



**THE SCOUT ASSOCIATION OF MALTA, FGURA SCOUT GROUP**

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## May 2020

### **Group**

Fri 8th May Fgura Scout Quiz #2 @Online 1745-1830hrs

### **Beavers**

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Wed 27th May	Recycled Craft @Virtual	1800-1900hrs

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**Moving on Beavers (MOB) and Link Badge members (LB) should attend where marked (+MOB) or (+LB).**

### **Troop**

Sat 9th May	VSM5 @Skype	0900-1100hrs
Fri 15th May	VSM6 @Skype	1830-2030hrs
Sat 30th May	VSM7 @Skype	0900-1100hrs

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### **Crew**

Fri 1st May - Sun 31st May Natural Enviorment @HQ

### **Band**

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## Group

**Fri 8th May**

**Fgura Scout Quiz #2 @Online**

**1745-1830hrs**

A Fun Quiz for scouts and their families.

The quiz is open to everyone - even non-scouts. But all questions will be related to scouting, so it would really really help if you are or used to be a scout.

To participate just make sure to click on "Going" on the [Facebook Event Page](#) as spaces are limited to 50 participants.

Meet us online with a well-charged smart-phone or laptop on Friday 8th May at 17:45.

We will post more instructions on how to join the quiz on the day on the [Facebook Event Page](#)

## Beavers

As from this month we will start to make use of Zoom (virtual conference software) to meet again virtually every Wednesday at 18.00.

Please make sure everything is ready for the meeting online and that all items required are prepared ahead. All requirements will be listed in our monthly circular.

Most of the sessions will take a maximum of an hour and we will try to abide by that time however, we may take longer since the meetings are still in their experimental phase.

There are some meetings which our beavers may require your help and thus, it would be ideal to plan ahead in order for one of the parents to be available during that time. Our beavers may also need your help to connect, maintain connection or resolve any technical issues which may arise during the meeting.

Thank you for your co-operation and hope to see you soon :)

**Wed 6th May**

**Scouting Sessions @Virtual**

**1800-1900hrs**

Today we will finally meet again. We will spend some time to discuss how we are spending our time at home. Afterwards, we will refresh our memory on how we should fold our scarf and thus, we will need our scarfs and our woggle.

**Wed 13th May**

**Lovin Pets @Virtual**

**1800-1900hrs**

Today we will speak about our pets and our favourite animals. We will also speak about their origin, food they eat and how they can be taken care of.

**Wed 20th May**

**Do it yourself - Muffins @Virtual**

**1800-1900hrs**

Today we will meet again to prepare some muffins together with our parents.

**For our muffins we will require the following ingredients: 2 eggs, 125ml vegetable oil, 250ml milk, 250g caster sugar, 400g self-raising flour (or same quantity plain flour and 3 tsp baking powder), 1 tsp salt, 100g chocolate chips or dried fruit such as sultanas or dried cherries (optional) and any other ingredients you want to add.** After they are ready please post a picture in our Facebook group.

If during this hour any of the parents are not available, please feel free to do them at any other time, at your convenience.

**Wed 27th May**

**Recycled Craft @Virtual**

**1800-1900hrs**

Today we will be going around the house collecting any thing that can be recycled. We will then use our creativity to do a robot theme craft. Some items we can use are as follows: **some boxes/cereal boxes, small/medium rolls (toilet paper rolls/ kitchen rolls will do), yogurt cups, bottle caps, wrapping paper or foil.**

## Pack

We missed you all dear cubs and we know from feedback we got that you missed us too but we must obey orders in order to stay safe both for ourselves and all those around us. But scouting doesn't stop here.....we are still scouts - and more so in this situation - so let's keep our spirits high so that we will pass this phase with our heads held up high.

The good news is that we will still be meeting virtually every week with fun, educational, interesting and even hands on activities. Being 30 members at the moment, the co-operation of all is needed in order to make these meetings a success so we decided to split the pack into 2 groups and meetings will take approximately an hour. Details of how these sixes will be split can be found below (we kept siblings together):

**Group 1 - Blue Six & Green Six & the three girls from White Six (Amy, Alice and Alicia); Time: 10am-11am (sign in 0945am) - Timings might change for certain meetings - please check time for each individual meeting**

**Group 2 - Red Six & Yellow Six & the three boys from White Six (Matthew, Matteo and Isaac Zahra); Time: 11.30am-12.30pm (sign in 11.15am)**

**Timings might change for certain meetings - please check time for each individual meeting.**

**The only exception is the first meeting where we will be meeting all together.**

**Log in time is given 15 minutes earlier so that meeting can start on time.**

**Regarding Link Badge members we are co-ordinating with Troop Section to see which meetings they are better off attending with us or with them; especially due to the fact that even Troop meetings are on a Saturday morning. Ian and Gianluca can inform me (Akela) if they wish to attend a pack meeting for which they weren't supposed to attend - as I always tell them they are more than welcome. Needles to say the most important meeting (especially for them) is when it comes to Sessions.**

***VERY IMPORTANT NOTICE: After discussions with the GSL and other Section Leaders it transpired that Google Hangouts will not meet the needs of the pack meetings, so for this month we will try using ZOOM and see how it goes. All the details can be found on our Fgura Cub Scouts Facebook Group with instructions how to install (extremely easy) and how to join a ZOOM meeting. A lot of schools are using this platform as well so many of you will already be familiar or have it installed already.***

**For each and every meeting I will be posting on our Facebook Group a link so that you may connect accordingly. The post will appear on Friday (since meetings will all take place on Saturday morning) so please check the Pack Facebook Group accordingly each and every week.**

The rules to be followed during these virtual meetings were already posted on our Facebook Group on the 18th April and I ask all to please follow them closely.

We have also decided to create a Facebook page for the Pack Section - a closed group where only the Pack leaders and the cubs' parents will be the members. This was necessitated since certain feedback can only be given online in these circumstances and even certain updates can be centralized in one point. All parents are now members of this Facebook Group and it is important to keep updated with any news and updates we may be posting.....it doesn't take too long and is important in order to keep up to date and avoid mistakes and mix-ups.

We have also coordinated with the the Troop Section because of our Link Badge members since even Troop have virtual meetings on a Saturday morning and we have cases of siblings in both Sections; however the parents have kindly confirmed that there will be no problem if certain timings clash since even mobiles can be used for these online meetings and I'm sure these are abundant in all families!!

So stay tuned on our Fgura Cub Scouts Facebook Group and even details in each monthly circular.

**Sat 2nd May                      Press Conference with Fgura Cub Scouts (+MOB) & + (LB) @Virtual                      1000-1200hrs**

This is the first time we will be meeting each other again - but this time round virtually after our last pack meeting at our HQ on the 6th of March where we did the Our Environment badge.

For this first online meeting all the cubs will participate in this two hour slot and each and every cub will give their view and experiences in this very unique and particular situation which all the world is experiencing.

So this is a very relaxed meeting between us all scouting friends where everyone can freely express what they are going through and share their thoughts and feelings.

LB members can join at any point and not necessarily be present for the whole duration of the meeting if it clashes with Troop meeting.

HOPE TO SEE EVERYONE ONLINE :) **Log in for this meeting is 0945am**

**Sat 9th May    Mother's Day Craft (+LB) @Virtual**

Today we're going to do a simple craft for Mother's Day. We made sure that all items needed are basic items which can be definitely found at home. It is important that the cubs prepare these items near them before they log in for the meeting. As soon as this circular is out we will post a photo of the craft, together with the items needed on the Fgura Cub Scouts Facebook Group.

**Group 1 (Blue, Green & girls from White Six) - log in 0945 (ends 1100)**

**Group 2 (Red, Yellow & boys from White Six) - log in 1115 (ends 1230) - Today LB can attend with this Group**

**Today the cubs who will be presenting a proficiency badge next week will need to advise us which badge they will be doing at the end of the meeting.**

**Sat 16th May**

**Proficiency Badges (+MOB) @Virtual**

At the moment we are seeing lots of posts where cubs are doing loads of things at home like crafts, etc. This is a good opportunity to do the Pet Care badge for example since you don't have to get your pet to HQ - you can show it to us online; Hobbies badge; Craftsman badge or Collector. Other badges are not practical to do them online; however those cubs who participated in the JOTI in April can do the People & Places badge since point 4 will be covered by this participation - they will obviously have to tell us the answers to some questions they asked the other cubs/scouts with whom they had contact. They can then choose to do another 2 points like points 1 and 2 - keep them as simple as possible since we don't have much time although this meeting is a little longer since 1 hour is normally not enough for such a meeting but if we finish before it's no problem.

Cubs are NOT obliged to do a badge and this is purely optional - like when we have a similar meeting at HQ. Cubs are requested to tell us which badge they will be doing today in the previous meeting - on Saturday 9th May so that the leaders will be able to organize the meeting accordingly. If LB members wish to do a badge they can join in any one of the 2 groups - it is purely optional).

**Group 1 (Blue, Green & girls from White Six) - log in 0845 (ends 1030)**

**Group 2 (Red, Yellow & boys from White Six) - log in 1045 (ends 1230)**

**Sat 23rd May**

**Art in the Kitchen (+LB) @Virtual**

So what is this all about? We are going to create scenes/pictures on a plate with food items :) You can be totally original and think of a picture yourself and what food/fruit items to use but you are also free to get ideas from the internet.

Prepare the food and any items which you are going to use before the meeting starts but obviously you will be cutting them out and putting them together during the meeting. You can obviously keep a picture of the food art which you chose near you.

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**Group 2 (Red, Yellow & boys from White Six) - log in 1115 (ends 1230)**

**Sat 30th May**

**Sessions (+MOB & +LB) @Virtual**

**This is a very important meeting for all the cubs and today cubs will not attend by six (in Group 1 or 2) but according to the arrow they are doing.** On the Pack's Facebook group we posted an attendance sheet where cubs are split in sixes and there is also a note showing what arrow they are doing. Timings are as follows:

**Tender Paw (4 MOBs + 2 new cubs = 6 cubs) log in 0945; ends 1100**

**Bronze Arrow (6 cubs) log in 1115; ends 1230**

**Silver Arrow (11 cubs) log in 1245; ends 1400**

**Gold Arrow (7 cubs + 2 LB = 9 cubs) log in 1445; ends 1600**

Cubs should prepare their Cub Book near them.

## Troop

The month of May continues with Virtual Scout Meetings and Weekly Challenges! Thank you for all the attendance so far and the effort made to keep on scouting. We are all in this together.

Stay tuned on the Facebook Page for more information in regards to what challenges await you over the coming weeks! We encourage all members to take part!

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## Unit

Although we cannot meet physically we still can resume on your venture program. Unit members will conduct presentations online according to their progress.

Keep strong and positive

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## **Crew**

**Fri 1st May - Sun 31st May**

**Natural Environment @HQ**

The Rover Crew shall dedicate the Month of May to the natural environment. A photo shall be uploaded for each day of the month.