

# NEWSLETTER

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## TOP NEWS

- A LOOK BACK AT WHAT OUR SQUIRRELS, BEAVERS, CUBS, SCOUTS, AND EXPLORERS HAVE BEEN UP TO.
- FUNDRAISING FOR OUR NEW MINIBUS.
- CELEBRATING OUR YOUNG LEADERS.

## WELCOME TO OUR NEWSLETTER!

We are delighted to be able to bring you our latest newsletter for the 1st Holgate Scouting Community. We hope that you find the content interesting and that it gives you a wider understanding of the Group's activities.

Each half term, with input from our Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, and Explorers, our leaders plan and implement a broad range of activities that supports your children's interests, wider learning, and skills. Within this newsletter, we will highlight just a few areas of that activity.

## STILL PLENTY OF OPPORTUNITIES TO VOLUNTEER!

Are you still thinking about making a resolution or looking for ways to make a positive impact? Volunteering is a great way to do both. At 1st Holgate, you can choose from various options to lend a helping hand. You can work behind the scenes on an ad hoc basis or take charge of a particular section. There are plenty of roles available for you to support us. Volunteering not only supports 1st Holgate but also provides an opportunity to meet new people. We're a friendly bunch! You can check the final page of our newsletter to see how you can get involved and support us.

## NEXT ISSUE... DUE W/C 8TH APRIL 2024

We hope you find the newsletter interesting. If you have any suggestions for future newsletters or any comments, email: [emma.allinson@1stholgatescoutgroup.org.uk](mailto:emma.allinson@1stholgatescoutgroup.org.uk)

# Budding Builders!

During this term, we had the pleasure of watching the squirrels' outstanding performance in bridge building.

It was an absolute delight to observe how they put their architectural skills to work, collaborating as a team to create designs that were both innovative and sturdy. These bridges were able to hold a can of beans without collapsing, leaving us in awe of their incredible achievement.

Furthermore, the squirrels continued to showcase their creative talents by constructing some fantastic dens adorned with beautiful bunting. They put their hearts and souls into these projects, and the results were nothing short of impressive.

We couldn't be more proud of them, and we believe that they deserve the Brilliant Builder Badge for their remarkable effort.



# Chefs in the making!

The Squirrels have had a productive half term and have made significant progress towards earning their chef's badge. They engaged in a variety of culinary activities, such as designing pancakes, sharing interesting stories about food, participating in exciting relays, and enjoying the taste of their creations.

Their enthusiasm and hard work paid off, and they should be proud of their achievements.

Well done, Squirrels!



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY!

### Church Parade

3rd March  
Holgate Methodist Church

### 16th March - Bag Pack

10am-4pm, Morrisons,  
Acomb. Details to follow  
and we would appreciate  
the support for this event.

### 21st April

### St Georges Day Parade

Please note that attendance  
by all is required at this event,  
further details to follow.

### 10th May - Sleepover

Look out for sign-up email.

### 1st Holgate Sponsored Walk 25th May.

Group sponsored walk. More  
details to be confirmed soon.

**7th July - Sports Day.** Info to  
follow nearer the time.

**Larkin 2024.** Int. Jamboree at  
Duncombe Park in Helmsley.

**31st July:** Sign up on OSM now.

# Developing teamwork

This term at Beavers has been a bustling one as we work hard to earn our teamwork and world challenge badges.

We've explored the importance of being kind to ourselves, delved into the topic of bullying, and made progress towards our money skills badge by inventing our own currency and participating in a lively trading post game. The objective of the game was to make as much money as you can by completing as many tasks as possible within a specified time. Each lodge were given £10 to start with and as a group, they needed to decide what to spend the money on (equipment costs and tasks are shown opposite).

The Beavers really enjoyed the game and embraced the experience.

Equipment:	Cost:	Tasks:	Earn:
A sheet of paper	£1	Make a paper aeroplane	£5
A pencil	£1	Skip 10 times	£10
A rope	£5	Complete a word search/Dot-to-Dot	£10
Dot-to-Dot sheet	£5	Guess the leaders age (1 guess per lodge)	£50
1 Bean Bag = 1 throw	£2	Throw bean bags into a bowl	£15
A Bowl	£5	Throw a ball into a hoop	£5
Kims game kit	£20	Recite the Beaver promise	£20
A word search	£5	Draw a T-Rex	£10
A hoola hoop	£2	Write your full name & address	£20
A ball	£5	Write your home phone number	£25
1 ball = 5 throws		Complete the Kims game (Must remember all items)	£300
		Describe how to make a cup of tea	£40
		Tell a leader what ABC in first aid is	£200
		Hop on the spot for 1 minute	£30
		Write down 3 UK Prime Minister's names	£30

## TRADING POST

# Supporting our Community

During this term, the Beavers had a wonderful opportunity to learn about the operations of a local food bank. The visit proved to be very informative as the Beavers asked plenty of questions and gained knowledge on the importance of healthy food.

We would like to express our heartfelt appreciation to all the generous donors who contributed to the food bank. 1st Holgate and the Food Bank understand that in the current climate, it may not always be easy to donate, which is why they value every donation made to support the community.



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**Church Parade - 3rd March**  
Holgate Methodist Church

**St Georges Day Parade**  
**21st April**

Please note that attendance by all is required at this event and further details will be announced in due course.

**District Beaver Activity Day**  
**18th May**  
Details to follow.

**1st Holgate Sponsored Walk**  
**25th May**

Group sponsored walk. More details to be confirmed soon.

**Beaver Camp**  
**22nd - 23rd June**  
Details to follow.

**Larkin 2024**  
International Jamboree at  
Duncombe Park in Helmsley  
**30th - 31st July**  
Sign up on OSM now.

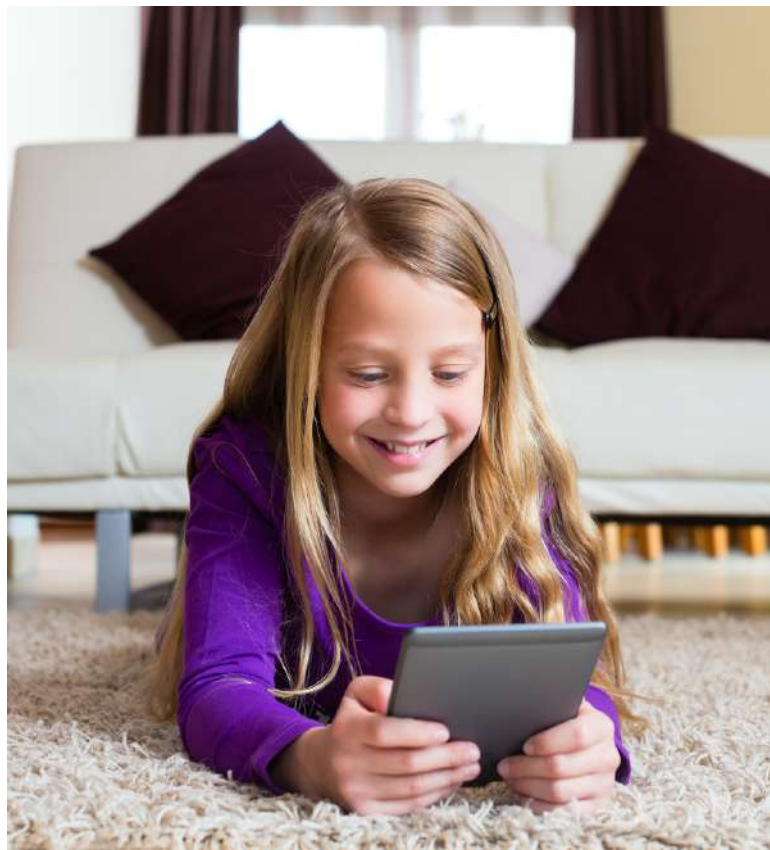
# Challenge Accepted!

This term has been quite busy for the Cubs as they worked towards earning their communicators badge. As a way to demonstrate their communication skills, the Cubs were given an assignment to email Akela with a personal challenge they wanted to complete, with their parents' permission.

In addition to this, the Cubs have been focusing on the topic of Healthy Eating. They received guidance on how to take care of their bodies, learning about the importance of a balanced diet that incorporates foods from all food groups. They were also taught to avoid excessive intake of sugary, fatty, and processed foods.

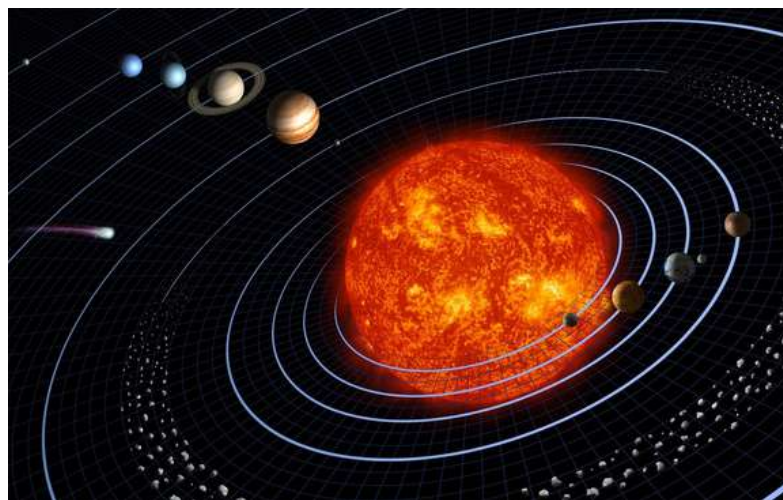
Across the term, the Cubs have played lots of games and learnt about the benefits of regular exercise and staying hydrated.

Through this learning process, the Cubs have gained knowledge on how to maintain a healthy lifestyle.



# Astronauts of the future!

The Cubs embarked on a journey to earn their Astronomy badge. As part of this journey, they delved deep into the mysteries of the universe, learning about the planets and the vast expanse of space. They explored the different characteristics of each planet and how they differ from one another. Furthermore, they also learned about the various natural phenomena that occur in space, such as black holes, supernovas, and comets. Overall, the Cubs gained a deeper insight into the workings of the universe, which will undoubtedly help them become the astronauts of the future!



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**1st Holgate Sponsored Walk**  
**25th May**

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**Cub Camp**  
**17th - 19th May**  
Snowball Plantation

**Larkin 2024**  
International Jamboree at  
Duncombe Park in Helmsley

**29th - 31st July**  
Sign up on OSM now.

# Winter camp at Hag Dyke

On the 9th of February, our group of Scouts embarked on a thrilling two-night winter camp at Hag Dyke on the side of Great Whernside in the Yorkshire Dales!

We are immensely grateful to all the leaders who put in their time and effort to plan and execute this successful event. The Scouts were faced with harsh weather conditions and had to brave the elements with the right gear and equipment. Despite the challenges, they showed remarkable determination, resilience, and strength, making us proud of their accomplishments.

These pictures capture the true essence of their grit, perseverance, and teamwork, and we hope that you enjoy them as much as we do.



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY!

**Walking Day**  
24th February

**Church Parade**  
**3rd March**  
Holgate Methodist Church

**Easter Camp**  
22nd-24th March

**21st April**  
**St Georges Day Parade**

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**1st Holgate Sponsored Walk**  
**25th May**

Group sponsored walk. More details to be confirmed soon.

**Expedition 2024**

8th - 9th June

**Larkin 2024 27/07/24 - 03/08/24**  
(Full for scouts)

# Pancakes with a twist!

Our Explorers have accomplished a remarkable feat by preparing delicious pancakes using only a tin can and candles!

This goes to show that mastering basic skills can lead to incredible achievements. Learning how to cook simple recipes with minimal ingredients and equipment is an important skill for any aspiring adventurer.

With determination and creativity, our explorers have discovered ways to prepare diverse meals with limited resources.

By cooking meals with a limited number of ingredients, the explorers have honed their creativity and developed a sense of independence.

This is a valuable lesson that will serve them well in all areas of their lives.

Congratulations on your achievements, explorers!



## Junior Warrior - Coming Soon!

Bigger, Better and Muddier!

After a whopping 7,000 Junior Warriors completed the 2023 event, Junior Warrior returns for another amazing 3K course, packed with obstacles that really challenge young people.

Details to be confirmed but the event will take place on 20th June!



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY!

**1-3 March 2024**  
**District Explorer Camp**  
Hebden Hey, near Hebden Bridge.

**Church Parade**  
**3rd March**  
Holgate Methodist Church

**21st April**  
**St Georges Day Parade**

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**Larkin 2024**  
**27/07/24 - 03/08/24**  
Now full for Explorers

# Fundraising for a New Minibus!

By the end of 2024, we would like to have raised enough funds to buy a new minibus for the Scout group to help us provide even more adventurous opportunities for the young people at 1st Holgate!

Over the last few months, our team of volunteers have organised Christmas tree deliveries and collections, cake stalls and more recently a bag pack and bucket collection at Tesco.

Thank you to everyone that has helped make these fundraising opportunities so successful - there is still plenty more that we need to raise and we are hopeful that our upcoming sponsored walk on Saturday 25th May will help push our total further.

If you have any ideas to raise funds or want to get involved then please do get in touch with Chris Rodaway:  
[chris.rodaway@1stholgatescoutgroup.org.uk](mailto:chris.rodaway@1stholgatescoutgroup.org.uk)



# MOVERS AND STARTERS!

**WELCOME TO THOSE WHO HAVE RECENTLY JOINED US AT 1ST HOLGATE AND TO THOSE WHO ARE MOVING UP A SECTION!**



William at  
Windermere Squirrels.  
Autumn and Ronnie at  
Montana Beavers.

Henry at  
Dakota Beavers.  
Arthur at Oregon Beavers.  
Georgina at  
Phoenix Cubs.

Benjamin at  
Hadrian Scouts.  
Evan and Finlay at  
Odin Explorers

## Young Leaders - Inspiring Others!

Explorer Scout Young Leaders are young people who volunteer alongside adult leaders in a Squirrel Drey, Beaver Colony, Cub Pack or Scout Troop. They bring fresh ideas to the leadership team and serve as positive role models for the young people they work with. Within 1st Holgate, there are currently 29 Young Leaders, of whom 23 are also Explorer Scouts.

The Explorer Scout Young Leaders' Scheme is a training program for these Young Leaders. At the end of this month, several Young Leaders will attend a weekend training camp, where they will complete part of their training modules and have fun. We will update you on their progress in the next newsletter!

Two of our Young Leaders have recently achieved their Young Leader belt, signifying their completion of all their training. This is a remarkable accomplishment and serves as an inspiration to their peers.

Many of our Young Leaders have utilised this training as the volunteering component of their DofE, enhancing their skills and knowledge while making a tangible difference in their communities.



# VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

**CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!  
WE NEED YOUR HELP!**



1st Holgate Scout Group needs dedicated individuals to join us in our mission to make a positive impact in our community.

We urgently need assistant leaders for, Beavers (Monday, Wednesday and Friday's), Griffin Cubs (Friday), Scouts (Severus on Thursday's), and Thursday Explorer's. In addition we also need people to lead our support team (this was previously known as the ASU). We also need a fundraising lead and recruitment lead.

If you could help us at any of these meetings and would like to find out more then we'd love to hear from you - we fully embrace flexible volunteering! Why not pop along for a couple of weeks and find out what it's all about? To find out more or to offer your support, please email Chris Rodaway at: [gsl@1stholgatescoutgroup.org.uk](mailto:gsl@1stholgatescoutgroup.org.uk)