

# Chief scouts

We have the Chief Scout Gold award which is the highest award in scouts. We achieved it by gaining 8 out of the 9 challenge badges. These were fitness, community, creative, global, promise, outdoor, outdoor plus, adventure challenges and the final one that we didn't get but we are going to get was the expedition challenge badge.

In order to get them we had to use team work, courage and leadership.

Here are some of the challenge badges in more detail;

**The fitness challenge** involved explaining about harmful effects of smoking, alcohol and drugs and to keep a diary of exercise over a period of time. This was hard because we had to remember to write down what and how much exercise you did that day.

**The community challenge** involved six hours of community service and explore one aspect of how the local community works and organised. This was hard because there are so many community services we didn't know what to pick. Eventually we settled on helping a local Brownie Pack and a conservation weekend at Skreens Park where we replanted hedges to help maintain the wildlife levels.

**The creative challenge** involved completing three of any of the six areas. Three of these areas are, take part in a performance in front of a small audience or have a go at some creative craft or construct a model. We really enjoyed this because we could get stuck in a make some mess.

**The global challenge** involved making contact with scouts from another country outside the united kingdom this can be done by either nights away overseas, such as our trip to

Kandersteg, Switzerland which is planned for next year, or the internet or even pen pals.

We found this fun because we got to understand some one else from a different country or culture. We met lots of new friends from this country and abroad at the Essex International Jamboree.

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