

8th Fleet Rainbows Annual Report 2018

Looking back over the year it's amazing to see how much we have done. We began the year with some challenges to help the rainbows get to know each other better.

In the first term we worked on the Owl-tastic Challenge badge. They all enjoyed a meeting where they came in their pyjamas then decorated cakes to look like owls and went out into the dark to see if they could find glow-in-the-dark eyes. Whilst eating the cakes and drinking hot chocolate they heard a story about why we hear Twit Twoo when there are two owls calling each other.



We made some lovely owls with the promise on and inside each one there were 7 white mice – one to be coloured in each day during the week when the rainbow had kept her promise.



In February we celebrated 'World Thinking Day' by thinking about Girlguiding in South Korea and Japan. We had jigsaw puzzles to make up which told us about Girlguiding and Scouting in these countries. We were joined by 8th

Fleet Brownies and we made special candle holders. We switched on our LED candles as we thought about children around the world and then we said our Promise.

Our parents came to our next meeting. They helped us to sew some little padded owls and we made some mosaic coasters.

For Mothering Sunday we made owl gift bags and put some lipstick and perfume into a golden egg with some tissue paper and put them in the bags.



We enjoyed an Easter egg hunt in March and made some nice baskets to take them home in.



Our next challenge was completing the Trefoil Guild's 75th Anniversary badge. The Trefoil Guild is for adults who support Girlguiding. Some members of the Fleet Trefoil Guild came to play games with the rainbows that they had enjoyed as children.

As part of the challenge we went to Elvetham Heath Nature Reserve to take part in a scavenger hunt.

- In the summer term we had a keep fit meeting with lots of races. We explored the shops near our meeting place to find out what they sell or what services they provide. We had a Red themed meeting. We painted some small rocks to make them look like ladybirds, we made fruit kebabs with a variety of red fruits and we made paper planes that looked like the red arrows. The girls enjoyed flying them.

- We had a day out at the Hawk Conservancy. It was very cold but we enjoyed the flying displays and being allowed into the warm to eat our lunch. We saw bald eagles, storks, grey owls, hawks, falcons, vultures, kites and secretary birds among many others.
- For Father's Day we decorated some wooden hearts and put them into gift bags that we'd decorated. They looked very nice. We also made some Fathers' Day cards.
- Our Young Leader Fox arranged a meeting for us – cutting snowflakes in summer! We also made friendship bracelets from Loom bands. These were activities that she would be carrying out with children in Sri Lanka later in the year (on a visit with Ocean Stars).
- We finished the summer term with lots of games (we really liked the water races), finding out the meanings of our names and recognising each other from our baby photos
- In the Autumn term we worked on the 'Global Adventure' badge. We spent the term trying out food and activities from countries. For Italy we made pizzas and played a game called Spaghetti. We made cartouches hieroglyphics in Egypt and ate Koshari. We tried Aboriginal Art and made pavlovas on New Zealand, In Peru we decorated suitcases for Paddington Bear and made marmalade sandwiches. For Iceland we experimented with vinegar and bicarbonate of soda to make erupting volcanoes, we put Mentos into lemonade to create our own geysers and while finding out about glaciers we created our own with ice cream and sprinkles. Following her trip to Sri Lanka Fox showed us a video. It was interesting to see what she had been up to. We tried writing our names in Tamil. It was very difficult.



- Some rainbows joined other rainbows and brownies for the Harvest Festival at the United Reformed Church.
- Our Bonfire Night celebrations took place at the Guide Hall in Church Crookham. We met up with 6th Crookham Rainbows. We toasted marshmallows on the bonfire so that we could make s'mores and we sang lots of campfire songs. It was fun. This activity helped us to earn our Autumn Challenge badge.
- We had a 'Trolls' themed sleepover – for many girls their first opportunity to stay away from home for a night. We had a troll hunt outside and made some fabulous troll headbands and bracelets.
- We took part in the Fleet Remembrance Parade for the first time. The Rainbows enjoyed taking part.
- We finished the term with the Fleet District Carol service. The theme was 'The Food of Christmas' and we represented Christmas breakfast. We found out what people normally eat for breakfast and what special foods they might eat on Christmas day. We told people about our findings and held up boxes of cereals that we like.
- We ended the term with a Christmas party. We played games and had some snacks to eat. Owl was given a card and presents because she stepped down as leader-in-charge. Squirrel (Wendy Bascal) joined our rainbow unit in April and she is taking over from Owl who will become her assistant..

