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Dear friend,

World Thinking Day occurs on 22 February, a day to focus on the world around us, the environment, peace, and gender equality.

This date was selected to celebrate the birthdays of Olave Baden-Powell and Lord Baden-Powell, founders of the Guiding and Scouting movements. Money is raised to support the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS) and other charitable causes.

The theme for 2024 is "Our World, Our Thriving Future." It is a day to explore environmental issues through the lens of gender equality, peace, and poverty.

On World Thinking Day, our members are encouraged to wear their Guide uniforms out and about to showcase their pride in our organisation on what we call A-WEAR-Ness Day.

We will be sure to share photos of our members with all of you!



Irish Girl Guides Awarded €1,000 Prize



IGG was honoured to receive a €1,000 prize from Ecclesiastical Insurance and the Benefact Group to support our work in creating responsible global citizens! We thank the Movement for Good Awards and their efforts to aid charities throughout Ireland and the UK.

For more information, [visit this link](#).

National Brownie Quiz Winners



Congratulations to the Shannow Brownies from the South West, Winners of the 2023 National Brownie Quiz. Excellent work to Niamh, Niamh, Lilymai, Susie and Keeva!

The Brownie Quiz occurs once every two years and is a way for Brownies to demonstrate their knowledge on Guiding and general knowledge, and have fun along the way!

Well done to everyone who participated as well as to the winners as well all the Brownies who reached the Finals – Celbridge Sprites, Moy Fairies, Navan Elves, Dolmen Fairies, Rosmote Elves, and the Moyne Templetuohy Leprechauns.

ECO-UNESCO Visits National Training Centre



IGG recently welcomed Elaine, Julie, and Katie of ECO-UNESCO to its National Training Centre for a very fruitful discussion about how both groups can work together and further our shared goals of empowering young people and conserving the environment.

We hope this will be just the first step in building a lasting partnership that will encourage our members to take environmental action.

The ECO-UNESCO Young Environmentalist Awards (YEA) is an all-Ireland programme that seeks to empower and reward young people aged 10-18 who take environmental action. Whether your project is big or small, new or pre-existing, YEA welcomes project entries from a diverse range of categories such as biodiversity, transport, energy and waste, amongst others. To learn more, [visit this link](#).

North Longford Guides Aid Community with Hi Digital Programme



Guides in Longford have been rolling out the Vodafone Foundation's Hi Digital programme, helping older people feel comfortable with the digital age.

Joining the clients of Laurel Lodge nursing home on Saturday mornings, the girls assisted in assessing the digital needs of the older person and working with them to achieve their learning outcomes.

[Read more here.](#)

Celebrating Saint Brigid's Day at Oireachtas



IGG was represented at Leinster House as Oireachtas held an event for Saint Brigid's Day.

Our Leader necker was included in one of the cloaks made at the textile fair.

Thank you to Jillian Van Turnhout for representing IGG and honouring Saint Brigid.

That's all for today. If you have any queries or items, please email communications@irishgirlguides.ie.

Kind regards,

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