surprised how quiet they all were so as not to disturb her. Having a very tiny visitor to the unit made us all feel very proud of how kind and thoughtful our Guides are.



Unfortunately due to Covid-19 our meetings stopped for a while but we are very much looking forward to providing guiding opportunities again all be it in a different way.



### 1<sup>st</sup> Forres Rainbows

Although we have not continued during lockdown, 1<sup>st</sup> Forres Rainbows had a great start to the 2019-2020 session. We worked on our Innovate, Camping, Exploring, Take Action and Make Change Skills Builders. We mostly concentrated on the Stage 1 Skills Builders as it was new to all of us and the best way to include the youngest members of the team while being just challenging enough for the older girls, allowing them to work together in a way that they all really enjoyed. The girls enjoyed trying out the paper helicopters we made as part of our Exciting Experiments session.



We tried the Make Change Skills Builder in with Sports Relief and the girls did amazingly well, raising £50 with our Smarties tube collections and a fun sports day that brought out the competitive streak in everyone

### 1<sup>st</sup> Forres Brownies

1<sup>st</sup> Forres Brownies had a great time prior to lockdown and I think we might even admit to missing them.

In September we went to stay at Abernethy and that was, as always, fantastic. We highly recommend this as a venue - Abernethy do everything and the leaders just have to keep an eye on sandwich making, look stern at 9pm and have a marvellous time.

Later that term we cleaned up Findhorn with Lorna from Whale and Dolphin Conservation, sipped messy-mocktails, built a rather glamorous guy for the bonfire (you should have seen her legs), 'paraded' through Forres in November, made Christmas crackers, sang at residents in Cameron Court, earned mega-bucks at the coffee morning and had a brilliant time at the pantomime- thank you again for organising that.



In the spring we had a bash at some badge activities, enjoyed asking the coast-guards lots of difficult questions and teamed up with 5<sup>th</sup> Forres Brownies to wow the good people of Forres with our dancing at the Youth Concert. We do wonder why they always ask us back!

Sadly we are saying goodbye to two of our leadership team: Emma who has been with us FOREVER and Rhiannon who managed to juggle teacher training and Brownie meetings without flapping. Thank you Wildcat and Hedgehog, we wish you well in your new adventures.



## 5<sup>th</sup> Forres Brownies

In September the girls starting working on their Jobs and Local History badges. We took part in a Beach Clean with 1<sup>st</sup> Forres Brownies and the Dolphin and Whale Conservation group. 1<sup>st</sup> Forres and 5<sup>th</sup> Forres took their girls to Abernethy for the weekend, what a great time we had.



During October as the girls had undertaken work on their badges at home we brought in a doctor, policeman and a veterinary nurse to tell them a bit about what they did. 5<sup>th</sup> Forres and 1<sup>st</sup> Forres brownies had a joint mocktail night which was a hit with the girls trying out new drinks.

During November as Christmas approached we worked on Christmas crafts and went to the scout hall to practise Christmas carols with 1<sup>st</sup> Forres Brownies

In December 4 new girls made their promises. We went to Cameron Court and entertained the residents with the Christmas carols we had practised last month. We worked on two UMAs, The Great Guiding Challenge and In a Fix.

After the New Year we worked on the UMA Room in a box. We took the girls to Oakwood Cookery School where they made beautiful cupcakes - the girls had a fantastic time.

As the year progressed, the coastguard joined our meeting and gave us a talk on what they did and what kind of emergency calls they get. They also brought in equipment that the girls tried out along with pictures of unexploded bombs. The girls really loved this visit and asked loads and loads of questions.



We practised with 1<sup>st</sup> Forres to take part in the Forres Youth concert. This is the first time that 5<sup>th</sup> Forres Brownies have never taken part in this.

Just before lockdown we took the girls along to Gordonstoun School where they were given permission to use the swimming pool for a couple of hours.

During lockdown some of the girls completed their Baking Badge and Grow Your Own Badge.



## 2<sup>nd</sup> Kinloss Brownies

2<sup>nd</sup> Kinloss Brownies have had another enjoyable year. We have enjoyed working with the new programme and many girls have achieved their first theme award. One of our Brownies was thrilled to be able to join our Guide unit in attending the Tartan Gig. We completed the Mexican Challenge Badge, which included us learning about the Mexican culture, trying some Mexican food and had a relaxing evening watching a Mexican themed film. We finished off our Christmas term with attending the county pantomime at Eden Court theatre and had a fun filled Christmas party with lots of games and laughter. During our book themed evening we were able to dress up in our favourite book characters and had some fun completing the Indicator Navigator part of our Live Smart Skills Builder.



We attended a World Thinking Day event where we worked towards receiving the World Thinking Day badge. We have also been very busy during lockdown, continuing with activities at home. Many of us have achieved the Netherud Challenge Badge and the Guiding at Home Challenge Badge. One of our Brownies had a fun filled day joining in with the Guiding at Home festival. As a unit we also worked towards a Camp at Home Challenge Badge, to gain the

badge we had to do activities from three themes, Shelter, Food and Campfire.



A number of our Brownies have achieved multiple interest badges. Four of our Brownies have managed to achieve their Bronze Award and are looking forward to receiving their badges and certificates when we return to meetings. We have really missed our weekly meetings and are looking forward to when we can start meeting again and present the girls with their hard-earned badges during lockdown.

## 1<sup>st</sup> Kinloss Guides

1<sup>st</sup> Kinloss Guides had yet another great year. We started the year off with a bang when we attended Tartan Gig 2019.



We have worked through a range of activities and learned some new skills. For a term we teamed up with 3<sup>rd</sup> Forres Guides Unit and worked on a range of skills builders and unit meeting activities. We have been working hard on completing our Camp, Network and First Aid Skills Builders. The girls really enjoyed learning about Mexican culture through the Mexico Challenge badge. We also began working on the Decades Challenge badge and as part of one of the challenges held a quiz night. We took part in our local World Thinking Day event and had lots of fun joining in with other units. In March we celebrated World Book Day and had great fun dressing up as book characters. Some girls have been participating in at-home guiding and have been working hard to complete guiding at home challenge badges. In the meantime some girls have been doing lots of work at home.

The guides enjoyed working on Skill Builders and unit meeting activities in their patrols, making stress balls, fruit salad, obstacle courses, learning all about 'Making change' where climate change featured heavily as it was a topic at the front of all of the girls minds.



We have had girls completing a range of badges and some have even now completed the Be Well theme award. The 1<sup>st</sup> Kinloss Guides have really missed their weekly meetings and are really looking forward to when we can finally meet again.

In October we went on the Keith and Dufftown Railway ghost train for our Hallowe'en meeting and everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves.



### 1<sup>st</sup> Forres Guides

A rather eventful year for us all meaning a departure from traditional guiding and us all having to adapt and change the way we do things.

Another fantastic trip to Tartan Gig was enjoyed by all; we spent time geocaching one evening, then helping the community by doing a litter pick.



Our annual Christmas camp with 1<sup>st</sup> Buckie Guides was another big hit, with The Grinch as the theme, followed by a Christmas Fayre where we did some fundraising. The girls did a great job making lots of lovely crafts and gathering raffle prizes.

The New Year brought some more UMA and Skills Builder work before Covid appeared to threaten to spoil all our fun. However, the girls rose to the challenge and have since been joining in virtual guide meetings, making brownies, doing treasure hunts and escape rooms. Then in July several girls joined girls from around the county for Girlguiding Moray's first virtual camp Llama Fiesta.



### 3<sup>rd</sup> Forres Guides

What a start to the guiding year, eighteen members of the unit travelled to the Hydro in Glasgow for Girlguiding Scotland's Tartan Gig. The line-up was amazing and the concert did not disappoint. The girls and leaders had a fantastic time.

During the autumn term we were joined by 1<sup>st</sup> Kinloss guides and worked on the Know Myself and Have Adventures themes, completing Network stage 4 and the majority of Camp Stage 4 Skills Builders and various Unit Meeting Activities from these themes. We also took part in the Future Girl Planet Protectors project. We made plastic models from rubbish and all made a plastic promise.

After the school holidays we worked on the Express Myself and Be Well themes completing several elements of Innovate Stage 3 and First Aid Stage 3 Skills Builders.

Ten members of the unit attended the Forres Remembrance Day Parade where three of our girls were given the honour of laying the wreath on behalf Forres and district.

On the run up to Christmas we worked on the Mexico Challenge Badge, the girls enjoyed learning about Mexican culture whilst making Day of the Dead masks, sombreros, brightly coloured flowers and of course food.

We also completed the Christmas Tree Challenge making cards, tree decorations and Christmas trees from old books.

We had a fantastic time at Eden Court Theatre where along with hundreds of other girls from around the county we saw The Sleeping Beauty.

We continued to work towards Innovate Stage 3 and First Aid Stage 3 Skills Builders after Christmas and enjoyed many Unit Meeting

Activities associated with the Be Well and Express Myself themes.

During our Thinking Day meeting we enrolled 7 new members of the unit. We celebrated with the girls and their parents eating lots of biscuits, cake and juice.



Ten members of the unit attended the Forres and District Thinking Day event in the Forres Town Hall where we worked on and completed the WAGGGS Thinking Day Badge. The girls had a wonderful afternoon.

We enjoyed a visit from Forres Ranger Leader Emma Lawrence who told the girls about her trips to three of Girlguiding's world centres, Sangam, Our Chalet and Pax Lodge. The girls are enthusiastic to visit them too should the opportunity arise.

When lockdown was imposed we were working on an International Women's Day project, several of the girls completed this at home. We then devised our own Bake Off Challenge. The girls had great fun making cupcakes, scones and Victoria sponges. We also worked on the coronavirus isolation challenge.



Both leaders had a fantastic weekend taking part in Girlguiding Moray's first ever virtual camp, Llama Fiesta.

We are looking forward to getting back to face to face meetings soon.



## Forres Rangers

This year has seen the Forres Ranger unit grow in numbers, now with 16 active members.

In October four members of the unit joined Ross-shire guiding for an amazing trip to India. The rangers have had an amazing eleven days experiencing the wonder of the Sangam World Centre. They explored the local culture, tried all types of Indian feasts, rode in rickshaws, participated in a local community project at a mobile crèche, celebrated Sangams 53<sup>rd</sup> birthday, dressed in saris, experienced different international guiding cultures, climbed to Fort Tikona, walked alongside cattle and shared guiding friendship. What an awesome trip to share such fantastic memories.



Twelve girls and three leaders took a trip to London in February, where they stayed at Pax Lodge.



This was a third world centre for a couple of the girls. While there the girls visited Madame Tussauds, the London Eye, M&M World, and lots more. Ten girls made their Ranger promise while on the London Eye.



While they were there, the girls completed the Pax Lodge Challenge Badge and the monopoly challenge badge, as well as their Travel interest badge. The girls took the chance to navigate their way through London on foot and on the tube. Due to Storm Dennis the flight home was cancelled, and we ended up spending the night in a 5-star hotel courtesy of Jet2. The girls thrived in the place with their fancy robes and free slippers.

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Forres Brownies

With their new Leaders Sharon and Claire, 2<sup>nd</sup> Forres Brownies, got to grips with the new programme, doing several UMAs.

They also had fun doing lots of their all-time favourite activities including another visit to the Oakwood Cook School.

They had a great time at Halloween, eating sticky donuts from strings, feeling in mystery boxes and screaming when they touched cold, slithery things, all the while dressed in spooky costumes. Even the party food looked terrifying, but tasted great.





Closer to Christmas they made some lovely festive crafts.



The end of session Christmas pantomime was 'just brilliant' according to the girls and the ice-cream supplied by our lovely Friends of Guiding delicious.

In the New Year the girls worked on and gained badges for performing and baking.

Everyone was disappointed when lockdown put an end to the face to face meetings and we look forward to the day when we can all meet without restrictions again.

This was the first year, since Brownies began camping under canvas, that this Unit hasn't had a summer Camp. Hopefully in 2021 we will again all smell of wood smoke!

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Forres Rainbows

2<sup>nd</sup> Forres Rainbows had a busy start to the year working on UMAs and Skills Builders, gaining their 'Future Girl' badge very 'plastic aware'.

The Rainbows made mini recycled post box moneyboxes and decided they would save pennies for different charities. They raised money for the Australian WWF for the Koala bears burnt in the bush fires, Trees for Life and Marine conservation.

In October some of the girls joined other Rainbows from Moray at the County STEM day they had lots of fun making slime and using the pen robots.

Three girls made their promise at a Halloween themed promise party. A Christmas themed day had the girls making and baking lots of delightful things - including making and decorating a mini Christmas cake.

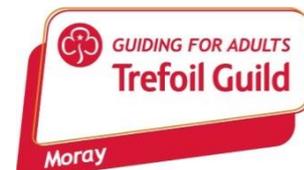
We attended the pantomime which was a real treat for the girls who had not been away with the Rainbows before.

The Rainbows supported the Australian Girl Guides 'support wall' making posters to thank the workers in the bush fires. We celebrated district Thinking Day where some of the Rainbows participated in Diversity, Equity and Inclusion activities with other girls from Forres District to gain their WAGGGS 'Living Threads' and Thinking day badges.

Coronavirus brought the unit to a standstill in March when lockdown was imposed. Not keen to start virtual meetings we were able to offer the girls online activities 'Guiding at Home', the Netherurd Challenge and interest badges which some achieved. Moray's Virtual Llama Fiesta camp meant some of the Rainbows could experience a virtual camp and gained their first night away badge- building dens and tents in their gardens and joining in the llama activities.

This has been a strange year with many things far from normal. We are looking forward to having the Rainbows back enjoying time together very soon.





This may have been an unusual year but our guilds have none the less been busy.

The introduction of the Trefoil Guild STARS Challenge has given all guilds material with which to build a wide and varied programme. The themes of Skill, Together, Action, Roam and Self meant that there was something for everyone. Learning how to use new technologies proved to be invaluable during lockdown enabling members to keep in touch.



Prior to lockdown guilds across the county were busy enjoying talks from local conservation groups and councillors amongst others. They also made lights for Hallowe'en, learnt how to paint on silk and enjoyed many quizzes, dinners and trips.

Many members joined Girlguiding members from across the county for a fantastic Christmas Pantomime at Eden Court Theatre.

Unfortunately due to lockdown meeting face to face has been curtailed, members are all missing personal contact but in true Guiding spirit are doing their best and trying to prepare for all trials.

## LONG SERVICE AWARDS

### 20 Years

Laura Kerr 1<sup>st</sup> Keith Guides

### 10 Years

Gill Kerbyson 1<sup>st</sup> Burghead Rainbows

### 5 Years

Summer Midgley 1<sup>st</sup> Forres Rainbows

Janice Gregor 1<sup>st</sup> New Elgin Brownies

## QUALIFICATIONS

### Going Away Modules 1-4

Lynne Taylor 2<sup>nd</sup> New Elgin Brownies

Kendal Duncan 1<sup>st</sup> Burghead Rainbows

### Young Leader

Aimee Fraser 2<sup>nd</sup> Lossiemouth Brownies

Becky Neish 1<sup>st</sup> Keith Brownies

Marion Stewart 1<sup>st</sup> Keith Rainbows



## Gold Awards

Chloe Routledge 1<sup>st</sup> Lhanbryde and Urquhart Rainbows

Eve Jellis 2<sup>nd</sup> Buckie Rainbows

Isobel Gifford 1<sup>st</sup> Lhanbryde and Urquhart Rainbows

Evie Duncan 6<sup>th</sup> Buckie Brownies

Madeline Partington 1<sup>st</sup> Forres Guides

Ebony Bedford 1<sup>st</sup> Forres Guides

Lily Eaketts 2<sup>nd</sup> Forres Rainbows

Ara Irvine 4<sup>th</sup> Buckie Rainbows

Emily Wanless 1<sup>st</sup> Fochabers Rainbows

Emie Ross 6<sup>th</sup> Buckie Brownies

Mya Zielinski 6<sup>th</sup> Buckie Brownies

Emma De Vry 1<sup>st</sup> Forres Guides

Chloe Murray 1<sup>st</sup> Forres Guides

Emily Sutherland Forres Rangers

## Silver Awards

Caitie Pattison 1<sup>st</sup> Lhanbryde and Urquhart Rainbows

Juliette Key 1<sup>st</sup> Burghead Rainbows

Corra Fraser 1<sup>st</sup> Burghead Rainbows

## Bronze Awards

Chloe Smith 1<sup>st</sup> Buckie Rainbows

Aubree McKay 2<sup>nd</sup> Buckie Rainbows

Ellie-Mae Simpson 4<sup>th</sup> Buckie Rainbows

Sophie Molyneaux 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> New Elgin Rainbows

Cerryn Michie 1<sup>st</sup> Kinloss Brownies

Ella- Louise Ball 1<sup>st</sup> Kinloss Brownies

Caitlyn Duncan 1<sup>st</sup> Burghead Brownies

Juliette Key 1<sup>st</sup> Burghead Rainbows

Poppy Simpson 1<sup>st</sup> Burghead Rainbows

Kelyn Burges 1<sup>st</sup> Buckie Rainbows

Leila Booth 4<sup>th</sup> Buckie Rainbows

Isla Barret 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> New Elgin Rainbows

Caitlyn Michie 1<sup>st</sup> Kinloss Brownies

Gemma Michie 1<sup>st</sup> Kinloss Brownies

Caley McLeod 1<sup>st</sup> Burghead Brownies

Iona McLeod 1<sup>st</sup> Burghead Brownies

Corra Fraser 1<sup>st</sup> Burghead Rainbows



# 200 CLUB WINNERS

## September 19

1. Dorothy Liddle
2. Maureen Munro
3. Louise Barron

## October 19

1. Donald Beattie
2. Eileen Mathieson
3. Marlyn Gordon

## November 19

1. Laura Crawford
2. Doris Smith
3. Helen McCorquodale

## December 19

1. Laura Campbell
2. Helen Gardiner
3. Maureen Stables



## January 20

1. Nyree Lewis
2. Margaret Hutcheon
3. Mark Gilling

## February 20

1. Issie Campbell
2. Mary McIntosh
3. M Gardine

## March 20

1. Linda Scott
2. Pauline Milton
3. Elma Alexander

## April 20

1. Jean McPherson
2. Irene Laing
3. Kenneth Welsh

## May 20

1. Alison Wright
2. Elma Alexander
3. Mia Fraser



## June 20

1. Wendy Swail
2. Anne Forteach
3. Moira Trotter

## July 20

1. Fiona Miller
2. Anna Parker
3. Susan Ferbrache

## August 20

1. Marlyn Gordon
2. Donald Beattie
3. Doris Smith

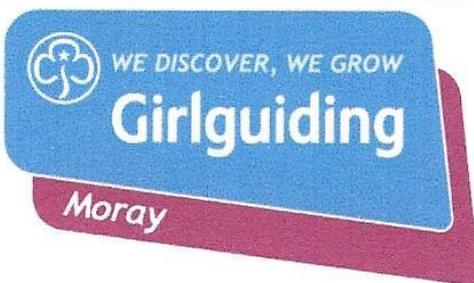
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1. Maureen Stables
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