

1st Dipton Cub Scouts

Report for 2015

We won, our camping competition team broke the long run Annfield Plain had and won by a very narrow margin on points.

The team worked hard on learning how to cook their meal (pasta Bolognese, cake & custard), putting up a tent, learning the parts of a patrol tent, making a camp gadget (a flag pole, for which they had to tie clove hitch, round turn and two half hitches, figure of eight, and a square lashing with frapping turns) first aid (gaining stage 2 Emergency aid badge) laying out kit for inspection, and what to take as their own personal kit to camp.

Well done to Declan, Joe, Jack, Liam, Oliver, Ben.

We went with the Group to Seaton Delavle hall, where we explored the ruins of the hall, and found a maze of rooms in the dark where the servants used to live and work. We played on the adventure park, and went to find items using Geocash, before heading to the beach at Blyth. Where the sea was cold but the sand was fun to play on.

With some of the Beavers & Guides from the Group & Cubs from Annfield Plain, we walked for a World without Dementia, getting involved with the National Scout Association's Million Hands project. All the children were sponsored and raised over £300, well done to everyone who took part on a very cold, wet and very windy day.

Tesco farm to fork, was a great night where we looked at where our food comes from. Going around the store with one of the staff, we learnt about fish, finding out a Mackerel has a silver young, and lobsters are not pink till they are cooked. Trying new cheeses, marking them on our cheese omelette as to how we liked them. Tomatoes are fruit, rhubarb is a vegetable, and milk to make cheese can come from a buffalo, some of the facts learnt. Going home with a goody bag full of fruit, fact sheets, recipes, and quizzes a good night was had.

We also got some pizza which we had the next week, when we made a cake in a cup, and learnt road safety.

We have been to Life Newcastle, and seen the stars, how to find the North star and use it to navigate. With other activities this helped to gain the Astronomy badge. We also seen an exhibition of Robots from films & T.V. Putting on white lab coats to do some experiments finished off our visit.

The cub year of Adventure was fun, now we are enjoying Cub 100, wearing the birthday badge on our uniform to show we are going to have a great celebration of the 100 years of Cub Scouting.

We should have some great photos of the Cub 100 year, because with the help of Nigel a parent, cubs have gained their photography badge, so camera at the ready let's have a wonderful birthday year.

At the start of 2015 we had 9 cub scouts, now we have gained 2 from Beavers, 4 direct entry.

We have 6 to move soon to Scouts, and another 5 moving on from Beavers.

The pack is growing