

### **Tales from the Scout Hut**

At Beavers, February saw them celebrating Chinese New Year, the Year of the Dog, by making dragons. They also enjoyed Pancakes to celebrate Shrove Tuesday with toppings of Nutella, and lemon and sugar, yum. There must be food somewhere in the sections! At the end of the month they held a Sports night and had great fun and used up a lot of energy.

At Cubs they have been bowling in Canterbury to start their Teamwork Challenge Badge. They've also been working on their Animal Carer Badge. To do this they created posters of different animals and made bird feeders. They also took their pets to Cubs for one evening and talked about how they look after them. Four dogs, two cats, a chicken, a hamster and five guinea pigs turned up which made for an interesting, fun and chaotic evening!

At Scouts work on the Environmental Conservation badge has started with our challenge to go 'Plastic Clever' and reduce the plastic in our seas. To kick the badge work off, we looked at photos of pollution in seas and coastlines around the world, and examined how long debris takes to decompose in the sea. The Scouts were horrified to see the effects of such pollution on sea life and to discover that it takes 10 to 20 years for plastic bags to decompose, plastic cutlery can take 100 to 1000 years and that some plastics never decompose! We followed this up with a beach clean at Walmer and a Chip Shop survey of Deal where we not only looked at quality of chips, quantity and hygiene but also single use plastic. Our next step is to see how we can all become 'Plastic Clever' and reduce our reliance on single use plastic.

More food was happening at Explorers when they held a Bake Off, creating Churros in teams. The Bake Off was won by the "Savage Team" with the "Three Musketeers" coming second. This was followed by the Explorer version of Taskmaster including their own live version of the TV show! Their challenges included a wheelie bin obstacle course while blind-folded, long distance painting and seeing who could throw a teabag into a mug from the longest distance!

Saturday 17th March sees the return of our Car Wash – 10am to 2.30pm, at the Scout Hut, £5 per car. We will also have a mobile team able to visit local properties to wash cars – please book in advance by emailing [winghamscouts@gmail.com](mailto:winghamscouts@gmail.com) and specify a time required and your address. Water will be need to be supplied for the mobile team. Tea and coffee will be available at the Scout Hut while you wait. All money raised will go towards the purchase of some new tents for the group and the Explorer Unit's Charity of the Year which is Dementia and Alzheimer care – The Alzheimer Society.

