

We had a very busy year indeed, working on a lot of different badges throughout the year, and we were very pleased to see **10 of our Cubs achieve their Chief Scout Silver badge!!**

Some of our highlights from the year were:

Environmental Conservation badge: We went on a litter pick through Westhill, and we give thanks to the Westhill Rotary for providing the equipment used. The cubs also made some nesting boxes to put up in the Scout hut grounds. We learned how to reduce energy and water usage, discussed renewable energies and learned more about what can and cannot be recycled.

Equestrian badge: We visited the Hayfield riding schools where the cubs got to groom the horses, learn how to look after them, what to wear and then most exciting of all to ride the horses too!!



Disability awareness badge: We had a visit from **HD Training Company**, where people with disabilities talked to the cubs about their lives, the challenges they face and showed us videos they had created themselves! It was very inspiring to see such creativity! They also ran activities to show the cubs how difficult some day to day tasks can be with a disability.

Snowsports badge: We took the cubs for a skiing taster session with Aberdeen Sports Centre, and they soon had all the cubs whooshing down the slopes!

Kuk Sool Won: Thanks to Richard Walker and his team from this local mixed martial arts group for coming to the hut and teaching the kids a variety of punches, kicks and blocks from this martial art. They were brilliant at reinforcing the belief that these arts are to be used for defense only. They even got to try using a pair of Nunchucks!!

Robert Burns night: The cubs made some shortbread, learned how to address a haggis and enjoyed a full Burns supper. We finished the session with learning how to 'Strip the Willow'.

Chinese New Year: We had a craft filled night making special traditional lucky red envelopes and dragon masks and learned all about the Chinese Zodiac.



Scientist badge: The cubs ran a number of experiments. They made a compass, learned about PH using red cabbage indicator solutions, how vinegar reacts to different items and how to grow mould under different conditions!

Parliament week: We took part in Parliament week as part of international awareness for our Global issues badge. The kids learned all about the voting system in the UK, and how parliament works.

A big THANKS to the parents, friends and 'specialists' who came to help us offer such a full and interesting programme, and thank to all who have sewed on a huge range of badges!

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