

Going Away With Part 5

July

Whilst perusing Facebook I happened upon these incredible badges that are timed perfectly for our visit to the West End! I grabbed enough for each member (and leader, of course).



I had one last meeting with my mentor to check over everything and confirm what information I was going to give to the parents at our predeparture meeting. We made sure to add a few last bits then we were ready!

With our trip being outside of term time by a few weeks it was agreed we would have our meeting online (and record it) rather than drag everyone back to our meeting place, and it meant that parents could get the info even if they were commuting or had to put the kids to bed. The call went well!

I also did the leaders meeting via zoom too! This meant that I got a dry run on zoom where we could make sure the technology worked and leaders were aware of the plan first.

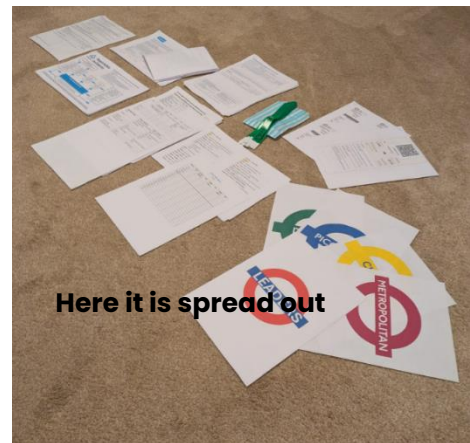
My co-leaders at the unit and I are all very pro being phone free where possible. I have risk assed them not having their phones in an emergency so hopefully some will take the opportunity to have a technology free weekend! I was a bit worried about how the parents would take this but they did so remarkably well, and closer to the time we started getting parents declaring their child wasn't bringing their phone, which was great!

August

I spent a night printing off everything I would need and I laid them all out across my living room to make sure I could tick off what I needed. As per the GAW license booklet, it suggests making a list of all the equipment you will need. With this not being an equipment heavy residential, I made a list of all the things I needed to print instead.

Here's the list:

- 3 x registers (Fri/Sat/Sun)
- Lunch order lists
- Nando's order form (blank)
- Uber/NHM tickets
- Train tickets and seat reservations
- 4 x copies of detailed itinerary
- Wristbands with my number on
- Group door signs and leader door signs.
- Review forms for return journey
- Emergency reporting forms (red book)



I packed those into my back pack for easy access. I'm going to store most of the paperwork in the green folder then transfer it across each day when it is needed. That saves me having to cart a load of paper across London, and means I won't lose it all if the clipboard is mislaid. The red folder is health info for Lara (designated first aider).

My bag is packed, my forms are filled, REN returned and now we wait... the day is almost upon us!