It has been another quiet year at Wildcats, the cubs enjoy playing quietly, conjugating Latin verbs and reciting their times tables but with effort we managed to persuade them to:

- Fight a battle with actual Vikings with replica weapons and armour at the Gilwell Funday.
- Go on a ten mile bear hunt fuelled only by sandwiches, sweets and ice-cream.
- Sing 'Head. Shoulders, Knees and Toes' as fast and as loud as they could around the campfire.
- Build shelters in the woods.
- Challenge their parents to an Olympics of silly games including the train relay and catching water bombs.
- Toast marshmallows and tell jokes round a winter fire.
- Persuade Tony Elliot to tell his famous banana story and other tales of his childhood in the East End during World War 2.
- Proudly parade in support of the British Legion on Remembrance Sunday.
- Meet the actual Andrex pups.
- Learn to mitre and glue and to tie complicated knots to create a decorative knot board.
- Cook, flip and eat many pancakes with much chocolate sauce.

We also invested amongst others; Hannah, Evie, Ollie, Isla and Shannon and Akela received his scout association wood badge from the Assistant District commissioner. We discovered that Grace, our Young Leader is brilliant at telling stories.

So, another quiet year at Wildcats thanks to the leadership team of Fiona Keen (Akela-Fiona), Chris Bookless (Otter), Donna Baglow and Grace Atkinson. And, if you enjoy conjugating Latin verbs as much as we do, come and join in the fun.

Richard Best (Akela)

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