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26th October



Brownies



Our 6th Formby Brownie Pack had an absolutely fantastic term, filled with many exciting and rewarding activities.

We are extremely proud of the Brownies who worked hard



and showed dedication to earn their Bronze, Silver

and Gold Awards.

These awards were earned not only during our weekly meetings but also through their efforts at home. It's always a



joy to see our young members achieve such great accomplishments!

As the term drew to a close, we were for-

Term time, Thursdays 6:15—7:45pm

tunate to have lovely weather and took advantage of it by spending a delightful evening at Formby beach. The girls had a blast playing games and even got the chance to dip their feet in the water and paddle.

In addition, we also had a water night where the Brownies enjoyed various fun-filled water games and got soaked. One of the games we played was 'drip, drip, drop', which is similar to the popular 'duck, duck, goose', and another game we enjoyed was

'soggy bottoms', where we sat on a wet sponge to squeeze out the water.

We also celebrated a special birthday during the term. To mark the event, we arranged for a bouncy castle in the church hall, which was a huge hit with everyone, including the Rainbows and Guides. It was a wonderful celebration, and the Owls are already planning many more exciting activities for the upcoming term. The Brownies can't wait to see what's in store for them!

You are all
WELCOME
to join us for our

HARVEST SERVICE
8th October, 10:30am

During the service the children will leave for creche (0-3 year olds), Adventurers (3-10 year olds) and Explorers (11+).



FOOTSTEPS

Bible-based family fun
and games with tea

Saturday 30th September

3:30pm – 6pm

ADMISSION FREE

All children must be accompanied by a responsible adult

Email: footsteps_fmc@yahoo.co.uk

Adventurers Every Sunday 10:30-11:30am



After a summer with birthdays and holidays, our young people are starting new

schools; new classes or starting their exam year. **We wish them all a happy and successful year ahead.**

Summer has been a good time for flexing our muscles and enjoying life outdoors. Among our members, we have some budding gymnasts, paddle boarders, runners, dancers and tennis players.



What about walking 26 miles, however? That is a marathon!

But that is what 15 year old Mary Jones did in 1799.

Without shoes or friends, she crossed the lonely Welsh hills to go in search of a Bible, a Welsh Bible all of her own. Her parents were weavers without very much money, but they loved God, and Mary loved to hear the Bible stories which she already helped to teach to the younger children in their Methodist Sunday School. She saved and saved, and the Welsh Bible that she walked to buy was her treasured possession un-



til she died in her eighties. Now it is still kept safe in the library of Cambridge University.

We used a map to find where Mary lived near Dolgellau and Bala where she walked to. We were surprised to find Mary's name actually on the map ... it shows where a heritage centre tells this story. We were impressed with her faith and determination; so was the Revd Thomas Charles who sold Mary her Bible. He was motivated to start an organisation that would make it easier for people to have a Bible of their own. We googled 'The Bible Society' and found, 'We began in 1804 after the young

Mary Jones had to walk 26 miles to buy a Bible.' The Society still translates, produces and distributes the Bible around the world, working in 240 countries.



How much does our Bible mean to us?

Some people read or search the Bible online, others sign up for daily Bible notes to use their own Bible. Our class likes the language and layout of 'The Diary of a Disciple', by Luke. Whatever form is right for you is what matters. The Bible is for EVERYONE.

Happy reading, everyone!

Toddlers Thursday 9:30-11:30am

On the craft table in the last few weeks of the



summer term, we made creatures we see when out walking in Formby. We obviously made a squirrel and then

added some more like a rabbit, butterfly and a flapping



seagull, to name a few. If you look at our notice board in the Circle room you can see some of them. This didn't give us any problems during singing time, as Old MacDonald just increased the size of his farm and the number of animals he kept! Some of the noises they made were interesting or even could be described as very unusual.

Sadly at the end of the summer term, we had to say goodbye to some of our friends who are starting nursery/preschool in September. We will miss them and their Mums, Dads, Grandparents and Carers but we hope to catch up with them if they are able to



come to any of our family activities later in the year. We were pleased to give them a book of Bible stories/ Children's Bible.

During the summer term, we welcomed



some new babies and we were pleased to give them a Toddler Prayer Book. No doubt when we start meeting again in September, they will have grown a little and maybe ready to play in the baby corner and watch the older children playing with the cars, trains, dolls houses, and in the kitchen area.

FOOTSTEPS



Next one ... 30th
Sept., 3:30-6pm

It was so nice to welcome all the children who came to our summer Footsteps. We were lucky enough to have a lovely sunny day, which meant the water balloons could come out with the games - although that did mean wet children!

We started as usual in

7 Church - there were plenty of quiz questions about the number 7 and rivers - you'll see why in a minute.

The games included moving rice from one pot to another - the catch was that you could only do it when your fingers had been in ice for 30 seconds. (Your fingers go numb and it's very difficult, this is similar to what hap-



pens to people who have leprosy.)

Once everyone had sat down, our special guest, Naaman appeared.

Have you heard that name before?



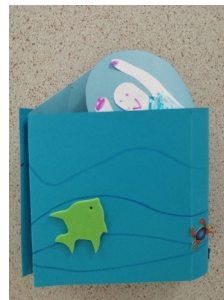
I can't think there is anyone with that name in your class at school. Anyway when he appeared he explained that he was a very important person, the leader of the army in Syria, but he was ill. He had leprosy. He had been told that if he went to see Elisha, a prophet of God, he could be healed. When Naaman got to Elisha, he was really annoyed because Elisha didn't even come out to see him. Did Elisha not know how important Naaman was? Elisha should have at least come to see him. Elisha sent a message to Naaman telling him to wash in

the river 7 times. Naaman thought, wash in that dirty river, how was that going to cure him? No way.

Eventually, Naaman's servant persuaded him to give it a go. He'd come all this way. He had nothing to lose. So Naaman got in the river. He went down once, no change. Twice, then three times ... the seventh time Naaman went under the water he was there a while ... and guess what? When he came back up he was healed. It was amazing, Naaman realized that Elisha was right. With the help of God, Naaman had been healed. Naaman would now trust in God.

The junk challenge followed. Naaman would have travelled on a chariot to visit Elisha so the challenge was to build a chariot. What an amazing job the families did. We had so many different chariots in the hall.

Before lunch there was time to play games or make things at the craft tables. The games included knocking over tin cans, hook a duck and water balloons. On the craft tables there was a cake to ice and then put a jelly baby on to look like Naaman in the river, a pop up model of the story, a mirror, woodwork heart to sew and hama beads.



Our next Footsteps is Saturday 30th September at 3:30pm. If you're free it would be great to see you and your family for an afternoon of fun.

Shoebox Express Saturday 14th October

It's only about 14 weeks to Christmas, can you believe it? Here at Shoebox Express HQ the elves have been busy preparing things for our annual Grand Bazaar.



Empty shoeboxes ✓ Stationery ✓ Toiletries ✓ Toys and games ✓ Soft toys ✓ Sweets ✓ Greeting cards ✓ Free drinks, biscuits and bacon rolls ✓

People to fill the boxes ? ? ?
- oh ... now there's a ? ? ?

thought.

This is where we ask YOU to bring your family and all your friends to fill shoeboxes for children in Ukraine.



The date of our Grand Bazaar is **Saturday 14th October, between 10am and 4pm**, in the main hall at Formby Methodist Church. The Shoebox Express elves look forward to seeing you there!

WHO LET THE DADS OUT?

Give mum some time off

Free play group for dads, granddads and male carers with children up to 7+

Meet other dads

Tea, coffee, toast



**FIRST SATURDAY
IN EVERY MONTH**

2023

Sep 2nd

Oct 7th

Nov 4th

Dec 2nd



10-11:30AM



**Formby Methodist
Church Hall**

Elbow Lane, Formby L37 4AF



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TODDLERS LITTLE CHURCH

Next TLC Thursday 26th Oct. 9:30-11:30am

It was good to have some older brothers and sisters join our July meeting in Church.



The Lost Sheep was our story; sheep masks and door hangers were our crafts.



The shepherd, led all the sheep around the church looking for nice green grass and clean water.

Some of the sheep were very keen on eating the grass but the shepherd eventually rounded them all up and back to the fold.

But oh dear!

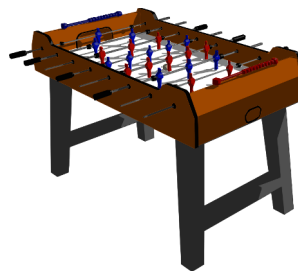
When the shepherd counted there was one missing!

Was it still munching the grass or drinking the water?

No. It was lost behind the organ but the shepherd didn't give up looking. She wasn't happy until **all** the sheep were back together.

Jesus told this story to explain how **EVERYONE** is important to him.

After the story, we went over to the hall for snacks and games.



The table football became quite competitive among the older ones!

Explorers



Aged 11 or over? Join us on Sundays at 10:30am for hot chocolate, games and chat.



**Thursdays, term
time, 5-6pm**



The Rainbows have had a super summer season. As usual, they have been very creative, learnt new skills and had lots of fun.



trees.

The Rainbows have enjoyed den building this term and they decorated mugs for Father's Day.

We had lots to celebrate this term with a party and a bouncy castle for a big birthday of one of our leaders, and our annual trip to the beach to celebrate the summer.



Several newer Rainbows made their promises, and we said goodbye to the oldest Rainbows who have jumped over the rainbow, ready to



We have taken part in a Tre-

foil Guild 80th Anniversary challenge this term and we hope lots of the Rainbows will achieve their badges. Members have to complete a number of challenges such as trying new outdoor activities and exploring their local area, as well as learning about things such as family



TODDLERS **L**ITTLE **C**HURCH
Thursday 26th October 9:30 – 11:30am

Join us in Church where there will be toys and games, together with craft and an active Bible story time for you and your toddlers. Older siblings are welcome.

Save the date * Save the date * Save the date

CHRISTMAS FOOTSTEPS

Saturday 18th
November

3:30pm to 6pm



Save the date * Save the date * Save the date

Save the date * Save the date * Save the date

CHRISTINGLE & CAKE



9th
December

Save the date * Save the date * Save the date