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News for you . . .

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Message from Jacala

Wow time flies but I have managed another newsletter although it is 6 months later!.....we have been busy, here are some of the highlights:

17th May - Athletics badge in the park, good effort by all.

24th May - Cycle maintenance workshop at Okehampton Cycles. The Cubs really enjoyed Darren's talk and the ride around the cycle track (We will finish the rest of this badge in the new year.)

17th to 19th June Cub District camp - this was a brilliant camp enjoyed by all and a great success as it was the first camp for the Cubs with new Leaders. Thank you to all the adults who helped with tents and clearing up plus a special mention to Jay and Fiona who were a superb team during the weekend.



28th June - nature hike around Old Park - sailing paper boats down the river - which turned out to be a wetter experience for a few than I planned!!

20th July - Presentation evening and BBQ. We said farewell to Morgan, Danny and Seth who moved onto Scouts and welcomed Ellie, Oliver, Toby, Meda, Josie and Marla who joined us from Beavers. I hope your families enjoyed the BBQ we will have to order in more food next time!

17th to 19th August - Cubs 100 Summer camp. Another great camp. The Cubs earned the Backwoods Cooking badge and had a great time making a fantastic looking giant mosaic Cubs 100 badge. Then enjoyed their party with the Beavers. Another massive thank you to Jay, Fiona and Julie for all their effort with food supply and craft preparation.



1st October - I thought it would be a nice opportunity to run this badge again to give those Cubs who may have been on family holidays during our Summer camp. We learned how to build and cook on open fires which was no mean feat giving the downpours we had to dodge!



8th October - Bristol Zoo trip. This was a long day out but the Cubs were amazing - well behaved throughout the day and brilliantly answered the questions during our Conservation talk - I was proud to be one of their Leaders. Thank you to all the Cubs for making a fabulous day out.

22nd October - District Swimming gala. Cubs really "Did their best" with a special mention to William and Nathaniel who found skulling a little tricky but didn't give up. Well done to our whole team who came a credible 3rd. Which I thought was great as we included all abilities in our team.

Lastly special congratulations to:
Elliot and Harley who have been made up to Sixers.
Sam and Jeremy who are now Seconders
And Keeley who is Cub of the Month for October.
Well done!

That's about all the news to date ... here's to the next few months of fun and adventures Jacala.

REMEMBRANCE DAY



ON TUESDAY 8TH NOVEMBER THE CUBS WILL BE LEARNING ABOUT REMEMBRANCE DAY, THE MEANING OF Poppies AND HOW THE BRITISH LEGION WORKS READY FOR THE PARADE THROUGH OKEHAMPTON ON SUNDAY 13TH NOVEMBER. PLEASE MEET OUTSIDE OXFAM AT 10:15AM IN FULL SMART UNIFORM INCLUDING BLACK TROUSERS AND SHOES AND WEARING A POPPY. BRING A COAT IF RAIN IS FORECAST. THE PARADE ENDS AROUND 12:15 IN THE MAIN STREET.



Scientist Badge

Over the past few weeks we have been busy working towards this badge so far our experiments have included:

- making a compass with a needle and magnet
- proving hot air rises with an aluminium snake and a candle
- growing cress in different conditions to see what plants need to grow properly
- proving that plants suck up water using coloured water and celery.

Our last 2 experiments will we be completing soon - creating an air powered rocket and growing crystals.



DIY Badge

For this badge the Cubs learned:

- what different types of wood there are and what they are used for
- identified various hand tools and found out what types of jobs they are designed for
- had a go at sawing wood, using a screwdriver, hammering a nail and drilling a hole.

Finally we have started construction of wooden Christmas stocking holders which will we be decorating over the next weeks.



Once the weather turns for the worst please feel free to wait for your children in the coat hanging area inside the hut, there is lots of photos and information to see. The door is only closed just to keep the heat in. **Parents are most welcome to come in please don't wait outside in the cold!**



Dates for your diary:

Sunday 13th November - Remembrance Day parade.

■ **Tuesday 13th December** - Last Cub meeting before Christmas, returning on 10th January 2017.

■ **16th to 17th December** - County Cub 100 party in Exeter University

■ **Sunday 15th January 2017** - District Cub New Year party.