



**cubs**

# News to you . . .

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## Welcome!

Hello to 1st Okehampton's Cub pack parents and carers. My name is Jacala and I have taken over the running of the Cub pack from Easter. This is the first of what I hope will be a half-termly newsletter to keep you up to date with all our news and events.

I have been with 1st Okehampton for 5 years and have in the past run the Cub pack for 18 months. If you would like to contact me; my email is [cubs@1stokehamptonscouts.org.uk](mailto:cubs@1stokehamptonscouts.org.uk)

So here's what we have been up to in the first few weeks:

### County Cub Camp at Watcombe near Torquay

On Saturday 30th April we took 11 Cubs so a day visit to this camp - over 700 Cubs from across the County were onsite that day.

Wow! what fun was had, there were so many activities for the Cubs to choose from - here are just a few: archery, Sumo wrestling, grass toboggans, water slide, Parkour, rodeo, surf simulator, bouncy castle, climbing wall ... and for the craft activities: wooden whistles, catapults, Minion woggles, paracord bracelets.

A big thank you goes to Gareth Holt for driving the minibus for us.

We arrived back at the Hut just before 7pm with dinner (cooked by the Young Leaders)

waiting for us. They also had put up our tents too - thanks guys! We also had a photo taken by the Oke Times with a tent that

Okehampton United Charities had bought for us - we made the front page!

All in all a fantastic weekend.



### Dates for your diary and other information:

**Tuesday 17th May** - we are meeting at the tennis courts car park at 6pm. We are doing our Athletics badge so wear sports kit and your necker. Collect from car park at 7:30pm

**Tuesday 24th May TO BE CONFIRMED** meeting at 6pm with your bicycle and helmet at Oke Cycle shop for bike maintenance and then riding at the cycle track. Collect from cycle track at 7:30pm

**No meeting on Tuesday 31st because it is half term holiday.**

**17th to 19th June** District Cub camp at Road ford Lakes.

**28th June** - hiking in Old Park - meet at 6pm - details to follow.

All our Sections ~ Beavers, Cubs and Scouts need more adult helpers ~ please contact me for more information.

## ST GEORGE'S DAY

WE WATCHED A POWERPOINT ALL ABOUT ST GEORGE NOT ONLY BEING THE PATRON SAINT OF ENGLAND BUT OF SCOUTING TOO! IT ALSO TOLD US THE TRUE STORY AND THE MYTHS SURROUNDING THE FAMOUS DRAGON SLAYING. THEN WE MADE SOME CELEBRATION BUNTING FOR OUR DISPLAY IN THE SCOUT HUT (PARENTS AND CARERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME TO COME IN AND HAVE A LOOK AT THE DISPLAYS IN THE HUT). SOME OF THE CUBS ALSO ATTENDED THE ST GEORGE'S PARADE AT OKEHAMPTON COLLEGE ON SUNDAY 24TH APRIL.



### International Badge

One of the badges we are currently working on is the International badge.

So far we have learnt about the World Membership badge - the round purple one surrounded by the rope - worn by an estimated 300,000,000 former Scouts!

We have made a passport filled with interesting facts from their chosen country using encyclopaedias.

And finally last Tuesday we cooked up a stir fry using unusual ingredients - Japanese noodles, bean shoots, pak choi, runner beans and baby sweetcorn all cooked with honey, garlic and a drop of soy sauce. Some Cubs were not so sure but quite a few returned for another bowl full!

Well done to those who used the chopsticks.



### District Cub Camp—17th to 19th June

10 Cubs have already given their deposit ~ it's not too late to book please ask me for a form. This is an amazing camp with water sports including rafting, sailing and kayaking plus other activities: night hike, archery, shooting, wide games, crafts and a grand water fight Leaders v Cubs. The cost is £65 including food but not transport to and from Roadford Lakes.

For those Cubs attending please pay the £55 balance by the 7th June.

Our camp has been given the Baloo character (the camp has a Jungle Book theme) so we will be making crafts, costumes and a skit (campfire entertainment) about Baloo in the weeks after half term.

