

## Tales from the Scout Hut

Here's a round-up of how we ended last term and celebrated Christmas, scout-style. The Beavers ended last term with a Christmas party with lots of party food and games, and had a great time. They had made fantastic photos in frames and photo calendars as part of their photography badge which they took home to their families. At Cubs they had a fab sleepover to end the term, with model building, watching Despicable Me with popcorn, and games.

Scouts had a fantastic time ice skating at the White Cliffs Christmas Experience. Matthew and Ken did a good impression of Torvill and Dean on the ice rink. What we hadn't anticipated was the large consumption of candy floss by the scouts! The return journey by mini bus had the Scouts singing Christmas songs very loudly and with great energy. Back at the Scout hut, the scouts cooked dinner, had a mince pie making competition, karaoke, watched a film and after a midnight blindfold obstacle course, they finally fell asleep! After breakfast the following morning, they left and the Scout leaders went home to rest!

The Explorers had a fun time at Bugsy's in Margate for bowling, while at their Christmas party they also enjoyed a blindfold obstacle course along with Charades, double dares, jellybean roulette and lucky dips. A great time was had by all sections. We now head into a new decade with lots of exciting things planned for the new term.

The Beavers are starting the new decade with a very exciting programme which includes a visit from Joe's Bows Birds of Prey, to meet the birds, learn about them and see them fly! They will also be starting their Global Issues Activity Badge when they will be recycling drinks bottles to make bird feeders. At Cubs they are working on their Chef and Food Preparation Badge and to do this they are taking on the challenge of Veganuary. Part of the plan is to cook food for their parents. After that they will be working on their First Aid Badge and visiting Wingham Fire Station.

Scouts will be taking part in a project called Foundation Stones and will be painting stones to be included in the foundations of the new UK Holocaust Memorial centre. They are also going to be undertaking an Escape Room and having a history tour of Sandwich which includes taking part in a trial in the Guildhall! At Explorers they will be having a talk about Porchlight, celebrating Chinese New Year and getting creative with an art evening.

Along with many people we have watched the news about the Bushfires in Australia with great sadness at the devastation caused. Scouts Australia launched a Bush Fire Appeal Badge to raise funds for those affected and along with the rest of our District, we have been very pleased to support this. All the proceeds from the sale of the badges is going to the appeal. We will be wearing the badges on our uniforms so look out for them over the coming year.

As you know we are celebrating the Centenary of Scouting in Wingham. Our next Centenary event will be our Car Wash, Coffee Morning and History of the Group Exhibition which will be held at the Scout Hut on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March 10.30am to 1.30pm. Come along to have your car washed, and join us for a coffee, cake and a look at our exhibition (you don't have to a car washed to come along!)