



Annual Report 2018

- We started 2018 by undertaking our 'Wildlife Explorer' and 'Brownie Skills' badges. Our first activity was to make bird feeders, and each girl spent some time birdwatching.
- The girls got to go for a 'Bat and Bird' walk around Fleet Pond on a cold and dark evening. The absolutely loved being out in the dark and were pleased to see bats and even hear some owls.
- We also had meeting about self-care (washing hands, brushing teeth) as well as using money correctly, and learning how to sew. Every Brownie managed to sew a button onto fabric without any help from the Leaders
- In February we celebrated Thinking Day with 1st Fleet West Rainbows, and learned about Guiding in other countries before saying our Promise by candle light.
- Throughout the year, some of our older girls planned and lead meetings as part of their 'Brownie Adventure'. We had marvellous meetings such as Historical Heroes, Underwater, and Minions. It was great to see the girls planning the meetings and arranging all the equipment they would need. They also ran the meetings which is a big task for girls of 9 & 10!
- We invited some parents for a special 'Bring a Grown up' meeting, where we set challenges at Oakley Park. The girls and their grown ups all had a great time following trails, solving riddles, and testing themselves with various challenges.



- Throughout the Summer term, we completed our 'Environment' badge, looking at ways to be more responsible with our waste products, how to use less plastic, and how to care for the world around us.
- On a very hot day in June, we had a sponsored walk for Water Aid, and managed to raise over £300 – enough to buy water tanks for a few schools in third world countries.
- To finish the summer term we had a beach themed meeting. There was a BBQ, a sand art activity, limbo, and a mocktail station.

- In August we went on our Brownie Holiday! We had 2 nights away at Paxmead River Base in Shepperton. The girls enjoyed the Jurassic Park theme, and got to do many exciting things such as cooking (both indoors and outdoors), traverse wall climbing, a trek along the thames, and campfire singing.



- The girls that couldn't attend the holiday got to come on a sleepover. We set them the challenge to going to the shops to buy their own craft materials for a challenge. We loved seeing them making decisions in groups, and being brave enough to ask the shop assistants where products were.
- When we returned from the Summer holidays we decided to have a fun term. The girls got to enjoy donutting at the Alpine Ski Centre, trampolining at Gravity Force, and also got to meet some furry friends when we visited another Brownie Unit for a visit from Hydestile resident animals.

- We had a visit from an Ocean Stars representative, and spent an evening learning about Sri Lanka. We sent a photo to the children there with a sign saying 'Hello'
- In November we took part in the Fleet Remembrance Parade. The girls feel very proud to take part in this every year as they know it is a very serious occasion.



- To finish the year, we took part in the Fleet District Carol Service. The theme was 'The Food of Christmas' and we represented Brussels Sprouts. The girls read a funny poem and the audience enjoyed it very much!
- 2018 saw us enrol 7 new girls into to the unit, and send 10 girls off to start a new adventure with Guides.