

# 1<sup>st</sup> Stoke Row Scouts Newsletter

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- Checkendon Remembrance Day Service: 8th November
- Term Ends: 9<sup>th</sup> December - Half term: 28<sup>th</sup> October
- Wheels Appeal! 12", 16" and 20" wheels for the Scouts Go-Kart Building challenge



Our term has got off to a busy start and we belatedly welcome Archie Griggs to Beavers, bringing us up to a total of three Archies in our Colony!

We have been outside learning some touch rugby skills with Tarka's husband, Tony, and some sporty parents. We were very proud of the Beavers - they kept the OUT in SCOUTING and braved the elements - the much-needed rain! - and spent a good half hour outside practising their skills in the pouring rain. We have been scavenger-hunting round the Recreation ground and tracking round the village and woods, making the most of the last light evenings as well as working towards gaining our Fitness Challenge Badge. Some lovely flowers and bulbs were planted to flower during the winter and keep our village pretty. We had great fun making and flying paper aeroplanes - Eleanor Lee's classic glider flew the furthest - well done Eleanor! We are finding out about flying in different types of aircraft for our Air Activities badge. For the Imagination Badge, we have drawn up a list of energy busting tasks to help our environment - the Beavers all have loads of wonderful ideas. We also we had fun doing some acting. We have agreed on a new Code of Conduct which all the Beavers will be trying hard to keep!

Shortly after half term we shall be investing Archie, Max, Tim, Daniel and Nathan. We look forward to seeing as many Beavers as possible at the Remembrance Sunday service on 8th November.

Elsa, Jackie Robinson, has now been a Beaver Leader for more than four years and has spent much time training towards gaining her 'Wood Badge'. The history of this badge comes from Lord Baden-Powell himself: at the end of his first Scoutmaster's training camp in 1919 he presented each man with a simple wooden bead from a necklace he had found in the deserted hut of a Zulu chieftain, when on a campaign in South Africa in 1888. Shortly Elsa will be presented with her Wooden Badge and although unfortunately it will not be one of those original wooden beads (!) it is testament to her commitment and dedication to Scouting. We hope as many Beavers and parents as possible will be present at this ceremony.



The Cubs kicked off the new term with some games! They have been practicing their

knotting skills, and now know the difference between their reef and their granny (and I'm sure that granny is comforted by that!)

They have been talking about the dangers in the countryside, looking after wildlife, and taking care of pets.

On 7th October, they braved the elements for a rather wet and windy night hike. They have also enjoyed a fascinating evening, finding out about space.

This week, the Cubs will be on best behaviour for a visitor who is coming to talk about the charity that the Cubs will be supporting this year. All will soon be revealed!



This term, we held an inter-patrol cooking competition. It was a great success, four Scouts, Daniel, Elliot, Oliver and Katie won the District knockout competition on Saturday 17th October. They will now be representing the District at the County cooking competition on November 22nd near Oxford. Well done to them, it was a great achievement.

This week, we are going on an 8km night hike on Wednesday.

We have been planning our Stow on the Wold trip, which will be the main part of the Expedition Challenge Badge. Twelve Scouts will be attending.

We have also been planning our Go-Kart building. A **Wheels Appeal** is now launched! We need 12", 16" or 20" wheels, 20 in total. If you have an old bike you don't want, please let the Scout, Cub or Beaver Leaders know, so that we can get the Go-Karts going!

