

GIRLGUIDING WEST DISTRICT REPORT

Girlguiding West district would like to welcome Sarah Ashby who last year started to run St Lawrence Brownies and well done to Rebecca Pinglaux and Stacey Thompson on completing their leadership qualifications

Rainbows from both 2nd and 3rd units have been talking and visiting animals with the 2nd going to Durrel Foundation and making a wormery and the 3rd to the Animal Shelter where they were introduced to a rescue dog and taught the basic techniques for looking after a dog. The girls entered the rainbow competition themed on princesses and continued the fun in the unit playing princess games and making crowns, wands and bags. 3rd rainbows took a trip to see the new Air Traffic Control Tower and climbed up to the top, where they could see the great views and point out local landmarks. They have also worked on the Festival Roundabout Challenge Badge. The girls undertook the Royal Wedding Challenge and this led them on to reading (more than once!!) the fantastic story "The Queen's Knickers" by Nicholas Allen. Such was the enthusiasm for this topic that several meetings were spent on this theme with the girls designing a pair of knickers for HRH to wear to Rainbows. Tracia Reynolds, Snowy, the leader with 3rd West Rainbows then recreated these knickers in fabric, along with a further 30 other themed pairs, which were then used for an outdoors game, whereby the knickers had been blown off the Queen's washing line and the girls had to hunt for them in the field. **Tracia commented "It was certainly the most fun and enthusiastic activity for all the girls this year."**

Brownie units have been doing many badges including Brownie Traditions, Out and About, Hostess and Number Fun. La Moye brownies had a golf session with Wayne Osmand and Philip Blake, from road safety taught them about the Green Cross Code. St Lawrence brownies held a pamper evening and painted each others nail and tried out some weird and funky hair styles. Food was enjoyed by all brownie units be it ice cream, pizza, or cakes, and St Peters brownies had a whole evening around food with St Peters Guides. In the summer St Peters brownies went on brownie holiday at Guide Headquarters with St Marys brownies. The sunshine took units outside to Samares manor, St Brelades and for a walk along the cliff paths.

During the summer St Peters Guides went tracking on an incident hike, built bivouac's in Greve de Lecq Woods, had a cook out and went canoeing in St Brelade's. Mont Nicolle guides practiced and then put on a play for the 2nd West rainbows which was enjoyed by all.

Guiding brings many opportunities for girls and adults. Would you like to join in the fun? West district is looking for more adults to come along and help at weekly meetings. Could this be you? Please call Fiona Lawson on 499359 or thelawsons@jerseymail.co.uk