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3RD HARPENDEN SCOUT GROUP SPRING '26 NEWSLETTER

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Thank You!

its been another busy term at Harpenden 3rds looking at space, a Monopoly run, a night hike, a chip shop run across Harpenden and unveiling some traitors among us! Thanks to your young people for getting stuck in and as always thanks to the leaders for making these events possible.

A final thank you to all those who came along and helped on the Hut Maintenance Day. We really appreciate the support in keeping the Hut in top condition for everyone to enjoy. There will be another day held later this year.

Gang Show

Applications are now open for the 77th Gang Show. Please check out our Facebook page for more details.

Applications close 4th May.

SCOUTS

Our fearless scouts have started off the year's camping season with a night in tents, with a Traitors-themed weekend camp! Annie, Daisy and Dash were uncovered as the Traitors seeing the Faithful's came out victorious.

Central London was overtaken by Scouts during the Scout and Girl Guide Monopoly Run Live. We entered two teams into the event attended by over 8000 scouts from across the UK. It was a brilliant experience for them all and both teams did very well.

A Scout-planned variation on an old favourite, the Chip Shop Hike, was enjoyed by all. With Scouts getting to sample and rate the best chips in Harpenden. Our annual patrol cooking competition did not disappoint again, with some delicious-sounding recipes and fabulous teamworking amongst the scout patrols.

Two teams will shortly be running, cycling and shooting their way round the Hertfordshire Scouts Triathlon on Sunday 29/3 - go 3rds!

This term we have welcomed 3 new joiners into Scouts from Cubs, and will be saying a very fond farewell to Will Offord and Max Corley.

At Cubs, we began our term with a trip to the EMC, where Cubs watched the fabulous 76th Gang Show. We loved seeing Cubs, Scouts and Explorers, from across the District, up on stage and there were plenty of past and present 3rds to spot. Applications for Gang Show 2027 open soon, so do look out for the email!

Back at the hut, we focussed our energies on badgework and have started working towards our World Challenge badge as well as completing our Scientist and International badges. Towards the end of the Spring term, we went on a night hike and held a sleepover at the hut. It might have been a short term, but we've packed lots in!

Mark Your Calendars!

5th July - District Cubs cycle ride
12th July - District Cubs 110th Birthday event
4th - 6th September - 3rd Cubs Autumn Camp

BEAVERS

During this term with the darker evenings we've been thinking about space working on our space badge. We looked at different planets in the solar system and talked about famous missions into space.

We have also looked at disability awareness with a trip to Rothamsted Play Park to see how accessible the play equipment is there.

Beavers completed our money skills badge and we all made plans to save money for something that we really want.

We have been busy working on our challenge badges including tasting food from different countries. The Beavers found lots of things that they now like they haven't tried before. We have also been focusing on our problem solving skills deciphering codes.

Important Messages

Uniform - please make sure your young person is wearing the correct uniform Cub/Beaver polo top/ jumper and scarf each week along with plain coloured shorts/leggings/trousers and appropriate footwear. For Scouts— scout trousers a**nd belt, scout shirt and scarf!**

Drop-off times - please can all parents adhere to drop off and pick up times. Beavers Monday 6-7pm, Cubs Wednesday 6:45-8pm, Scouts Monday 7:30-9pm. Beavers and Cubs must be walked up the lane to the Hut by an adult, and not dropped at the bottom of the lane. Beavers and Cubs should arrive a couple of minutes before the session start time, and please confirm with the Leaders that you are able to depart, as they may need to work out child and adult ratios. We know the children (and their parents) are eager for the session to start, but it is a safeguarding issue if this is not followed.