

SPECIAL PARENTS 2012 GOLD MEDAL EDITION

Challenge Badge for this term.... er, there isn't one.

We should be undertaking the Fitness Challenge this term, but I want to hold this over to next term for the weather and to co-incide with the 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games as well as our own Twickeree District Camp Weekend (see diary over the page). I will however provide personal programmes for each Cub to complete other challenge badges during this term.

Welcome and thanks

Welcome to Ben Miles, who has joined us as Assistant Cub Scout Leader. Thanks to Lisa Lee who has had to give up her regular role as Pack Assistant due to work commitments. Thanks also to Mrs Moreland for the regular assistance given to running the Cub evenings.

Subs

I attach a letter to parents concerning payment of Subs. Now with tear-off slips!

Going up, reorganising the Sixes and a promotion!

Last term we said farewell to three Cubs as they progressed to Scouts – William, Aidan A and Aidan B. This term we say goodbye to Owen (January), Joseph and Tom (end of the term). We have welcomed Tiegan to our Cub pack.

Due to the number of Cubs moving up to Scouts, we have vacancies for new Cubs. We will run “bring a friend” nights, but if you know of someone wanting to join the adventure, they are welcome to come along with a parent to see what we do... but please confirm beforehand first, to ensure that the plans for an evening are suitable!

For this term, we will move to two sixes as follows:

Yellow six – Tom (sixer), Joe (seconder), Owen, Jamie, Kallom, Cassius, Niall, Teigan
Red six – Joseph (sixer), Elizabeth (seconder), Patrick, Rhys, Catherine, Dillon, Lucy

Silver Award

Congratulations to William and Aidan B for achieving the Chief Scout Silver Award, the highest achievement in Cub Scouting. They will be awarded their certificates in front of the whole Group at the next AGM.

District Cub Challenge

On the scorching hot weekend of 1st/2nd October, Lucy joined with 1st Richmond to take part in the District Cub Challenge hiking/map reading from base to base around Hampton and in Bushey Park to undertake a range of activities. Lucy's team came 8th overall out of 16 teams and earned several activity badges in the process.

Remembrance Sunday Parade

Congratulations to all Cubs for the excellent turnout for this year's Remembrance Sunday parade at St Edmunds Church. Well done to you all.

Badges

For those Cubs who attended the South-West London County CuBeaver day last June, the occasional badge should now be removed from your uniforms. All Cubs will be presented with the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Badge, which is to be worn throughout 2012. Unfortunately, given Group finances, they will be charged for at £1 each.

During the last half of the Autumn term we undertook badge work for the personal safety badge and scientist badge. I can announce that the following badges have been earned:

Personal safety: Jamie, Joe, Lucy, Rhys and Cassius. Scientist: Owen, Jamie, Dillon, Teigan, Joe, Lucy, Joseph, Rhys and Cassius.

PROGRAMME	
2012 Year theme	Diamond Jubilee and Olympic/Paralympic Games
Winter Term	Challenge – personal challenges will be set as necessary
<i>Badges offered this term</i>	<i>IT staged badge, animal carer, artist, book reader, collector, hobbies</i>
13 January 2012	Cubs return. Quiz night.
28 January	District Cub Challenge – Teddington school – team to be confirmed.
17 February	½ term – no Cubs
Tba	Creepie Crawlies night (postponed from Autumn term)
Tba	The Sky at Night night – a late night star and planet watch - weather dependent!
Tbc	CubaLympics sports weekend including sleepover (see attached letter to parents)
30 March	Last Cubs of term
Spring Term	Challenge – fitness challenge and outdoor challenge
<i>Badges offered this term</i>	<i>Nights away, swimming, athlete, athlete plus, camper, sports enthusiast, physical recreation, map reader, navigator, hike away</i>
20 April	Cubs return
22 April	District St Georges Day parade - compulsory
14-20 May	Bob-a-Job week Scout Community week
tba in May	Sixers and Seconders weekend camp
8 June	½ term – no Cubs
23-24 June	Twickeree 2012 – a weekend camp in Marble Hill Park for <u>all</u> Cubs
Tba	Long distance day hike/map reading
13 July	Annual General Meeting – including Cub of the Year award
2013	
25-31 May 2013	CubJam – a whole week of Camping and Activities – see attached

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Dear parents/guardians

Subscriptions for 3rd Whitton Scout Group in 2012

Last term's collection of subs was somewhat haphazard, due to computer failure and records of money collected being lost.

Given the overall loss in the financial year 2010-11, we need to ensure that every penny of money due is collected. If you think that you've not yet paid for the Autumn term, please do so.

To help you pay this year, there are slips below for payment over the next three terms – please fill in, tear off and hand in with your payment. Don't forget that the charges per term are: Beavers £30, Cubs and Scouts £35. If you have more than one child in Beavers, Cubs or Scouts, there is a £5 discount for the 2nd and 3rd child. We are adding £1 to the Winter term to cover the cost of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee badges.

As ever, if you have any problems with payment please speak to a leader in confidence. The cost of Scouting should never be a bar to participation.

*please complete, oldest first

3. Autumn term (September 2012 to December 2012):

Names of Beavers, Cubs or Scouts*	Payment for this term (please ring)
	£30 (beaver), £35 (cub) £35 (scout)
	£25 (beaver), £30 (cub) £30 (scout)
	£25 (beaver), £30 (cub) £30 (scout)
Total payment (including Jubilee badges):	£

----- tear off

2. Spring term (April 2012 to July 2012):

Names of Beavers, Cubs or Scouts*	Payment for this term (please ring)
	£30 (beaver), £35 (cub) £35 (scout)
	£25 (beaver), £30 (cub) £30 (scout)
	£25 (beaver), £30 (cub) £30 (scout)
Total payment:	£

----- tear off

1. Winter term (January 2012 to March 2012):

Names of Beavers, Cubs or Scouts*	Payment for this term (please ring)
	£31 (beaver), £36 (cub) £36 (scout)
	£26 (beaver), £31 (cub) £31 (scout)
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Total payment:	£

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CubAlympics

We want to lay on a weekend of non-stop sporting activity for our Cub pack.

Can you spare a whole or $\frac{1}{2}$ a day - can you help arrange an event or activity, do some catering or driving? Have you a minibus we can borrow? Can you help with a 1 night sleepover at HQ? Do you do a sport which you can share with our Cubs - or know someone willing to give a demonstration?

I am sure that you're excited about the sporting summer coming up and you can help motivate your children to participate in sport - and try out new ones!

Let us know how you can help us help your children.....

The options are: Easter 13-15 April, 4-6 May or 8-10 June.

There will be sleepover (for that important nights away badge) or day visitor options available for those not overnighing with parents or who haven't camped before. Costs to be confirmed - it will be run at cost.

The ideas so far are (and all will need organising):

- Swimming trip (swimming staged badge)
- Tennis coaching (at a local Tennis Club?)
- Canoeing/rowing/sailing (Thames Young Mariners or Richmond Scouts?)
- Athletics (try and borrow a St Marys athletics coach?)
- Ice skating at Bracknell or Slough
- Trying out Paralympic sports
- 1/2 day activity trip to a scout centre (rifle shooting, archery, absailing/rock climbing)
- Designing/building/trying out a (portable) mini-BMX/mountain biking course
- Making information boards about BMX/Mountain biking for our Twickeree display

(Any similarity between this event and the 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games is purely intentional)

Please fill in the form overleaf and we will get back to you to start organising in earnest!

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CubAlympics

Name: _____

I am willing to help at CubAlympics (including having fun/having a go where possible)

My preferred dates and time of day are (please circle as many as possible):

Easter 13-15 April, 4-6 May or 8-10 June morning/afternoon/evening/night

I can help in the following ways (please tick as many as you wish):

1. I can scrounge a minibus
2. I know where we can get a minibus at an excellent rate.
3. If you can get a minibus, I can drive it.
4. If you can't get a minibus, I can chauffeur Cubs and have _____ seats in my car*.
5. I can help with catering at HQ (serve up cereal at breakfast, prepare sandwiches, cold drinks, go and get a takeaway)
6. I am willing to help at a sleepover (and agree for the Scout Association to arrange a CRB check as necessary).
7. I can help arrange a sports session at HQ/coach a sport sport:

8. I can help arrange a visit (please let me know what needs arranging)
9. I will help arrange a visit to:

10. I want to help with designing and building a BMX/Mountain bike course
11. I can help in other ways - please let me know what needs doing.....

12. My Cub scout(s) will definitely want to take part, even if I can't help on the preferred dates (as long as the cost is reasonable)

Please return to Peter by end of January 2012.

*excluding the driver

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CUBJAM...is a 4-yearly week-long camping and fun event just for Cubs at Gilwell Park, the home of Scouting in the UK. It attracts contingents from across the south-east and central UK. In 2009, some 2,000 Cubs participated and bookings are now open for 2013.

The theme of 2013 will be PIRATES!

The camp will be held between 25-31 May 2013 and will cost about £190 per Cub.

There's loads of information on Cubjam already available. Go to:
www.cubjam.org.uk/2013/

A write up of the 2009 Cubjam - by the participants themselves - is also available at:
www.cubjam.org.uk/09/downloads/news_summary.pdf

There will be 8 current Cubs still under 10½ on 25 May 2013 and then add new Beavers coming up to Cubs and throw in a new Cub or two joining this term and next, so I have provisionally booked 10 places for 3rd Whitton Cubs to participate.

A £20 deposit is required per Cub to be paid by 28th February 2012. The remaining cost can be collected over a year, so that's about £14/month. Please note that there may need to be terms and conditions concerning refunds, the closer we get to the event.

Cut here with your sword

Cub Name(s):

My Pirate Cub(s) will be under 10½ in May 2013 and wants to go amaudering for a week for the approximate princely sum of 190 gold pieces.

I attach a deposit of 20 gold pieces by a parchment scroll (cheque) which I have quilled to 3rd Whitton Scout Group.

I agree to pay the balance as required.

Signed:

p.s. photos of 3rd Whitton Cubs at the last Cubjam are printed overleaf!

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Magic show - cutting a Cub in half!



The 3rd Whitton 4 at CubJam



loads of water fun!



The soapy obstacle challenge



Carnival clowns



Massive camp fire

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