

## **Cubs 2023-24**

Wilson Stuart is the home of the 222<sup>nd</sup> Birmingham Cub Pack. Our cub scouts have been part of the school for over thirty years, and are a fully accredited part of the world scout movement. The sessions are led by Akela and Baloo, aka Susan Schneeberger and Catherine Plunkett, who have run the pack more or less since its inception. We follow all of the routines, rituals and traditions of the cub scouts, and our cubs are always proud and excited to wear their uniforms on a Friday afternoon.

Sessions combine games, ceremonies and routines particular to every cub pack, celebration of important events in the calendar, and the completion of tasks to attain badges. Allowance is made for the development level of the students, and the support they require, in terms of the requirements to complete their badges. We learn cookery skills, arts and craft techniques, look at environmental issues, learn simple first aid, and cover many more skills. In this way, Cubs makes a significant contribution to our PSHE curriculum, Preparing for Adulthood Agenda, British Values, Community outreach, and Circle Values.

### **Planning in cubs**

Each session in cubs follows a routine, beginning with Grand Howl. This is a ceremony used by all cubs groups to open the Cubs meeting, and as with all aspects of Cubs at Wilson Stuart it is adapted to cater for the physical needs of the students.

Next is a game, which is often used to support the learning in the main part of the session. Throughout the year, the cubs will complete a number of badges (perhaps four or five). Examples are First aid, Cooking, Faith, Collector, Entertainer. The requirements for earning these badges are set by the Scouting Association, but they are adapted by the cubs instructors, in consultation with the Scouting Association, to be achievable for our students. Activities to fulfil these requirements are planned, delivered and resourced by Akela and Baloo, and the cub pack is entirely self-funded, thanks to regular generous donations from Sutton Coldfield Masonic Lodge. The children will complete craft activities, design posters, listen and participate in dramatisations and role plays, share resources, and take part in quizzes and competitions.

Cubs activities also reflect important calendar events throughout the year, such as Christmas, Easter, Armistice, Children in Need, as well as other events such as the Olympics or the Coronation.

The meeting ends with the second part of Grand Howl, and an opportunity for prayer or reflection.

Cubs programme of activities 2023-2024. Information on the requirements for Cubs badges can be found [here](#).

#### **Autumn 1**

*Badge – My faith*

History and Origins of Scouting

#### **Autumn 2**

*Badge - collector*

Armistice

Christmas

#### **Spring 1**

New Year

*Pioneer – stage 1*

#### **Spring 2**

Mother's Day

*Badge – Sports enthusiast*

#### **Summer 1**

Coronation of King Charles III

*Badge - gardener*

#### **Summer 2**

*Badge - naturalist*

Moving on