

# Ismay Colony Newsletter - Jun/Jul 2011

The beavers have done a lot of outdoor activities this term. We spent one evening practising putting up tents. Another week Andy, Scout leader, came along and showed the beavers how to light a fire and then we toasted marshmallows and cooked dough twists – they were very tasty with jam on. Sue joined us and Alex O'Brien was invested at the end of the evening.

We had a very successful night bowling at the Bowl, Bromborough on the 21<sup>st</sup> June.

On the 28<sup>th</sup> June we visited St Bartholomew's Church Thurstaston. The Beavers were shown round by the Churchwarden and the Bellringer. They learnt about all the different artefacts found in the church, and got to go up the belltower, and ring the bells. They loved the fact that there was a hole in the floor up there that they could see down into the church from.

The 5<sup>th</sup> July saw us down on the beach at Thurstaston, where the beavers were given a list of items to find, which they all did brilliantly. The beavers were fascinated with the large number of small crabs they could find. We ended the night with a game of rounders that was rudely interrupted by a heavy downpour of rain, but we made the most of it by taking shelter by the visitor centre and having a impromptu singing session with 'I'm singing in the rain', a camp fire favourite, with plenty of silly actions.

The following week saw us at Royden Park/Thurstaston. Andy brought along some scouts and we did some trail following. Then the beavers split into 2 groups and laid trails for each other to follow. It was good fun trying to hide away from the other group. Thanks to Andy and the scouts for giving us their time and expertise.

Our final week before the summer holidays saw us down on West Kirby Beach building sandcastles for our sandcastle competition. It was cold and very windy but the beavers had fun building all different types of castles. Well done to everyone for their brilliant efforts. Thanks to Sue for being our judge for the evening. We finished off the evening by investing Myles Bentley and Fraser Carswell, and we said goodbye to Sam Costall and Matthew Baker who are both going up to cubs after the summer holidays.