

Saturday the 6th

The late start...

A well deserved lie in was had by most, with a late cooked breakfast at 10:30 followed by washing up by some of the scouts, little did we know this was going to become a problem..... As planned we meet up with 4 patrols from the 1st Marsa Scout group with who we are twinned. The Scouts were split into 4 and placed with the 4 Marsa patrols. An ice breaking game of the human knot within each patrol served to break the ice. Onward into Valletta for a scavenger hunt within the city so we let the mixed patrols go and hoped to see them all again, the leaders proceeded to walk down the main street towards parliament square where we learnt that the opening of parliament was taking place today and that the new PM would soon be passing with guard of honour so we settled to watch, only 15min we were told, 35minutes later the band appeared and proceeded to march half way around the square and stop along with the honour guard. A black limo hove into view, drove in at one side and out the other the band and army followed on up the main street and out of the city. As ceremony's go I've seen better, but hey. We followed on behind the honour guard and made it back to the city gate in time to meet the Scouts on there return. Gilbert (Marsa Scout Leader) introduced us to one of the band who happened to be his assistance leader. A stroll back to the IHQ and a photo call outside before the Marsa scouts walked back home taking Venetia and Jenny with them to show them where the supermarket that James failed to find on the first day was. Upon there return we proceeded to walk the whole group minus Jenny, Georgie and Molly (who were revising) to the supermarket and stock up as nearly all shops are shut on a Sunday in Malta. 48Kg of water alone was distributed among the Scouts not to mention to other supplies needed for 17 people for the upcoming 3 days, but luck shined upon us as there was a bus stop right outside the supermarket so we had a chance to try out our new bus passes.

A tea of chicken curry with the local brew for the kids (kinnie, a soft drink) and then followed by pancakes and ice cream (skilfully produced by jenny) was quickly dispatched. Now came the issue no one wanted to wash up! Reasoning of who had done tea the previous night and breakfast this morning (dinner does not count) fell onto deaf ears so names into a hat it was, this combined with reference to the code of conduct finally got the job done. Early ish to bed as we have an early start tomorrow with a visit to Marsa for a tour of the chapels and churches.

And now for a Scouts eye view of the day.
By Matt Ison & Dan Cowen.

Today was really hot while we were running around the town trying to find things with the Marsa scouts, we had to complete a word search and a crossword about the local town, Valletta. We had to collect: 5 different napkins from nearby restaurants; 3 bus tickets (without paying for them); a map of Malta. When we first met the Marsa scouts we were grouped into four patrols and we had to introduce ourselves, then we had to play a game where you have to grab two different peoples hands opposite you and then untangle yourselves where there is a circle of people holding hands. We then had a quick snack and then set off to the supermarket which was a much shorter walk than the previous day. When we got there Lorna went and bought two packets of magnum ice cream which we ate while the leaders went shopping (which was a long wait), we then had to load our day bags with 50kg of bottled water and carry two bags of food each. Luckily we caught the bus home to make it a lot easier. We then had some free time before having tea which was curry followed by pancakes for dessert. We then went to sleep while it was very windy and drizzling with a few bugs.





