

Scouts

5th Skipton Scout Group

GSL REPORT

I would like to start this newsletter by thanking all the leaders and trustees for their time and energy in this academic year. A special thanks to Mo, as he steps away from the chairperson role of the Trustees, moving to support the operational running of the group, and to James Cave as he steps forward to take on the chairperson role. We've always got space for more leaders and adult helpers, please speak to me if you'd like further information.

I would also like a volunteer or two to help to organise a craft fair for local makers one weekend at the end of October/beginning of November, please get in touch if you can help.

110 Year Family Fun Day

Summer term ended with our 110-year anniversary fun day at The Dump. This would not have been possible without the team of volunteers who baked, donated prizes, ran stalls on the day plus helped to set up and tidy away. The Dump was full of current and past members and leaders, we even had a scout visit us from Australia as she was holidaying in the area. She was gifted a 110-year commemorative camp blanket badge. Thanks to all.



I hope you enjoyed the photos. Lots of more photos on the group's website.

Congratulations to Oscar (Beavers) for winning the guess the name of the teddy, his choice 'Greyee' was chosen at random. There were 226 sweets in the water bottle, the winning guess was Ray (Beavers). Please note that there are raffle prizes waiting to be claimed upon our return in September.

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Section updates:

Squirrels

We have obtained permission from HQ to open a Squirrel section at the 5th, & this is for the youngest members, aged 4-6 years. We have a list of children ready to start, however, we NEED leaders for this to happen. You don't need to be available every week, but ideally, we do need a regular commitment. The larger the team, the easier it becomes! Full training and support will be given. We aim to run Squirrels on a Monday night 4:45-5:45pm. Please speak to me if you'd like further information.

Beavers

A busy half term full of outdoor activities from river dipping, rounders, wide games and mapping skills, the beavers made the most of the warm, dry evenings to get out and about. Thank you to the parent helpers who made this possible. Beavers are looking for more uniformed leaders, please speak to me for further information.

Congratulations to Oscar, Peter & Ray on gaining their Chief Scout Bronze Award.



Cubs

Cubs also put the OUT into Scouting; they started the half term in Holy Trinity Church covering aspects of the faith badge and finding out more about the history of Skipton. They took part in a very hot hike up onto Skipton moor, demonstrated their teamwork playing rounders and enjoyed a games night. The highlight of the term was a session organised by The Devonshire Bowls Club who taught the cubs all about lawn bowls. A huge thank you to the club for inviting us, I am sure we will be back.

Congratulations to Thomas W, Pete and Jack on gaining their Chief Scouts Silver Award.



Scouts

Scouts have had a busy half term, they learnt all about the dangers of open water at the fire station, developed their map skills on a hike, took part in a monopoly challenge around Skipton, spent an evening backwards cooking in Bog Wood and finished the term with a very competitive rounders game in the park.



Skipton Gala

The sun shone on gala day and we had a fantastic turn out of members to showcase 110 years of scouting at 5th Skipton. All sections produced bunting and props for our trailer before representing 5th Skipton on the day.



Some future events

Please see OSM for further details

The planning details for each section for the next few months, have not been finalised yet. Please keep checking OSM for more details.

Week Commencing 8th September – Term starts for all sections

15th October – Trustee meeting 7.30 at The Dump

Week Commencing 27th October – Half term, no section meetings