## Boys' and Girls' Brigade Camp in Kirkham

On Friday the 29<sup>th</sup> of April, 14 children from the Boys' and Girls' Brigade met on the Church car park before driving to the Boys' Brigade North West Centre in Kirkham. After the rooms were allocated, and everyone had unpacked, the children got creative with craft items brought by Karen before heading over to the Sports Hall for a game of football, table tennis, pool and bar football. After supper and devotions, everyone made their way to bed, eventually settling down by 2am.

On Saturday, a talent contest was held as part of devotions led by Heather, with Alicia performing a Bratz song, to demonstrate that we all have talents provided by God and that we should use them to his benefit. We then went back to the Sports Hall for Potted Sports, set up by Elena and Nathan, including skipping, skittles, darts and ball slalom. After lunch (and birthday cake number 1 for Nathan Junior), we walked to the local baths, stopping at the playground on the way, for an hour of splashing over the inflatable assault course. After tea (and a second birthday cake), we played Bingo, baked some cup cakes and enjoyed Frank's legendary quiz. A very busy, tiring day that saw all the children, except Reece asleep by 11.

On Sunday, we ate 59 sausages for breakfast, had room inspection and devotions, led by Frank and Andrew before searching for Blackbeard's treasure around the site. After a chicken roast, the children joined in an impromptu archery session and decorated their cup cakes before packing up and heading off home.

A brilliant weekend that was enjoyed by everyone and provided numerous memories to treasure for years to come.

One of the highlights of the weekend was on Saturday night when all the children had gone to bed and Reece joined the helpers in the lounge area for a cup of tea, some of Frank's cakes and a natter. We spent the next 2 hours laughing together and Reece really joined in with the banter. It was great to see Reece shine and enjoy himself so much.

Roll on next May!

The members, Officers and helpers at the Boys' and Girls' Brigade