



Climbing at the Cub/Beaver Camp

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At the start of the summer term last year in preparation for our Group camp and our Cub/Beaver camp we ran some tent pitching practice. We joined with the Explorers for the evening so the older ones could teach the younger ones with both ages learning.

Mid-May we had our Group camp at Polyapes Scout Campsite. The theme for 2014 was Alice in Wonderland and the activities included: Making a Croquet Mallet (with whittling), The Queen of Hearts Croquet Game (built by the Scouts), The Mad Hatter's Wilde Wide Game and Smoky Science with Professor Caterpillar.

Due to the success of the trip a few years back, we decided to organise another Dinosnores sleep over at the Natural History Museum. Again, it was a great success with almost all of the Cub pack coming along. Activities included: dinosaur skeleton t-shirt making, torch lit walk through the dinosaur gallery and a live animal talk.



Pond Dipping at Priory Park

The badges completed during the summer term were the Cyclist Activity badge with a cycle ride to Horley, Back Woods Cooking with wood fire building and lighting skills, and the Athletics Badge at the Battlebridge sports ground.

Other activities during the summer term included a joint evening with the 34th Cub pack up at Redhill Common, Bivouac building at Reigate Heath and pond dipping/bug hunting at Reigate Priory.

Following the success of the previous year's Cub Camp, in mid-July we decided to have a joint Cub and Beaver Activity Camp at Walton Firs. It is a large scout camp site with many on-site activities, which we made full use of. The cubs did Archery and Climbing and the Beavers did Caving and Skittles. Both sections also completed the Adventure

Course and Trails & Orienteering in mixed groups. It was a great way for the Beaver section to try camping under canvas with the support of another section.



All together at the Cub/Beaver Camp



Bug Hunting at Priory Park

To kick off the start of the autumn term we went to see the Horrible Histories – Barmy Britain Show at the Harlequin Theatre. A brilliant example of making education fun!

We continued the autumn term with the Creative Challenge badge which including a code breaking activity and a bridge building competition.

As the evenings got darker, we were able to go on a bat walk at Priory Park and I am glad to say for once it did not rain so we were able to see lots of bats swooping over the lake.

We also had our annual Halloween party and Bonfire evening with another fantastic display of fireworks, and our Chip shop hike and Christmas party to finish off the year.

We took part in two District events in the winter term: the Go Kart competition (in which we came 2nd in the District!) and the Cub and Beaver Carol service.



Wet but very happy Go-Kart racers!



Very creative at our Egg Drop competition!

Leading up to Christmas we took part in our Group Bag Packing fund raising day where our cubs put on their cutest smiles while holding the collection buckets while the older sections did the bag packing.

At the start of the new year we had lots of fun indoor activities including: our annual Egg Drop Challenge, make a game evening, pancake making, and the persistently requested Movie Night.

The cubs completed their Community Challenge Badge with a Hazards in your Home evening followed by a

trip to the local ambulance station. Our ears are still recovering from them playing with the sirens!

They also completed their Science Badge with a very busy evening consisting of several experiment bases that the Cubs had to complete and write down their observations.

We took part in two district events during the autumn term: the Swimming Gala - great fun, and the Cooking Competition - which we came a very respectable 3rd place!

We finished off the term with our Easter egg hunt and started the summer term with a lovely fun packed day at the St. Georges Day Parade at Reigate College.

We currently have 23 Cubs (3 of them girls)

Massive thanks to our leaders and pack helpers: Sue Heydon, Scott McCloud, Laurence Lawson, and Ian Bungay, and our young leader helpers: Connor, Alex and Nathan. Also special thanks to Beth Possumato who has been a big help organising all of our badges over the past few years, Lee Tattershall with his continued help with our annual quiz, Jenny Best for all her help an experience on our camps and Helen Luff for her help and support on activities and camps.



Pioneering Badge



Cooking Comp team with their dishes - watch out Gordon Ramsey!

Looking forward to another fun and action packed year! Many thanks.

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