



Kingfishers Beavers

AGM Report 2013-2014



This past year has been busy and fun packed for Kingfishers. We have run at full capacity (20 Beavers) which includes two girls. Sadly Vanessa (Bubbles), Paresh (Rusty) and Susannah (Starfish) left the team in this year. A huge thanks for all their help over the last years. Nicky (Captain from Swifts Beavers) joined the team as Beaver Leader.

We finished the summer term with Water Olympics which we joined up with Swifts to do. Great fun was had with everyone getting wet and the beavers enjoyed getting soaked when the young leaders attacked them with water guns!

In the Autumn term we made yummy Christmas cakes and put them in baked bean tins (clean of course!) to bake. We watched the Snow White Panto at South Hill Park. Again we joined up with Swifts at our Beaver Christmas party. As there was no snow we used newspaper balls to have a snowball fight.

The Spring term involved lots of practice for the Gang Show. We did a performance of 'We're going on a Bear Hunt'. Much fun was had on the night with all the beavers giving a wonderful show.

The highlight of the Summer term was our Robin Hood Sleepover at Paddicks Patch in Woodley. Even though the rain and thunder hampered putting the tents up, spirits were good especially when the sun came out for the rest of the sleepover. The beavers learnt new knots, made a bow and arrow, had an archery lesson, cooked their pudding on the campfire and even had a visit from the Bat Man (Keith) who gave a very interesting talk about the bats in the area. It was a shame we were too tired to wait for the bats to come out to feed on the insects.

Highlights of the year include a visit from a guide dog and his owner, going behind the scenes at Tesco seeing all the big fridges and store rooms, going on an Easter egg hunt with Swifts, decorating a cake and making a cup of tea for their Mums at our Mothers Day Café.

During this year, we have enjoyed working towards a number of badges. The beavers particularly enjoyed working towards their Creative Challenge Badge which was earned by performing at the Gang Show in February. Other badges we have earned are Experiment, Fitness Challenge, Imagination, Air Activities to name but a few.

At the end of this summer term we sadly say goodbye to regular helper Charlie (Butterfly). New to the team are Assistant Beaver Scout Leader Nicky Hopkins (Lion) and Section Assistants Em Delcher (Starfish), Jane Althorp (Fox) and Young Leader Niamh (Grasshopper). We are still enjoying the company of regular helpers Suzanne Attryde (Lemur) and Amanda Waters (Fruit Bat) who have now joined us as Assistant Beaver Scout Leaders. We also still have Young Leaders Elliott (Dingo) and Ben (Eagle) helping us when their studies allow.

A massive thank you to our Beaver Scouts, parents and the Kingfishers Team for making this another successful year for us.

CAPTAIN X