



THE TENDER PAW BADGE

THE JUNGLE STORY

The Jungle story was written by Rudyard Kipling. *(An abbreviated story can be found in the document named 'The Jungle book T03 - 0915')*

The Characters

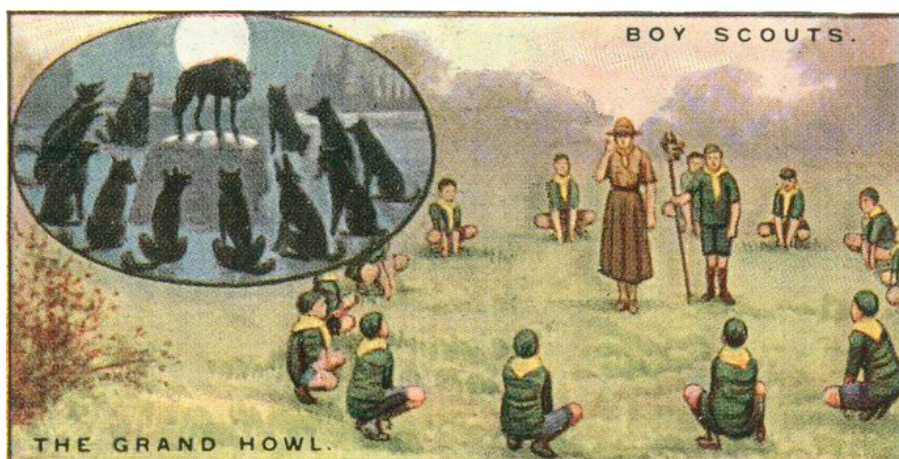
For a whole list of characters please refer to **page T03.1 - T03.4**. The most important characters that should be taught to the Cub are Akela, Raksha, Baloo, Bagheera, Kaa, and Shere Khan. Others can be discussed as well.

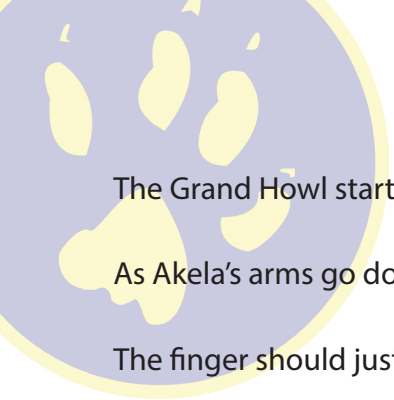
THE GRAND HOWL

The Grand Howl is taken from the Jungle Book. The episode pictures the wolves gathering around the rock with the Leader of the Wolves on top and it is in this setting that they put forward the little cubs for all the pack to see.

The Grand Howl is a way of reminding everyone about the Cub Scout Promise. Its origin 'dates' from the meetings of the Seonee Wolf Pack at the Council Rock of the Jungle Book.

The Grand Howl is led by Akela (but any leader may lead) who starts off by shouting 'Pack, Pack, Pack" (or blows the whistle 3 times) while holding the arms out and marking a circle formation call (as show in fig. 3). The cubs respond by forming a circle with Akela in the middle (other leaders and cubs who have not yet been invested stay outside the circle and watch) with the duty sixer facing Akela.





The Grand Howl starts when Akela’s hands are lowered.

As Akela’s arms go down Cubs squat and start the Howl immediately.

The finger should just touch the ground between the knees forming the scout sign.

The phrasing of the Howl is as Follows:

Pack: “Akela, aħna ser nagħmlu ħilitna”
Cubs leap to their feet and stand at alert
Duty Cub: “Cubs, intom ser tagħmlu ħilitkom!”
Pack: “Iva, aħna ser nagħmlu ħilitna”

Pack: “Akela! We will do our best.”
Cubs leap to their feet and stand at alert
Duty Cub: “Cubs, do your best”
Pack: “We will do our best”

Important to note:

Within the pack, the Grand Howl, Promise and Law can be said either in Maltese or in English. For National Activities, they are to be said in Maltese. Therefore, the Maltese version must be known by all Cubs.

GOOD DEEDS

The good deeds which cubs are asked to do everyday are very closely linked to the promise and motto. The good deed is an invitation to turn the commitment into concrete action. It is not enough to shout the motto aloud and remember that one has made a promise. One also has to do things that show that the promise and the motto are put into action.

The small services which children render and the modest help that they can give on a day-to-day basis are an invitation to show their spirit of service, one of the important steps to always doing their best.

Good daily deeds may not seem very significant from the adult point of view. The truth is that they are not. The intention was not to make children solve complex social problems, but rather to generate in them a permanent inclination to help others. These daily acts of service are small ways of fighting apathy and indifference and showing that other people are important.

At first it may seem a little unnatural to have to carry out a good turn every day. The aim is to generate an attitude gradually, and when that happens, the spirit of service will have become a natural part of the child’s character, an integral part of one’s personality.

Suggestions: As mentioned in the Scout Law, the diary of good deeds (Cub Book pg6) puts into practice all of its principals.



OUR NATIONAL IDENTITY

National Anthem

Apart from teaching who wrote the National Anthem and its words, we have to start putting some loyalty towards our country. Being proud of one's identity is a very important issue for a good citizen. We promise to do our duty to our country and we should live up to that promise by taking it seriously.

Lyrics Written by: Dun Karm Psaila

Music written by: Mro Robert Sammut

First played on: 3rd February 1923

First played at: The Manoel Theatre during a concert organized by the "L-Għaqda Kittieba tal-Malti" which today is known as "L-Akkademja tal-Malti"

Words:

Lil din l-Art ħelwa, l-Omm li tatna isimha,
Ħares, Mulej, kif dejjem Int ħarist;
Ftakar li lilha bl-oħla dawl libbist.

Agħti, kbir Alla, d-dehen lil min jaħkimha,
Rodd il-ħniena lis-sid, saħħa 'l-ħaddiem;
Seddaq il-għaqda fil-Maltin u s-sliem.

Suggestions: Refer to the Scout Promise "To do my duty to God and to my country".

National Flag

It is important to discuss how one should respect the flag. Also, mention the day that the George Cross was awarded. Make cubs feel proud that we, as Maltese, were awarded this honour. The Cross is not on the flag just for decoration but it is history.

The George Cross

The George Cross was awarded to the island of Malta by King George VI of the United Kingdom in a letter dated 15 April 1942 to the island's Governor Lieutenant-General Sir William Dobbie, so as to "bear witness to the heroism and devotion of its people" during the great siege it underwent in the early parts of World War II. The George Cross is woven into the Flag of Malta and can be seen wherever the flag is flown.

