

Beavers

The theme for the New Year was puppets for their Creative & Imagination badge work. The children constructed their own puppets from recyclable materials, made up their own stories, and then had great fun performing their puppet show for the other children.



10th February was the start of the Chinese New Year so it seemed a good idea to learn about the Chinese cultures and their traditions. The children listened to the story of how the years are named after animals (this year is the Snake) and learned about the animal of the year of their birth. They celebrated by making lanterns, giving each other red envelopes and had a lovely Chinese meal. For some of the children it was their first time trying Chinese food, and although they were a bit unsure to start with,

everyone tasted something, with some finishing off a whole plateful!

A fantastic visit to the fire station was arranged, where they looked around the fire engines, and learned some very important lessons about home safety and fire prevention.



It was a very special trip for two new Beavers, as we did their investiture ceremony. They also performed an unusual "swimming up" ceremony for Ben, who moved on to Cubs. Both were firsts for Keyworth Beavers!

They will be continuing the safety theme with sessions on the Green Cross Code and stranger danger. There will also be water safety in preparation for their annual Family Swim, where they will be doing another special ceremony for one of the

Beavers. Before they finish for a well-earned rest over Easter, they will be working towards the Healthy Eating badge by making sandwiches and smoothies - food sessions always go down well!

B Pack Cubs

Since the New Year the pack have been working towards the scientist badge and Creative challenge award. The photo shows this combining both elements, making a simple circuit that would light an LED bulb then using the lights to 'paint' light pictures.



They have also grown cress and beans in a jar. The term was rounded off with a challenge quiz around Keyworth. Cubs were given a series of photos of Keyworth. Each location had an associated question for example next to the photo of Budgens was the question 'How much is a 500g pack of Shreddies?' The winners

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were judged on the time taken for completion and the number of correct answers.

My friend, Stuart Williams who works for Capital One, very kindly provided us with free admission tickets to Nottingham ice rink. This was arranged through their community programme. The children all had a great time by the look of the pictures.



It looks so much easier skating with a friend. Wish they had them when I last went skating as I spent most of my time on the ice!



A visit was also arranged to the slot car race track at Loughborough. The Cubs managed to edge out the leaders from the top three unlike the scouts. First was Matthew Nott, second Harry Day and third Jack Dakin.

Scouts

The scouts have been slot car racing. The track was built in 1991 by then club member Alan Slade. Lap times are usually 10 seconds with 5 to 10 lap races.



There are so many Scouts in Keyworth that they are split into 4 packs. On some events the leaders can only allow two packs to attend with the other two attending on the following week. Cobra and Stags went first with the Leader Graham Finch, finishing first closely followed by Kieran Greenwood and Harry Walbanks. The other two packs were busy at the hut learning how to make a radio. The next week they swapped round with the Falcons and Lions going racing. Sam Atkin

won with Liam Stevenson second and then Leader Peter Townsend third.

Village Quiz

The Turkey Trotters were the only Scout team to make it into the second round after beating Keyworth Primary School. Unfortunately the Parents team joined the Uniformed by being knocked out in the first round by U3A. We came unstuck with questions on the Commonwealth and Fashion! Best moment of the night when asked "What is the traditional ingredient of Moussaka?" Mike buzzed to answer "Lamb" but was drowned out by the entire audience shouting "HORSE"!

The Turkey Trotters then lost in the next round. They came up against Willowbrook Primary School who knew more about our MP Kenneth Clarke and were quicker on the buzzer. Congratulations to the winners of the quiz Willowbrook and team behind the quiz. Better luck to our teams next year and you have 12 months to swot for the next one!

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Boddington

Boddington managed a podium place at slot car racing, winning a box of Celebrations. According to his Facebook page he was keeping them for a Valentine's Day present. Wonder who the lucky lady was?



I think Boddington, or his owner, have been watching too many Spiderman movies!

Allotments



No planting today!

It has been a long winter with difficulties getting anything planted. Our team

at the allotment have finally managed to get planting.



Carrots, onions and kohlrabi all planted safe and sound. For anyone, like me, who hasn't come across Kohlrabi it is a perennial vegetable, and is a low, stout cultivar of cabbage. Kohlrabi can be eaten raw as well as cooked. Picture below.



Our new composting facility at the Elm Close Community

Allotments is a work of art. Boddington is helping or is he just sitting watching!



Your Scout Committee

Needs you

Some members of the Committee are stepping down and several have children nearing the end of Explorers. Therefore we are in need of some parents who would like to join us. As you can see from the last few newsletters the Scouts get involved with lots of different activities and have a lot of fun. Our main activities are helping at the Turkey Trot, organising the AGM BBQ, helping at the Group Gathering and looking after the hut. We meet about once a month at the hut. I have not been on the committee very long and can say they are a great bunch who have made me very welcome. Please give me a ring for a chat or come along to our next meeting.

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Forthcoming Events

Parents Committee Meeting
at 8 p.m

Monday 29th April

Monday 10th June

Monday 8th July

*Quiz & AGM - Tuesday 7th
May at 6.30 pm*



This year we are going to change the format so please come along. We are going to have a quiz night and squeeze the AGM in the middle. There will be five lucky families to win a family ticket to Showcase Cinema. One prize for each Scout Pack.

Group Gathering - at Willesley. Explorers and Leaders may arrive on Friday. More details to follow but it is likely to have a theme! (A betting man would go for pirates!)
For those of you who haven't been before there are loads of activities available including

Karting, shooting, crate stacking, pot-holing, trying your hand with the bouldering wall or the spider frame to name a few.



*Keyworth Show - Saturday
13th July*



The Scouts put several entries in the horticultural show last year. It's now up to the leaders to try and encourage more scouts to enter other sections.

Photography seems a great one to start with.

As always if you have any news or photos I can use in the next edition please contact Maria Lewis at mandk.lewis12@gmail.com (please note my new email address) or 0115 9148011.

For details of waiting lists please contact Joan Lumb on 0115 9147906 or email keyworthscouts.membership@hotmail.co.uk.

If anyone has issues with photographs of their children appearing on the website please contact me asap I will take their picture out.

Famous Scouts



Seeing as this is The Beatles 50th anniversary I thought I would start with Paul McCartney.