



1st Rustington Scout Group

Kingfisher Cubs Report – Year 2022-23

In July, we were able to return to camping, but, due to having less-experienced campers as a result of COVID, we offered a hybrid camp, whereby children could choose to either camp for the full three nights, camp for one night, or just visit for one day. Our theme was David Walliams books, where we did activities based around four different books, and we even managed to get Mr Walliams himself to say a personalised message to the Cubs!

Weekly meetings returned in September, where we went 'CubOCaching' around Mewsbrook Park, Swimming, and had a Japanese themed evening, which comprised of Sumo wrestling in blow-up suits, trying Japanese cuisine, and trying our hand at some origami. In the latter half of the term, we had Silver Award presentations from those moving up to Scouts, investitures of new Cubs and hosted a Halloween themed incident hike – an extended evening where we walked around the local area to visit different volunteer Leaders, each running spooky bases! We also made some Christmas cakes, gifts and cards for our families, and had a fun Christmas party.

Spring term saw us host our own Burns Night, plus a badge night, where children had the opportunity to be assessed on lots of different badges, and our cardboard city evening. This evening raised awareness of homelessness, and the children brought in donations for 'Turning Tides'. We also made and ate pancakes, had a visit to the RNLI lifeboat station, and had an amazing Easter hunt, which involved lots of problem-solving along the way. We had a news evening, where the Cubs split into their sixes to create a series of news articles, that were then put into one broadcastable montage! We had teams being news-anchors, sports-reporters, weather reporters, as well as adverts about frying pans and sponges!

Erica and Graham Mills stepped down from running the section at the end of Spring term, having helped ease me into the position over the span of the term, showing me clearly the things involved with running a Pack! I would like to take this opportunity to again express my sincere gratitude for their guidance they have given, and continue to give, me. They've been unable to escape though, and they still help when we need extra support, and will be coming to help us with our upcoming Summer camp, too!

So far this Summer term, we have been on a hike at Highdown, with an I-Spy to complete as we walked. We had a Coronation-themed evening at the hall, as well as making sandcastles 'fit for a King' the following week! We aimed to be outside as much as possible, and the weather was completely in our favour, allowing that to happen!

We played wide games at Furzefield campsite, did a street quiz around Rustington, earned our Athletics badge, and worked towards our Environmental Conservation badge in an evening run by one of our Explorers, as well as investing some new Cubs into Kingfishers. We did a Monopoly themed incident hike, where every base we visited was a different Monopoly Street, and completed relevant tasks, to earn money and Chance Cards (they even wound up in jail!).

To finish the term, we will be playing some outdoor games, and revisiting Furzefield for a sausage sizzle and campfire sing-song, along with even more investitures! It will then be time for our Summer camp, joint with Pathfinder Cubs, which we are really excited about!

Our incredible leadership team is what enables the children to have such a varied programme, so I must thank Jo, Andy, Will, Rohan and Lewis for their continued support in running the Pack. We are lucky to be ably assisted by our Explorer Scout helpers Charlie, Eamonn, Michael, and have recently being joined by Jacob, too.

Overall, the Cubs have taken really well to the transition between Akelas, and have continued to enable us all to have fun every week (to include the leaders!).

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