



Wednesday 23 August 2023

Several troops took the chance to ascend some mountains yesterday. **8th/14th Epsom** took the gondolas up to the Schilthorn, and **Sheerwater** and **1st Frimley Green** and **Mytchett** rode the Jungfrau Railway up the Jungfraujoch.

A trip to Blofeld's lair

Maya Coleby is at KIX with 8th/14th Epsom Air Scouts and told us about their troop choice day trip



to the Schilthorn. "Today we visited the Schilthorn mountain. The coach journey took a while, but when we got there, it was incredible. We drove past towering mountains, dusted with icy white snow. After taking lots of photos of the breathtaking views we finally arrived."

"We had to board four different cable cars which would take us up to the top of the Schilthorn, 3122m up. Next, we entered a metal walkway which was attached to the side of the mountain. An astonishing view met our eyes as we stood on a glass platform. All that was between us and a massive drop was a thin piece of glass. We felt amazed but petrified. The view was just so amazing it was a lot to take in."



"We all thoroughly enjoyed our day out and can't wait to see what the rest of the trip brings."

Reaching the 'top of Europe'

Sheerwater's **Chong, Daniel, Grace, JP, Jamie, Julian, Luca** and **Milo** got in touch about their visit to the Jungfrauoch. "Today we travelled by coach and train to the top of Europe. Jungfrauoch is 3571m above sea level and there is lots of snow - we had to wear our sunglasses because it was so sunny, and it was warmer than we expected.



"We had lunch out on the snow and had a snowball fight! Then we visited the ice cave with loads of cool sculptures. It was really slippery to walk on and you had to shuffle your feet so as not to fall. Inside

the ice cave we met a gentleman who had been a Scout in Singapore and he shared the Singapore Scout promise with us. This was our favourite bit of the day. Before we got back on the train, we visited the Lindt chocolate heaven shop.

"The trains are interesting because they are rack and pinion trains to help them get up and down the steep mountains. Overall, it was the most amazing day and has been our "high" point of the trip so far!"



1st Frimley Green and Mytchett also travelled to the Jungfrauoch yesterday:



Climbing at Winteregg

1st Goldsworth Park Young Leader **Rebekah Braisby** tells us about their troop choice day at Winteregg yesterday. "It was an amazing



experience which all the scouts and leaders enjoyed and learnt a lot about both climbing and each

other such as who made friends with the cable car floorboards and who enjoyed the view."

Cheesy does it

1st Claygate took a hike to the Cheesery.



Local Day for 1st Jacobs Well

While most of the Troop went to visit Kandersteg, Matthew and two other Scouts stayed at the campsite to explore its surroundings. Matthew felt that the campsite felt more peaceful and quieter than usual.

During their explorations they spotted a

Messages from home

5th Farnham: **Toby Yates** we hope you're having an awesome time at KIX and can't wait to hear all about it. We've seen some great photos and it looks amazing. Love from Mummy and Hatty, Grandma and Grandpa xx

Daniel hope you are having a fantastic time in the mountains. Enjoy your adventures and see you soon, love Mum, Dad, William and Toby

Monty Hills We are following your exciting adventure from home. It looks amazing! Hope you're having a brilliant time!! Love M, D, S, M & M. xx

staircase leading to Baden-Powell Hill. It's best known for having been a Great Viewpoint to see all of the campsite and which Baden Powell himself used. Due to overgrown trees BP Hill is well hidden now.

Another Surrey Scout in Kandersteg



Staff team members **Denise** and **Paul Iverson** walked into Kandersteg today with **Mark Wingett** and met Eva and Eric, a couple from Zurich who are holidaying here. Denise picks up the story "We introduced ourselves as they wanted to know where we were from. Eric said he worked in Woking for two years and joined the Sheerwater scouts as a leader. He still meets with his Zurich scout leaders once a month after all these years.

Birthday Greetings

Everyone on the KIX team wishes a very happy birthday today to **Abigail De Oliveira** from 1st Goldsworth Park, **Amanda Doran** from 1st Oxted and **Ann Massey** on the staff team; we hope you all have a great day!



4th Weybridge: Celia Matthews hope you're having a fantastic time. We saw photos of your walk into town and the cheese and choc fondue - looked great. Everyone is good here - and don't worry we are looking after your gecko! Enjoy the rest of your adventures. Love you lots, mummy, daddy, Sian and Alice xxx 😊❤️

Hiya **Beth**, hope you are having a fabulous time and enjoying every amazing opportunity that you can. We are very jealous as the pictures look awesome. Keep having fun. Love Mum and Dad xx

Charlie Walker Hi Charlie Bear, we are keeping up today with all the fun you are doing. We are so proud of you and cannot wait to get you back to hear all the exciting details. We love you so much. Mum, dad and Harry bunny xxx

Zoe (1st Claygate) we hope you're having the best time at KIX2023. How are those magnificent mountains and lakes? Weather looks amazing - can't wait to hear your stories. Schlag Schlag Double Schlag! Love, M, D, C and Foy xx

Franklin Morris (1st Oxted) Wow! The photos we have seen look glorious. We cannot wait to hear what you have been up to. Maia is caught up on LOTR so we can enjoy the final together when you are home. Hope you've found a Swiss sticker. Have fun - from Mum, Dad and Maia.

1st Nork: Jean de Villiers – We hope you are having a great adventure in Switzerland with your friends. Try and enjoy every minute and take it all in. We miss you, but we know the week will pass so quickly and you will have a lot of stories to tell us. We met the new dog cousin, Dobby yesterday. She is very cute and she and Jelly played well together but Jelly put her in her place and acted a bit jealous when Dobby tried to chew her squirrel. Have fun big boy and see you soon. Remember to always be kind and look after each other. The De Villiers Family.

Hi **Vella**, we have been looking at all the great pictures (well done Dylan - great job) of what you have been getting up, looks amazing, the mountains are beautiful. We are looking forward to you telling us all about your adventures. It's very quiet and tidy at home 😊. Love Mummy, Daddy and Nipper xxx

Hello **Elliot (1st Molesey)** Great to see you're all having fantastic adventures in the mountains. DD says hi and can't wait till it's his turn in 3 years time! Lots of love from Mum, Dad & Dillon xxx

BIG shout out to all the scouts in 1st Walton! You all look as though you are having the best time, enjoy every moment and thank you to Bernard and Gav for making this happen. Love from all your parents x

1st Weybridge So exciting to see you having such adventures. Arielle and Conrad we are so proud of this amazing thing you are doing. From Jane & Graeme.

5th Reigate: Hello to all at 5th Reigate Scouts, we have loved seeing all the photos, it looks like you are having a fantastic time. Enjoy every minute. Lots of love The Pinto's

Mikey Quinlan Mikey moo. We've been watching all the updates and are so jealous of the amazing experience you are having. We are wondering how you've been coping with your fear of heights 😬 The animals are all fine (including Erin!!!). We are missing you so much and can't wait to see you Sunday. Love mum dad and Erin x

Thomasina and Tristan Bradbury (1st Wonersh), Hope you're having a wonderful time, Love Mum and Dad Xx and Hi to all Wonersh Scouts and thank you so much to the amazing Leaders Eric and Dave.

Today in Kandersteg...

Morning



20°

Afternoon



27°

Evening



25°

Night



19°