



130th Glasgow Company, The Boys' Brigade

Anchor Boys – Section information

What is Anchor Boys?

Anchor Boys is the youngest section in the BB and is for children aged between 5 and 8. (Typically Primary 1, Primary 2 and Primary 3.)

What do they do?

Anchor Boys have lots of fun doing different activities which include making things, crafts, music, games, sports, stories going on visits, making friends, and working towards their badges.

All of this is done as part of a balanced programme that is separated into 5 different zones . . .



Everything an Anchor Boy does helps them to develop and to think for themselves, in a safe environment.

What else do I need to know?

Anchor Boys have a special uniform that they can wear. As everyone wears the same thing they feel as though they belong. However nobody is excluded because they do not have the right clothes.

How long do they meet for?

A typical weekly section meeting would usually run for around one hour and be finished by 7.30pm.

Why Anchor Boys?

Children of this age are developing rapidly. There are big changes in a child's mental, emotional, social and physical development. However, all children are different and have a variety of needs. The relationships formed with children at this age can be important in assisting them to achieve a sound sense of personal and group identity. The programme will provide a wide variety of different activities including:

- Learning new skills: the dexterity required for arts and crafts, following simple instructions for games and activities
- Developing confidence: given opportunities to do things for themselves, praise for good behaviour, taking part in simple role-play, mime and drama
- Developing physical skills: co-ordination games, hopping, skipping and balancing games
- Developing independence: being given simple choices of activities, short trips and visits
- Developing a group identity: belonging to a group, going on trips as a group, taking part in group activities
- Developing an awareness of the needs of others: learning to share and co-operate
- Developing a personal identity: learning about how we are all different, looking at the different needs and interest of others

And most importantly..... opportunities for fun and enjoyment!