

### Woodland Beaver Scout Report

Another full-on year of Fun and badges has gone by at Woodland Beavers. The year started with 20 beavers on parade for St Georges Day looking smart as always. It is always hard to get a space at the campsite, but we were lucky to have several dates this year to enjoy fun and marshmallows over the campfire.

We looked at telling stories and book reading which helped us launch the community book library outside the hall for everyone to exchange books in. Every week we saw beavers exchange a book or 2. Good old biscuit decorating was on the agenda with lots of crazy designs with lots of icing and too many sweets for some. This evening was followed by some bike maintenance ready for our sponsored event a few weeks later.

21 Beavers soon attended Go Beavers 23 event at Blacklands Farm, we covered bouldering, low ropes, tunnels, a night line, archery and much more. The journey home saw 24 McFlurrys being ordered and demolished in the buses on the last part of our journey home.

Beavers undertook their Navigators stage 1 badge looking at routes and using arrows and symbols to show directions. Endangered animals were loose in the hall one evening and finding out about other animals were loose in the campsite the following week.

Our sponsored event, a Roller Darby was held on the Littlehampton Sea front, beavers scooted or rode their bikes up and down the prom to raise money for their sleepover. In September 17 beavers join us for an animal themed sleepover with a day trip to see live Beavers at Drusilla's Park. A great day out followed by a sleepover at the Scout Hall, they finally were asleep at midnight. Beavers made crocodiles the following Tuesday as part of the animal friends badge to look after and tell tales of what they got up to. St Peter and St Paul's church invited us to visit and learn about faith and join in with their harvest festival.

A very special four-legged visitor joined the gang for her very 1st visit in a group. Milly the guide dog puppy taught us how she will be trained and what she will do for those in the future. This helped us look at our disability awareness badge. We paid a visit to Littlehampton Lifeboats and had a competition to see who could be dressed up the quickest. We soon looked at computer safety and invented machines that could help those who can't do things easily. Some great minds these Beavers have.

For Mother's Day we decided to make peppermint cream, what a mess! We flew airplanes and done some experiments; this was also followed by presenting our hobbies to each other. Beavers learnt about looking after their teeth and had a visit for a Dental nurse and a hygienist to explain the role of a dentist. World thinking day we looked at ways we could do our best and help others, we decided to go on a night hike to the park and ended the term at the hall as the weather let us down. Beavers hunted for eggs and made a sentence to receive their Easter Eggs.

A total of 573 badges had been handed out over the year and 10 of these were their highest award the Bronze award. Many beavers have swum up to cubs and new beavers have started. I'm sure you can see all beavers and leaders have worked hard to achieve so much. Thank you for the support of Kat, Farley, Ben, Isaac, Finn and Emilia who have come up with great ideas to support the Beavers. I also want to Thank the parents for their support to run evenings when I have had to stay late at work and need extra pairs of hands. We are now looking forward to another amazing year ahead.