

44th Norwich (1st Old Catton) Scout Group

There's science in Scouting

How many different types of activities would you say the children round Old Catton experience because they belong to Scouts?

Everyone knows Scouts visit places, go outside, make things and meet people. Think a bit longer and singing has to be on the list, possibly shows? Maybe you also thought of the work around the community?

The answer is too long for here*. Each week the leaders use a range of 11 different methods to fulfil the six different programme zones to make sure the children have a great time. It's this "scientific structure" (used to be known simply as planning) that creates the right environment for them to start making friends, try new things, make progress and have adventures.

A Global Challenge

One of the six different zones is the global challenge reflecting the fact that there are Scout groups in 216 countries and territories. A truly global organisation the uniforms differ to reflect culture and climate but *every* Scout wears the same purple fleur-de-lys badge.

Our Beavers (aged 6-8) are working on the global challenge this term, exploring a few of the Far Eastern faiths, foods, celebrations and traditions through craft, treasure hunts, salt dough, stories and games. It's amazing what can be packed into so little time: fun, mess, adventure, discovery, wonderment, happiness and volume for starters!

*The answer is...

If you want to find out more about Scouting, visit www.scouts.org. There's a mix of interesting facts and reports in far more depth than this brief report.

If you enjoy seeing young people develop and are interested in helping; please contact Keith Coles on 405 438 or email keith@colesk.plus.com