Section Reports

**Scout report**

Following on from the investing of the new scouts we started on our Mother’s Day gifts, bravely led by Alice the scouts all made bath bombs in a range of scents and colours. Hopefully the young people will remember how to make them again later. We also made Mother’s Day cards to go along side these bath bombs. All came out very well and hopefully the person they gifted them too loved it as well. The scouts then made Mother’s Day posters to be displayed in the church for the mothering Sunday service, this helped encourage the young people to attend the service.

Thanks to Adam’s great success of creating and running a Murder Mystery evening it was great fun for everyone – especially the leaders who got to sit down and get interrogated. This evening was great skill learning from cracking codes to sorting out fact from fiction in the suspects stories everyone got involved and enjoyed trying to work out the puzzle. We finished the evening by introducing the scouts to a new game, On the Bench, in which the young people had a lot of fun getting competitive in their teams with them asking to play more rounds.

We finished the term off with some easter fun. The scouts learnt the story behind easter and why we celebrate, this was great for them to learn about this religious celebration. The scouts then participated in an easter egg hunt which they all loved and going home with some chocolate.

On Wednesday 20th the scout team took the scouts ice skating, the group was also joined by the explorer section. This cost each young person £5, and the rest was subsidized by individual group pots. Parents dropped and picked up their young person from Planet Ice in Gillingham with most opting for car shares. A very successful evening with no injuries and lots of smiles, not to be out done by the young persons some the of leaders gave it a go.

The scouts in small groups tested out their pioneering skills by making stretchers using staves and using the lashes they have been taught, a very hand skill for future use. They then competed in a relay race across the hall carrying one person on the stretcher at one time. Some stronger than others but a great evening for learning and having some fun.

The following week the young people broke into three groups and participated in three conversations about different things rotating every 15 minutes. These were the beginning stages of badges that the scouts will be completed over the coming weeks. One of these was about cooking safety as this was important due to cooking the week after, great general life skills that they can take into everyday life. Another talk was regarding fundraising, in preparation for the Fun Day on the Green we asked the young people what they would like to do to raise money to try and encourage them to help on the stalls. Some ideas were out of the box, but the children had a lot of fun coming up with ideas. The last one was learning all about farming practices, which they all found very interesting and are all looking forward to completing the rest of the badge. This evening finished with a big game of hockey so they could get active, they got very into the game. This was the last evening for 5 of our scouts as they moved up to the explorer section.

The scouts entered a Ready Steady Cook competition between themselves with the scout team testing them all out at the end. Each young person was asked to bring in a random item along for each category: Tinned items, vegetables – not including potatoes, fruit, spice/herbs, carbohydrates, and diary. The young people used the skills they had learnt the week before and used them to create their own menus in teams, this was even harder as the ingredients were all brought by different people. All the dishes were extremely tasty and even better as they were cooked from scratch with no real help from the leaders.

The Scout team have also had a very successful camp planning meeting taking place from the 28th of June to the 30th June. This falls on the Glastonbury weekend so therefore that’s what we have decided to theme our camp around – hopefully we won’t get the typical festival weather. With 16 scouts in attendance, it should be a fun weekend filled with fun, laughter, and some fun activities. This camp is also being run to aid Alfie’s Nights Away Permit assisted by the rest of the scout team.

The scout section is going strong with 17 young people and 2 cubs due to come up to us soon.

**Cubs Report**

We currently have 17 Cubs in the Pack. 2 moved up to Scouts after the February Half term, 2 swam up from Beavers and 1 new member joined. The Pack has 2 regular Leaders and 4 supporting Leaders, Stanley Franklin is still supporting each week to complete his Duke of Edinburgh Award. We have welcomed a new Leader Roger Laing who began helping in March.

We had 9 Cubs attend the Mothering Sunday Church Parade, where all the units got involved within the sermon and they also came out to the front to perform to all the parents a Mother’s Day poem which they signed to. Within our Monday night meeting the cubs made flowers out of their handprints and stuck a picture in the middle of them with their mum/special lady and these were displayed in the church.

For Mother’s Day the Cubs decorated a small vase with Sticker’s glitter and pens, and put a plastic flower in it for their mums/ special lady. They also made a card and a small keyring with a message in it.

We had a few Cubs attend the District Badge Rally Which was held at 7th Welling, they were able to gain up to 7 different Activity Badges.

The Last meeting before the Easter Holidays we run a easter themed night with games like Bunny Hop relay and also Easter card making. At the end of the meeting each Cub was given an Easter Egg to take Home.

When we returned from the Easter Holidays the Cubs began Working on their My Faith and World Faith Badges and have enjoyed learning about different Faiths and Religions. Learning how each religion celebrates different things in different ways and what beliefs, values, or festivals each religion has in common.

As always, I would like to Thank all the Leaders for your continued support in making sure the Cub Pack runs smoothly.

**Beaver Report**

We now have seven Beavers in the colony due to one going to Cubs before Easter and two leaving to go up to Cubs this week.

On our return from the Easter holidays, we welcome Fin (Pluto) who is doing his Duke of Edinburgh award. He has fitted in to Beavers and he and Luke have been great in organising games for the Beavers to play.

Also, we welcomed Lauren who has come along to see if she enjoys helping at Beavers and hopefully she will stay and become a team member.

Our first meeting back was a game night and a chat about their holidays and how many Easter eggs they were given and eaten.

The Beavers have been doing their Experiment badge with different experiments to discuss. The favourite being exploding coke with mints, and they enjoyed the dancing raisins and cocoa powder dipped in milk.

The following week they made white light spinners that made the colours disappear and Pluto made one that had colours run on a piece of paper when put in a glass of water.

For the rest of the term, we hope to complete the Faith badge, Navigator badge, stage one hikes badge and the safety badge.

The end of term will end with our annual party.