

The Eagle



Autumn 2021



Den building competition

Testing the dens during the Funday!!!

SUMMER FUN!

Just before the Summer the Group Executive, aware that as a result of Government grants to support the us through the pandemic, the Group had a healthy cash reserve. The Executive were keen to ensure that this money directly benefitted our young people. As a way of saying "well done for getting through a tough 18 months or so" it was decided to spend some of the money on a Group Funday. It was to be an opportunity for all the Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and the leaders to get together and do what they do best - have great fun and adventures outdoors.

On a Saturday in August Beavers, Cubs and Scouts met at Frylands Wood Scout Outdoor Centre. It was great to see everyone again after months and months apart! Whilst the Cubs and Scouts tried their hands at archery and rifle shooting, Beavers took part in a scavenger hunt photo challenge and then tested themselves on a traversing wall. Several off the Beavers were like stick-insects zooming around the wall as if they were glued to it. Over on the ranges there were a number of bullseyes but more importantly everyone having fun and doing their best. After a packed lunch...
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GSL'S Report

We have been rather busy since the last edition. There was a Group Funday during the summer. All sections re-started after the summer break. The Beavers had a second Funday all to themselves (that is not strictly true, they joined 250 other Beavers from all over Croydon!). The Cubs have gained their Chef Activity Badge by rustling up pitta pizzas and fruit kebabs. Yum!



Cubs making fruit kebabs and earning their Chef Activity Badge

The Scouts had a Patrol Leaders Day where Patrol Leaders learnt leadership skills. Meanwhile the Group had its Annual General Meeting where we heard what the sections had been up to and what they are planning. We also elected members to the executive. Phew. And we haven't finished! We still have what should be a fantastic quiz evening being run by the Scouts to come, and much much more.

As always, if you want to get in touch please do, it's best to send an email: gsl.1stselsdon@gmail.com

James, Group Scout Leader

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 all the young people tested their speed and agility on the assault course. It was wonderful watching a particular young person overcome their fear of heights to climb a cargo net to the top of the chutes and come down. The young people also had a go at grass sledging – think snow sledges on wheels! Just before dinner they made dens which, in the tradition of the 1st, were tested with Beavers inside for their water tightness! None of

the Beavers got too wet. We then had a BBQ followed by a campfire with s'mores. Let me tell you, the wildlife now know that we come from Selsdon, mighty, mighty Selsdon!

Thank you to all the adults that helped and made the day such a success!

Why not look at a video of the day on our website: www.1stselsdon.org.uk ?

Dates For Your Diary...

Not too many at the moment, but please lookout for more to come from your Section Leaders...

November 14th, 09:45 – Remembrance Sunday church parade

November 27th, 19:30 – Group Quiz Night in the Church Hall

December 12th – 09:45 – Christingle service at church



What's The Capital of Fiji?

Fancy a fun night helping the Scout Group raise funds to replace the Sectional Flags? Why not come along to our quiz night on Saturday 27th November. Doors open at 7:30PM and the quiz will be starting at 8PM. Some of the rounds we will be having are music, general knowledge and many more fun and challenging topics.

We will also be having a raffle half way through with a donated raffle prize from World of Golf, which is a crazy golf course in Croydon. If you have any raffle prizes you think would be suitable, please let us know (Section Leaders).

We will be having loads more fun and exciting games throughout the quiz night to have even more fun.

If you are interested in coming, please book your place on our website:

1stselsdonscouts.org.uk/quiz2021.

For more information, please contact scouts.1stselsdon@gmail.com

 A pink, rounded rectangular graphic with a hand-drawn border. At the top, the word "Entry" is written in a large, white, stylized font with a drop shadow. Below it, there are two rows of text: "Adults" followed by a pound sign (£) and the number "4", and "Children" followed by a pound sign (£) and the number "2". At the bottom, there is a small text box containing: "Max. 6 per team. Book your table online by 13 Nov: 1stselsdonscouts.org.uk/quiz2021 to secure your place!"


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Just a note to say...

Thankyou. The week beginning the 1st November is Celebrate the Trustees Week. 40% of all adults in Scouting are trustees, making Scouting happen behind the scenes. Here at the 1st it is no different, with Roger (treasurer), Swazi (secretary), Jane (Deputy GSL) and Ken (Quartermaster). Without these wonderful volunteers we couldn't operate, so "thank you".

Trustees form part of the Group Executive, steering the Group so that we can provide the best adventures possible for our young people. Generally meeting three to four times a year, we have space for several parents to join our friendly band – your views are important to us – could they be you? Speak to a leader or contact James (GSL) for a no pressure chat.