

7th Epsom News



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Moon, Music, Magnificence: Fireworks! 4th Nov

Huge thank you to Parents, Explorers and Scouts helping at the Hook Arena side entrance gate for their great work. We were rewarded with a spellbinding fireworks



and sound spectacle. The music and mystical moon added such atmospheric dimensions, it was completely mesmerising! Let the pictures do the talking... Imagine incredible buildup of

powerful music, the stuff goosebumps are made of!
(by *Elsje Kichenbrand*, parent)





/ cubs: Farm to Fork trail

13-14th Nov (Tesco Leatherhead)

Up close to a range of cheese, fish, fruit & veg! Beavers & Cubs took such delight in sampling several different cheeses but the traditional Cheddar won the favourite vote hands down!



Next onto touching the cold, slimy fish which seemed to go down very well. Edward's face displays everyone's thoughts upon looking inside the salmon.

The final educational event was to be had in the fruit and vegetable stalls, looking at where they come from and how they grow, before

moving onto the finale- The big freeze! Beavers and Cubs were able to walk into the large freezer & experience temperatures of -23 degrees Celsius.



I was incredibly relieved that they actually listened to the advice and didn't touch anything! The Cubs finished the evening off by eating doughnuts. (Shh don't tell the Beavers!!) Many thanks goes to Catherine and her team at Tesco's to make this fantastic experience happen

By Clare DiPlacito, Beaver Leader



HMS Victory & Portsmouth harbour cruise 11th Nov



Great excitement at Epsom train station (no delays or strikes on Southern trains!) as 25 Beavers (+2 sibling Cubs) boarded the train -with a

changeover at Horsham we even managed a glimpse of Arundel Castle on the way- to Portsmouth harbour to visit Lord Nelson's boat HMS Victory coupled with a harbour cruise. Thankfully the predicted 'Heavy rain' didn't materialise.



HMS Victory is an amazing boat. We learnt there had been 2000 guns on board as well as 200 cannons. Isaac (8) enhanced the group tremendously with his in-depth knowledge, having been on board twice before. He showed us what all the implements were used for in order to load the cannon without blowing oneself up! We saw the tiny hammocks where



the sailors slept and the more luxurious bedroom of Lord Nelson's. It was clear to see how short they all were in those days. Moving on past replica revolting

food which they ate, we headed downstairs to the makeshift 'hospital' to see all the implements used. This was made all the more realistic with a bloodied foot sitting in a bucket after it had been sawn off.

Finally onto Lord Nelson's memorial on the lower deck which was the exact spot where he died.



Moving forward a few centuries we then were able to go on a harbour cruise and see modern battleships used by the Navy today; a stark contrast.

All the children behaved impeccably and we were able to return with the correct

number of children without any accidents or sickness. A true result! This wouldn't have

happened without the great Leaders and fantastic parent support as well as our wonderful children.

Thank you to everyone for supporting Scouting.



By Clare DiPlacito, Photos by Ashleigh Gosnell - Beaver Leaders

[SCOUTS] -Pioneer & Community Impact

The Scouts have had a busy term so far working towards their Chief Scout Gold Award. During their patrol meetings at various houses, the patrols researched disabilities and the impact on day-to-day activities and later presented their findings back to the troop. The leaders were very impressed with the depth, style and quality of the presentations and so the Scouts achieved the **Community Impact** Activity Badge.



For their **Pioneering** Badge the Scouts learnt some new knots and lashings and put them into practice building some impressive structures in the EMC car park. They also learnt about the power of using pulleys to move a minibus! They enjoyed a hike from the Downs to the Scout HQ and we are planning more outdoor activities for the last few meetings of this term. We are looking forward to an exciting wide game and incident hike leading up to the Christmas break.

By Paul Carpenter – Scout Leader

Update from *Phili Coley*: the final **WaterAid** total raised (after bar) was £1,451.02 – thanks **Explorers** & supporters!

Diary Dates

December

10/17th: 9.30 - 12.30am

11/18th: 5 - 6pm

Post elves urgently needed!
Christmas Post (collections)
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