



2017 – 2018 AGM report - Lumberjacks

As always, the Beavers have had a busy year, culminating in nine of them being awarded their Chief Scout Bronze Award. A big congratulation to Henry E, Henry D, Freddie, Oliver, William, Joe, Jackson, Marcus and Rocky. We wish them all the very best for the future.

We had several excursions to Bowsey Woods, making dens, practicing fire lighting and generally enjoying being outside. The cycling session was very popular as always. We had a fabulous time at Warburg Natural Reserve and our Beavers were very excited during an outing to Henley on the train where they enjoyed feeding the ducks and playing parachute games.

For other events outside the sessions, eleven of our Beavers experienced their first sleeping in a tent with their friends and trying new activities at the Cub/Beaver camp. Six of our Beavers also attended Gilwell Funday in the Summer. Sixteen of our Beavers also enjoyed being blue box aliens in the 'Out of This World Parade'. Ten of our Beavers attended the Remembrance Day Parade and did very well for their first time in the parade and ceremony. We also had thirteen Beavers join in the Loddon District Beaver Christmas Party in Twyford, (175 Beavers in total)!

The Beavers went ahead to help our community by picking the litter up around the Recreation Ground and Kings' Field. They also had a go with Irish dancing, tossing the caber and trying Welsh cake. The Beavers experienced Hindu culture in the Diwali session, they enjoyed creating their own Rangoli patterns with chalk and finished the session off with Bollywood dancing.

As the Beavers enjoyed dancing very much they decided to perform dance in the 1st Wargrave Scout 'Nowhere Near Christmas Show' at Woodcliff Hall. Quite a few of the Beavers suggested that we should do Break Dancing in the show, but for health and safety reasons we performed a Hip-Hop dance instead!

Dr Puddy, our local GP, kindly brought some real doctor kit and showed us how it worked. The Beavers learnt about other professionals who work alongside the GP and many useful facts about our body and health.

The Beavers carried on the fun and nothing can beat the fire engine! In the Fireman crew session, the Beavers discovered some interesting facts about the defibrillator, high technology gadgets, the hidden biscuit compartment inside the fire engine and much more.

Santa also came to visit the hut. The Beavers were so excited and asked lots of questions of Santa. Thank you for coming Santa and hope to see you again next Christmas! After Christmas, we said goodbye to Reem Ingleby, our uniformed Section Assistant, who is now helping at Cubs. Thank you for all your support in the sessions; we couldn't make it without you.

The Beavers really enjoy trying different things such as making a torch, tasting Chinese dishes, making string bridges and lolly stick catapults, hunting for bugs, filling natural material into the bug hotel, designing their own video game plots and learning about good and bad food. The Beavers created their own lodge recipes and made smoothies. Their parents tasted the smoothies and kindly making a collective donation of £10.30 to the Natural Trust, which was suggested by and voted for by the Beavers.

Our Beavers practiced their green finger skills in the Gardening session. They had a go with planting flowers and vegetables in pots and learnt how to use some basic tools safely.

Looking forward to the coming year, we will continue the progress on badges and getting lots of skills and experience, as well as having lots of fun.

Peung & Neil Cooper, 1st Wargrave Beaver Leaders

