



After the summer break, which seems such a long time ago now, we spent five weeks of term working towards the Season badge (autumn section). This included learning about animals that hibernate & making animal masks, discovering star constellations, learning about autumn fruits, making a collage from natural materials & making & cooking an apple crumble. Between times some new Brownie songs & games were enjoyed.

21st October saw Hannah & Macey make their Brownie Promise in the presence of their families & Macey's dog. This also enabled another two girls to complete their Hostess badge.

18th to 19th October saw 6 excited Brownies participate in their first sleepover. Some sleep was had between a packed programme on a theme of the 'Gingerbread' badge. Not only were gingerbread biscuits made but key rings, T shirts & clay models.

The first meeting after half term we packed shoe boxes for families abroad. All the girls brought generous donations & we managed to complete eleven. Which by now we hope have reached their destination & brought some Christmas cheer to others. We also welcomed a new Brownie Leah who had recently moved into the area. The remainder of the term was more relaxed & fun where we enjoyed three evenings of games from modern electronic to boxed games & more traditional skipping & hop scotch. Some interesting personal challenges were achieved. Two girls also joined in the Gt Yarmouth Division Craft Morning on 23rd Nov where they had the opportunity to make numerous Christmas crafts.

During the term several of the older Brownies were encouraged to complete their 'Adventure' badge, one that is ongoing for the first 12 - 18 months of their time as a Brownie & involves taking part in activities away from the normal meeting place, team activities, community action as well as interest badges. Congratulations go to Summah, Megan, Sydney, Hollie and Ellen who achieved this badge.

On 9th December we visited 'The Vineries' home for the elderly taking cards made by the girls & gifts wrapped the previous week. Singing of some Christmas carols & songs followed by some refreshments completed the evening.

The last meeting of term was our party with traditional Christmas games & nibbles. We also said goodbye to Hollie who is moving up to 1st Martham Guides, we wish her well & look forward to seeing her at joint events.

The final event of term was the Fleggs District trip to Goldilocks & the Three Bears at the Pavilion Theatre, Gorleston on 20th December. I doubt there was greater noise & hilarity during another performance than on that night. A great evening. Rachel our Brownie Unit Leader was also presented on stage by the Dame with her Brownie Leadership qualification.

We are now preparing for a busy 2014 as it is the 'Big Brownie Birthday' when we are all celebrating 100 years of Brownies. A variety of exciting adventures are being planned and the unit hope to join in as many as possible.

We are still seeking new girls to join Brownies at Hemsby so if you are interested please visit the Girl Guiding web site (www.girlguiding.org.uk/interested) to find out more or register to join.