



2nd Polmont Company The Girls Brigade



The **EXPLORERS** are enjoying following the Alphabet Theme and hearing about Adam, Daniel, and many more people and places in the bible.

We have decided that, instead of a Christmas Party, we are going to see Aladdin on the 29th November (Saturday matinee) at Grangemouth performed by the Young Portonians. We are all looking forward to the show.

On the 3rd December we are going along to Ivybank Old Folks' Home to sing carols to the residents.

We are pleased to welcome back Christine Simpson (nee Brown) as a helper – she is a great asset to our section.



As part of Emergency Services theme this year, the **JUNIORS** have visited Falkirk Fire Station. We have also had a visit from Jay, Central Scotland Fire and Rescue's Fire Protection Dog, who can detect if accelerants are used in wilful fire-raising. It was a fascinating talk.

We also entered 2 teams into the GB National Somerville competition in Edinburgh. It was a lot of fun and our girls made some new GB pals.

We have made Christmas cards, and fancy picture frames for our Coffee Evening. In the run up to Christmas, we sang Christmas carols to the residents of St Margaret's Home. Our girls looked a treat with their Santa hats, reindeer ears and tinsel! The Christmas Treat this year was an evening at the Megazone – a great team-building event!

We have also been trying out new songs, in preparation for hosting the Central Region GB Sing-a-Long night in February 2009.

Special thanks to our helpers, Julie Heeps and Corinne Lewis, who contribute a great deal and we couldn't do without them.

BRIGADERS

Recently, as part of their Spiritual badgework, the girls read the story of Ruth and talked about faith; then after reading the story of Deborah, they discussed crime and punishment. They have also enjoyed doing different crafts – balloon modelling, glass painting and card making – as well as learning a Highland dance. In October they invited 1st Polmont Brigaders to join them for a Fun Night with games, dancing, craft, hot chocolate and cakes, and then a few weeks later our girls paid a return visit to Brightons.

For our Hallowe'en Treat we saw "High School Musical 3" then had ice cream at McDonalds and we're now looking forward to our Christmas meal at a local restaurant.

We are still collecting used stamps to raise money for a Christian Girls' School in India, so please save them from your Christmas post! They can be given to Catherine or Nicola - thanks for your help.

Our last meeting this year will be on the 10th December and will restart on the 7th January 2009.

May we take this opportunity to wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from the officers, helpers and girls of 2nd Polmont and thank for your support throughout the year.



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*** Newsflash ***

We raised £800 at our recent Coffee Evening. A **big thank you** to everyone who supported us in any way, with donations, buying tickets and being there on the night.