

The Baddies® Challenge



“There once lived a troll and a ghost and a witch.”

Since it was first published in 2022, The Baddies has become a family favourite, celebrating brains over brawn and kindness over cruelty.

For even more programme ideas check out our ‘The Baddies’ board over on www.Pinterest.com/PawprintFamily

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Meet the FAMILY

Hi there! We're Charlotte & Jamie, the husband and wife team behind the Pawprint Family and we believe in #AdventureForAll.

It's our mission to help leaders, teachers and parents save time by providing ideas and opportunities to help them deliver everyday adventure and skills for life. We do this through our family of brands; find out more below and head to the website for your next adventure!



PAWPRINT BADGES

Pawprint Badges provides thousands of free activity ideas and resources to help leaders, teachers and parents deliver fun and adventure.

Every activity helps you share skills for life and is linked to one of our pawesome embroidered badges. Build your collection and celebrate adventures, new skills and knowledge gained.

PAWPRINT TRAILS

Pawprint Trails are treasure-hunt style walks around locations in the UK. Solve puzzles, track down the answers and explore everything our great country has to offer.

From historical sights to popular culture discover something new or rediscover a love for where you live then collect the badge to remember your adventures!

Whether you're looking for the perfect addition to your next family holiday or a few hours of fun with friends; each trail can be completed in a few hours or extended with our activity suggestions in to a weekend or a week's worth of fun!

PAWPRINT TALES

Pawprint Tales are fully illustrated stories that can be enjoyed by the whole family. Join Alfie (our fox-red Labrador) on his adventures around the UK – solving puzzles, turning detective and making new friends. With twists and turns, every tale is an opportunity to discover new places, people and history without needing to leave the comfort of your own home.

Enjoy Pawprint Tales alongside your Pawprint Trails or as a standalone adventure!

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Every brand in the Pawprint Family supports the Pawprint Trust with a percentage of profits from every sale providing grants to young people. We're passionate about enabling young people to access life changing adventures.

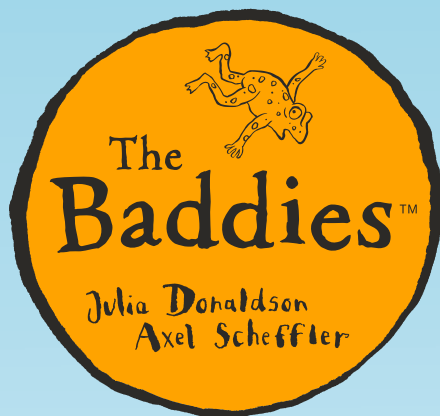
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Welcome...

...to the wonderful world of *The Baddies*.

First published in 2022 by Alison Green, an imprint of Scholastic Children's Books, this enchanting picture book written by Julia Donaldson and illustrated by Axel Scheffler is a favourite for many families. *The Baddies* is a tale of brains over brawn and a story that empowers little ones against things that go bump in the night.

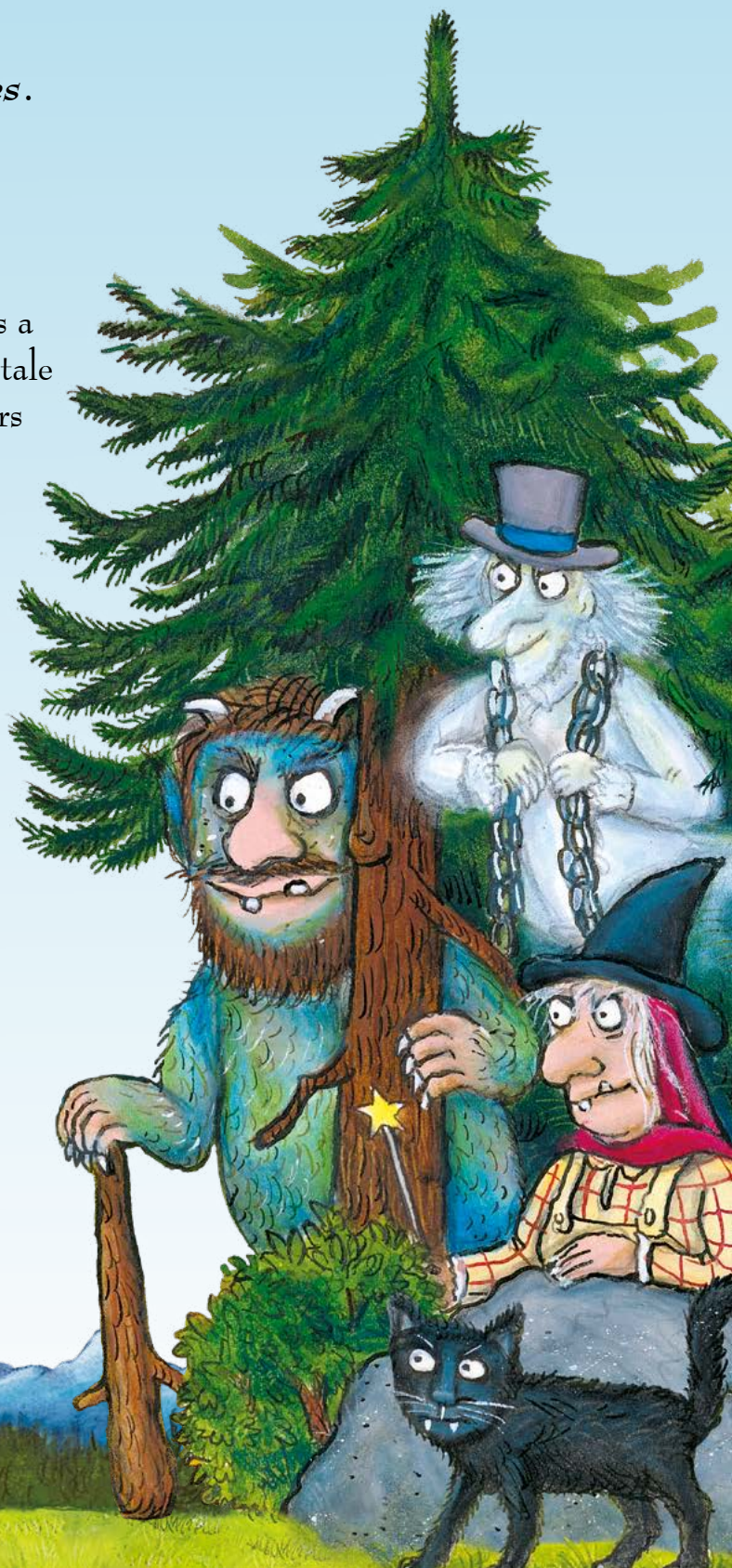
Together with Pawprint Family, we've created a challenge pack and badge that will get you exploring and enjoying all that *The Baddies* and its characters have to offer. Activities are suitable for all ages to enjoy, whether you're meeting the characters for the first time or rediscovering their adventures.

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HOW TO: Use Your Challenge Pack

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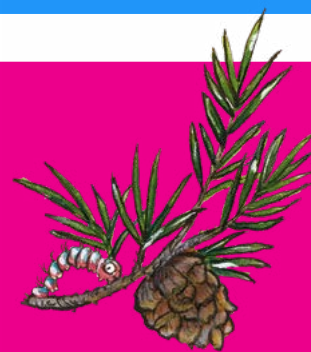
This Challenge Pack has been divided into 4 sections: Craft, Food, Games and Other. In order to help you provide a balanced and varied programme for your young adventurers we recommend that the following number of activities are completed by each age group:

Age 3 - 5	  						
Age 5 - 7	   	Craft	Food	Games	Other	PICK	
Age 7 - 11	    + 						
Age 11 - 14	    +  						
Age 14 - 18	    +   						
Age 18+	    +    						

Leaders, Teachers & Parents

Award yourselves a badge for supporting your young adventurers in their activities!

TOP TIPS



-  Adapt activities as necessary to meet your needs.
-  Add your own activity ideas or develop them into projects.
-  Use what you have; don't buy in lots of new materials/equipment.
-  No need to send us evidence, responsible grown-ups decide when the badge has been earned.
-  One challenge badge can take as long as you like; from a few hours to days or even a full term!

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Craft



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- ✧ Blow'st a ghost! Use a straw to blow a small puddle of white paint across a piece of black paper. Once your paint is completely dry, add some spookily googly eyes to your white splodge to transform your paint into a ghost!
- ✧ Give an old handkerchief a new lease of life by transforming it into a craft of your choice.
- ✧ *“Me next!” cried the witch, and she looked up a spell To magic things out of a pocket.”*
Design and make your own spell book filled with magical words, spells and drawings. What spells would you create and what magical changes would you bring to life right in front of your eyes? Would you use your spells for good or for mischief?
- ✧ Take part in the scrunched heart activity to understand how hurtful words can have lasting effects.

How?

Cut a large heart out of paper. Gently scrunch it into a ball, then carefully smooth it back out again. Notice how the creases remain, even though the heart looks whole again. These creases remind us that unkind words and actions can leave lasting marks, which is why it is so important to choose kindness. Now decorate your heart with colourful plasters, hearts or stars. On each one, write a kind word, compliment or act of kindness to remind yourself that kindness and caring for others can make a positive difference.

- ✧ Colour in and complete our Kindness Poster resource and stick it somewhere where members of your community will find it.
- ✧ Draw a picture of a villain or ‘baddie’ from a book, film, or one that you have invented for yourself. What are their bad traits, powers and weaknesses?
- ✧ *“They never said sorry or thank you or please”*
Design a poster to encourage people to use good manners every day.
- ✧ Craft a magical wand and decorate it with colours, glitter, ribbons or gems.
- ✧ Build a 3D model of the cottage where the girl lived using recycled materials.
- ✧ Make a troll mask using a paper plate and craft materials of your choice.
- ✧ Paint a kindness rock and leave it somewhere in your local community for someone else to find.





Food



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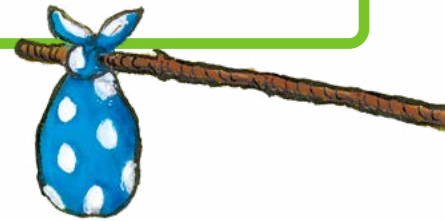
- ✴ Become a potion master and create your own magical mocktails by mixing different juices, fruits and fizzy drinks.
- ✴ *"I can't wait to haunt her
Until she's a quivering jelly."*
Have a go at making your own jelly in your favourite flavours and enjoy a wibbly-wobbly treat.
- ✴ Show kindness to wildlife by putting out food in your garden or creating a feeding station for birds and other animals. Before you begin, be sure to research which foods are safe and healthy for the wildlife in your area.
- ✴ Decorate biscuits with blue, spotty icing inspired by the hanky in the story.

Here's an idea!

Why not share them with friends, family or members of your community? You could even host a bake sale to raise money for an anti-bullying charity and help spread the story's message of kindness.

- ✴ *"The toffee got stuck to the witch's long nose
And the string tangled up round her knee.
So the girl kept the blue spotty hanky,
And the witch went as red as could be."*

Use a recipe to make your own homemade toffee or make a toffee based sweet treat such as sticky toffee pudding or toffee apples.



- ✴ Bake some witch hat cupcakes.

How?

Bake your favourite spooky cupcakes and decorate them with buttercream. Spray ice cream cones black using edible food colouring spray and leave them to dry completely. One dry, place an upside-down cone on top of each cupcake. Finish by piping more buttercream around the base of the cone to form the witch hat brim and buckle.

- ✴ Recreate a scene from the book using food.
- ✴ Host a Baddies themed buffet for your friends, family or group. Get creative with themed treats such as magic wand fruit skewers made by attaching star-shaped pieces of mango or pineapple to the end of a paper straw, or pizzas topped with mozzarella ghosts.
- ✴ Make some edible broom sticks from pretzel sticks or foods of your choice.



Games



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- ✧ Go on a ghost hunt by hiding paper ghosts around the room or outdoor space. Challenge players to find as many as they can within a set time. The player or group to find the most ghosts is the winner.
- ✧ In the story, the girl defeats the Baddies with kindness. Make some kindness envelopes.

What?

This is for fun but also has a long lasting effect. Each person has one envelope and a number of slips of paper, enough for one for each person. Write your name on your envelope and leave it in your place. Swap places so you are sat by someone else's envelope. Anonymously write them a kind comment and pop it in their envelope. Repeat until you have written everyone a comment. When you return to your envelope, seal it up and open it when you are alone, taking some time to absorb the nice words about you.

- ✧ Scatter several white ghost balloons across the garden and pop as many as you can before the 2 minute timer runs out.
- ✧ Enjoy a game of Cross the Troll's Bridge.

How?

Choose one player to be the troll and mark out a 'bridge' using rope, chalk or masking tape. One at a time, the other players must carefully make their way across the bridge without stepping off. As they cross, the troll can stomp, roar or pull funny faces to try and distract them but they are not allowed to touch anyone. If a player steps off the bridge they must return to the start and try again. Once everyone has had a turn, choose a new troll and play again!

- ✧ Create your own board game inspired by The Baddies story.
- ✧ Have a game or two of witch's hat hoopla!



How?

First you'll need to make your witch hats. You can do this by making cones of card or using any fancy dress items you have already. Then enjoy a game of hoopla, trying to get rings on to the hats. Why not allocate different numbers of points for different hats? Not got any rings you could use? Cut the centres out of several paper plates and save them when you're done for another game in the future.

- ✧ Test yourself to see how many baddies or villains from books, films or television you can name.





Other

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- ✧ Read *The Baddies* by Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler.
- ✧ Raise awareness of bullying by taking part in Anti-Bullying Week. Discuss what bullying is and explore the ways we can help prevent it, both in school and in everyday life.
- ✧ *"There once lived a troll and a ghost and a witch. They were horrible baddies all three."*
Put together an outfit for one or all of The Baddies, using clothes and materials you already have to bring your character to life.



Here's an idea!

Why not have a go at acting out a short scene from *The Baddies* using your outfit?

- ✧ Watch *The Baddies* animated film, which first airs on Christmas 2026. Later on, it'll be on BBC iPlayer.
- ✧ Go on a ghost walk.
- ✧ Kindness starts with us. Reflect on how your words and actions can make a big difference to others. What is one thing you will try and do more often?
- ✧ *"Hankety pankety plinkety plonk, Rickety racketsky rocket!"*
Come up with your own spells and use the wand you made in your Craft challenge to cast them.
- ✧ Write a letter to one of the Baddies in the book, giving them advice on how they could be kinder to others. Explain why kindness is important and suggest some simple ways they could change their behaviour for the better.
- ✧ In the story, the girl helps the ghost to sleep by running him a warm bath and making him a cup of tea. Do something kind for a friend or family member such as doing a small chore or making them their favourite food or drink. You can record your daily acts of kindness with the free Random Acts of Kindness Calendar resource on our website.
- ✧ Record a TV or news-style report explaining how the Baddies were defeated by kindness. You could present it as a short broadcast, including interviews with the characters, headlines and a summary of events.
- ✧ Find out about the history of witches, trolls and ghosts in myths and folklore.
- ✧ Visit a pantomime featuring a traditional villain.



Adventure Complete?

Reward your young adventurers with their The Baddies Challenge badge to mark their achievements! Head to the website to bag yours, download certificates and discover even more adventures!



Create a Keepsake!

Experienced adventure? Made memories? Then it's time to create a keepsake! Our Pawprint Family camp blankets are the perfect place to sew your badges and look back on them for years to come.



Personalise it!

Got your camp blanket? Then it's time to make it yours! Our alphabet badges are **big, bright and bold**...the perfect addition to your camp blanket, hoodies, bags and more. What will you personalise first?



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