

GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY IN IRELAND



SECTION 2
ACHIEVEMENT BADGES





Achievement Badges

CLOTH ACHIEVEMENT BADGES

Cloth achievement badges that have been awarded to girls are sewn onto a navy ribbon which is then pinned to the top of the left arm shirt sleeve or fleece if wearing; see "Achievement Badge Ribbons" for diagram.

The badges are grouped into the following achievement categories, GFS Knowledge, Home and Personal Care, Church Life, Personal Skills and Physical Skills. For more information see the "Achievement Badges" section.

Please note: No more than 3 achievement badges may be completed per year.

SECTION BADGE COLOURS

Each of the sections within GFS has a specific colour. The following table uses the Floral Art badge to demonstrate the colours and corresponding sections:

Colour	Section
	Junior Candidates
	Candidates
	Junior Members
	Members
	Senior Members

Fig 5: Section Badge Colours

For more information about individual badges visit www.girlsfriendsociety.ie.



GFS KNOWLEDGE CATEGORY:



GFS Knowledge Badge

Aim:

To educate girls about the history of GFS and their place within the organisation.

Objective:

To provide information on GFS, its structures and its functions.

HOME AND PERSONAL CARE CATEGORY:



Health & Hygiene
Badge

Aim:

To educate girls in good health and hygiene.

Objective:

To provide knowledge about general health and hygiene, the importance of a healthy diet and to develop basic first aid skills.



Homemaker Badge

Aim:

To develop in the girls the skills necessary for good "home making".

Objective:

To further develop foundation skills in the area of general home maintenance.



Beautician Badge

Aim:

To help girls develop good skin and hair care.

Objective:

To provide safe and informed knowledge about skin and hair and how to keep it healthy.



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COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT CATEGORY:



Citizenship Badge

Aim:

To encourage girls to take an active part in the community.

Objective:

To demonstrate positive interaction with the local community and how to be a good citizen.



Safety Badge

Aim:

To make girls more aware of potential dangers.

Objective:

To provide foundation knowledge of safe conduct on the road, at home, in the garden, in the outdoors and personal safety.



Environmental &
Nature Study Badge

Aim:

To develop the girls' knowledge and care of their natural environment.

Objective:

To encourage the girls to explore the world around them and to understand why it is important to care for our environment and nature.



One World Badge

Aim:

To raise awareness of the lives and needs of different cultures throughout the world.

Objective:

To educate the girls about different countries and cultures worldwide and what are the basic needs for all people regardless of where or who they are.



CHURCH LIFE CATEGORY:



Bible Study Badge

Aim:

To promote members' knowledge of the Bible.

Objective:

To help members grow in the knowledge and love of our Lord Jesus Christ.



Church Knowledge
Badge

Aim:

To improve members' knowledge of the Church of Ireland through parish life; its structures and its functions.

Objective:

To provide information on parish life; its structures and its functions. Also, to enable members to grow in their Christian journey.



Mission Badge

Aim:

To increase awareness of our Mission Partners and the countries overseas where they serve God, through word and deed.

Objective:

To provide up-to-date information on our Mission Partners and to provide support through prayer and resources.



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PERSONAL SKILLS CATEGORY:



Arts & Crafts Badge

Aim:

To promote the value of creative activities and an environmental awareness by using non-toxic waste materials. Also to increase members' self-esteem, confidence, creative and intellectual ability and to assist them in developing their creative skills.

Objective:

To organise creative project programs for children and young people.



Floral Art Badge

Aim:

To teach simple basic steps in flower arranging and to encourage an appreciation for floral art.

Objective:

To encourage self-confidence with the creative process of flower arranging.



Book Lovers Badge

Aim:

To encourage an enjoyment of literature.

Objective:

To increase the girls' knowledge about books and to encourage an active enjoyment of reading.



Cookery Badge

Aim:

To encourage and develop culinary skills.

Objective:

To provide a knowledge and understanding of safe food practices and to develop the girls' culinary skills.

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Information
Technology
(IT) Badge

Aim:

To develop knowledge and skills in the area of Information Technology.

Objective:

To provide the girls with a foundation background in basic computing skills.



Music Badge

Aim:

To deepen the girls' understanding of music within their church and culture.

Objective:

To understand the marking of sheet music and to develop a deeper understanding of the music in their church and culture.



Discovery & Science
Badge

Aim:

To promote an awareness of our environment.

Objective:

To encourage through enquiry, experiments and discovery, the interaction of objects we meet every day.



Digital Media Badge

Aim:

To equip girls in the safe use, knowledge and development of digital media.

Objective:

To enable the girls to use cameras/video devices in projects and for general use. Also, to enable the girls to become more competent in the uses of various types of digital media and to assist them in understanding safe practices when using digital devices.



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Communication
Badge

Aim:

To increase awareness of the different styles and methods of communication.

Objective:

To identify a variety of communication skills such as sign language, Braille and Lamh.

Please Note: This badge is to be finalised as at Nov 2014.

PHYSICAL SKILLS CATEGORY:



Dance Badge

Aim:

To encourage girls to learn different dances from around the world as well as some facts about the countries where the dance came from.

Objective:

Using music as the vehicle, girls are introduced to a variety of countries and cultures from around the world through dance.



Drama Badge

Aim:

To encourage participation and enjoyment in the area of drama.

Objective:

To increase girls' self confidence in acting and other aspects involved with drama.



Exploration Badge

Aim:

To introduce the girls to exploring the outdoor world and participating in outdoor activities.

Objective:

To bring an awareness and enjoyment of the outdoors through outdoor activities.

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P.E. Badge

Aim:

To promote an awareness of physical well being.

Objective:

To promote physical well being through activities and knowledge regarding the body's health.



Swimming Badge

Aim:

To introduce girls to safe organised water activity.

Objective:

To build girls' confidence with water activities and to give knowledge about safety around water.