

1st Wargrave Beaver – Lumberjacks

Big congratulations to Travis, Henry S, Thomas, William S, Daniel, Olly S, Lee and Oliver M who all achieved the Chief Scout Bronze award. We wish them all the best in their journey in Cubs.

We would like to welcome Hyena and Tiger who joined our leader team in the Autumn term 2018. We also would like to welcome Liz and Lucinda who are supporting us with paperwork and resources. We also have Lucy and Thomas, our young leaders, helping us regularly in the sessions.

In the Navigator session the Beavers learnt how to use a compass and used the opportunity to find directions around the recreation ground. The Beavers had a good time on their train journey to Henley-on-Thames. They fed the ducks and played parachute games by the bandstand.

We made a couple of trips to Bowsey Woods for den building, fire lighting, ditch-crossing, rope obstacles and twig signs. The highlight was the ditch-crossing. The leader and a parent held the rope and the Beavers needed to hold the rope and cross the ditch. Some of them weren't sure about the crossing but all of them had a go and enjoyed their achievement on this mission.

Two events outside of the sessions, the Gilwell Funday and the Beaver/Cub camp, were popular, as always. Nine Beavers attended the Gilwell Funday and had fun with activities such as grass sledging, archery, bumper cars and much more. We also had fourteen Beavers join us in the Camp, which was packed with outdoor activities such as crate stacking, pond dipping, zip wire and, of course, the traditional sing-off competition with the Cubs around the campfire.

Brickies club came and ran a fun Lego session. We were impressed with the Beavers' fantastic creations. We also had a visit from policemen and fire crews. Nine of our Beavers also attended the Loddon District Christmas party with over 160 other Beavers.

In the Experiment session, the Beavers made super-cool air pressure cars, predicted whether household items were acid or alkaline, and 'egg-sperimented' whether eggs could hold their weight.

The Vet session was a big hit. They learnt so much about looking after animals and brought their soft toys into the vet surgery at the Hut. All the soft toys were treated with bandages for the array of 'injuries' sustained in the session. In the photography session, they enjoyed their long exposure photography, demonstrated by one of our skilled Beaver dads.

It has been such a pleasure to be part of the Lumberjacks Beaver colony. Bear and I started running the Beaver group since our son was a Beaver. Now it is time to pass it on to other parents and we hope they enjoy the experience and value it like we have.

Panda and Bear