

1st Thurstaston

Fletcher and Reed Cub Packs' Newsletter

Spring Term 2017

This term we have concentrated on Our World, Our Skills and individually parts of Our Personal Challenge Badges. We also completed the Artist and, the opportunity to complete, the Home Help and Hobbies Activity Badges. This has consisted of having a visit to the Buddhist Centre in February and Flip-Out in Chester to the trying new Games and Chinese snacks in January.

We also welcomed and invested new Cubs from our Beaver Colonies to the Packs which continue to grow in numbers. They have made a fabulous start to their Scouting adventure, attending our first Cub and Beaver Sleepover - more of which later.

We have completed a wide variety of activities this term, which have included participation in a District Cub Events - in January the 5 a-side Football at Leasowe Recreation Centre, where Fletcher and Reed came 2nd and 3rd respectively. Well done cubs! March was a fantastic month for trophies, first Fletcher won the district Safety Poster Competition followed by a combined team of Fletcher and Reed came joint first in the Swimming Gala with some fantastic individual gold medals won.

Back in January we enjoyed a trip to the Panto at the Floral Pavilion - OH YES WE DID! We had a fun packed afternoon and, also got the chance to meet the cast after the show which was great!

The Group event we attended and thoroughly enjoyed was the Easter Fair where we had lots of fun and helped to raise money for the Group.

Pack events included a visit to the Buddhist Centre in Oxton - where we learnt about Buddhism and had the opportunity to take part in a Meditation. It was very relaxing and informative. In a more energetic adventure we attended the new tampoline park at Chester Gates - Flip-Out and the Cubs had a fantastic tie completing a range of activity challenges.

Our Young Leaders had the opportunity to complete a Young Leader challenge by introducing a new game as part of the Our world challenge Badge. It was an enjoyable night and we now have some new Games to include on our Games nights.

The Packs continue to develop their teamwork skills with each other taking part in a variety of Games and Easter Crafts, including making Easter Bookmarks and gifts. We also completed the Artist Badge creating posters, collages and personal portraits of our Cubs for display in the Hut. Several Cubs have also completed their Hobbies Badge, bringing in their Hobby information and giving a talk and answering questions about their chosen hobby. This is a lovely sandwich activity during our meeting and a great opportunity to learn more about our Cubs.

I continue to be impressed with the range of creativity the Cubs display on these nights which they thoroughly enjoy participating in.

The Sixers continue to be organised, giving responsibility to the older Cubs to lead by example and build confidence.

The highlight of this term must be our first joint Cub and Beaver Sleepover at the beginning of half-term in February. Twenty seven of our younger Cubs and Beavers attended the Sleepover which took place on 17 and 18 February at the Scout Hut. The Cubs and Beavers effort was tremendous and I was very proud of the can-do approach and enthusiasm. After organising themselves for supper, we enjoyed a camp fire organised by our Young Leaders Will and Matt, we had a hearty singsong around the campfire with hot chocolate and marshmallow followed by a movie night and a good night's sleep! Saturday morning and the Cubs and Beavers got themselves up, dressed, breakfasted, washed and put away their cutlery and dishes and packed their kit. We then conducted our first Swimming up the River - Moving On Ceremony for Ridley who moved up to Cubs. The Cubs and Beavers completed Nights Away and Personal Challenge Badge.

Thank you to all the Leader team and Young Leaders who attended the Sleepover which ensured a successful and enjoyable sleepover and for the help, advice and humour throughout this term as well. It's much appreciated and I look forward to next term when we will be working towards our Outdoor and Adventure Challenge Badges, Cycling Badge and Emergency Aid Badge. We are also looking forward to our Cub Holiday at Deiniolen!

Yours in Scouting

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