

## Matilda the Musical

On the 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> of December, Rainbows, Brownies, Guides and Rangers gathered at their local cinemas to join in with Matilda's Mighty Movie Screening!

Matilda's story first came to life through a novel written by Roald Dahl (1916-1990), a famous children's author most recognised for his book 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory'. The original book was released in 1988 and has sold over 17 million copies. In 1996, Matilda was turned into a movie for the first time. Later, the original novel was adapted into a stage musical by the Royal Shakespeare Company and went on many tours across the world, it even appeared on the West End and Broadway! Matilda the Musical has adapted into a movie again in 2022, released in cinemas on 25<sup>th</sup> November and soon appearing on Netflix.

The story itself is about a 5-year-old girl named Matilda, a natural-born genius. However, Matilda's parents do not appreciate her special talent and send her to 'Crunchem Hall', a school run by the traumatizing Miss Trunchball. Throughout her story, Matilda finds out that *just because you find that life's not fair, it doesn't mean that you just have to grin and bear it!* She makes lots of friends, stands up for what she believes is right and becomes a powerful and celebrated role model for the others around her.

I attended the Girlguiding-only screening with my combined Guide and Ranger unit. Our whole division met outside the cinema, and it was a little chaotic organising all of the Rainbows and Brownies! However, it was brilliant seeing so many people attending, especially since the sudden cold weather had frozen the roads the night before and a lot of illnesses were also going around. My unit kept to the side and brought some snacks whilst the younger ones were sorted into their units and led into their screen. The cinema was only small so we were split across two screens. Once everyone was finally in their seats and the leaders had taken lots of photos of their units, the movie began. We all sat quietly, fascinated by the choreography and not being able to get enough of the songs! My personal favourite part was 'Revolting Children'. The song is incredibly catchy, and the lyrics are very clever, especially how they miss-S-P-L words and link parts of the song to previous parts of the story and other songs! The choreography is amazing as well and fascinated all of us! We left the cinema singing and in a great mood!  
And the best part of it all...? We got badges!

When I grow up, I know I won't forget this amazing experience Girlguiding has given me and other members across the UK.