

Hi,

I hope you have had a great start to the spring term. So far this year, we have had our All-Leaders meeting, and I have been helping to run 1st Hesketh cubs whilst we find some new leaders. A few weeks ago we made rockets using film canisters and Alka-Seltzers - the cubs loved it! You can find instructions here: <https://www.imaginationstationtoledo.org/educator/activities/rockets> (I have a supply of film canisters if you need any).

All-Leaders Forum

Many thanks to everyone who came along, it was great to see so many there talking to other leaders from the district, and sharing ideas. I have attached the PowerPoint again if anyone missed it.

Nights Away Notifications

Many thanks for those who have submitted them using the online form. In the last 5 months, as a district, we have offered out young people **30** nights away, which is amazing. If you have any suggestions for improvement, please let me know: <https://edenscouts.org.uk/nan>

Activity Notifications

The current plan is to roll out District Activity Notifications fully from 1st April 2020. In the meantime, please do continue to test the system and get to know it. You can find the guidance about what activities you need to notify me of here: <https://edenscouts.org.uk/leaders/activity-notification-guidance/> and fill out the form/download the spreadsheet here: <https://edenscouts.org.uk/dan/>

Online Scout Manager: Online Tutorial - Fri 21st February

We will be holding an online tutorial for OSM on Friday 21st February, 7pm - 8pm, where we will cover the basics, look at the features and do some Q&A. Having it online means you can also have a go at the same time!

I will also be organising small group face-to-face sessions in the coming few months - so don't worry if you cannot access the online meeting.

To join the meeting, you will need an up-to-date web browser (such as Google Chrome, Microsoft Edge) and a good internet connection. Click the link below to join the meeting, once it opens - click 'join on the Web':

EMAIL THE DC FOR LINK

You can test the link beforehand. If you have any problems on the night, you can always text/email me. It'd be grateful if you could let me know if you are joining, so I know who to expect!

District Beaver Leader Meeting - CANCELLED

The Beaver Leader Meeting scheduled for 20th February has been cancelled, due to low numbers. We will rearrange it for later in the year.

Microsoft Kaizala – a new way to communicate!

Like WhatsApp, but no personal number sharing (plus you can still call and text!). Works well for leader and parent groups!

1. Search for Microsoft Kaizala in Google Play or App store, PC: <https://webapp.kaiza.la/Account/Webapp>
2. Install and sign up using your mobile number
3. In the app click 'Discover', then 'more', then either join via 'QR' or 'Code'

EMAIL DC FOR JOIN CODE

Programme Planner

The Scout Association have released a new online programme planner, which tonnes of activity ideas. Try it out here: <https://scouts.org.uk/programme-planner/plan?pre=new>

Whats On

Getting Started - Sat 29th February

Swimming Gala - Sat 14th March - see attached

See more here: <https://edenscouts.org.uk/whats-on/>