

Monday Cubs

The Pack continues to thrive with maximum numbers and excellent weekly attendance so first of all a big thank you to all the Cubs for bringing so much enthusiasm along each Monday night and secondly to their parents for taking the time to bring them along.

Last July we entered two teams to the District Cycle Competition and brought the trophy back to our Scout Hall for the first time in a long while - well we would have brought the trophy back if the District could find it! Never mind, worthy winners all the same! This year's competition takes place at 2pm on Sunday 10th July at Sandiway School so why not come along and cheer our Cubs as they try and defend the trophy.

The cubs enjoyed a busy Autumn term with a varied program and interesting activities. The main badge work during the term concentrated on the Astronomer's Badge which ran over a number of weeks, culminating in the Cubs giving a fantastic visual display of different constellations using torches. We enjoyed specialist evenings around Hallowe'en and Bonfire Night which included traditional games like Apple Bobbing, making Toffee Apples and Cinder Toffee and generally involved everyone getting very messy (Leaders included).

Towards the end of term we made Christmas decorations for the Group Christmas Fair and enjoyed a fantastic end of term party watching Tom & Jerry cartoons whilst devouring a Chip Supper.

The Spring term saw us doing Mini Pioneering, trying to fire ping pong balls across the Scout Hall with varying degrees of success, Home and Scout Hall Safety, a sketch night and our own Handicraft evening. All these activities went towards Challenge badges.

The winners of our Inter-Six Handicraft evening went on to represent our pack in the District Competition where they came away worthy winners. I know I am biased, but to see the team standing by their model during the judging I just knew they had won.....what a proud moment!

As winners of the District Handicraft we travelled to somewhere the other side of Cheshire to take part in the County competition one very cold Saturday afternoon and again the team were magnificent and only lost by one point, even one of the judges said we had won it by a mile! There is always next year.

As the very disjointed Spring Term continued almost every week was taken up with work for the District Mini Hike Competition, as usual both Simon and I raved on

about what a fantastic weekend this is, our enthusiasm must have rubbed off as we entered six teams, the highest number from any pack. All our teams came within the top twenty with two of our teams coming in the top ten. We did have time for a backwoods cooking night which is always a popular event.

The Summer Term sees us busy with outdoor events including our Weekend District Camp. Without giving too much away I can tell you that Simon is 'cooking' something up for 4th July and we are planning an evening of outdoor games at a local Scout Camp.

Lastly Simon and I would like to thank our army of helpers who come along each week, Michael our Young Leader, Sam and Andrew from Scouts and Mike who is doing his Duke of Edinburgh's Award. Also, all the parents I collar at the door and ask to hang on for a few minutes until another leader arrives. David Goodger came back to us at the end of May for a few weeks following his first year at University.

Akela & Simon

Monday Pack Leaders