

## **Thor Beaver Colony newsletter December 2012**

The Beavers have had another cookery night; with the guidance of the leaders they made mini Christmas pudding cakes. This can be seen on the photo page.

We have found out how different things work:- an electrical circuit were they had to join 2 wires together for the buzzer to ring. Diver in a bottle where they had to sink the plasticine and pen top diver to the bottom of the bottle by squeezing the sides then letting go when it reached the bottom and watching it rise to the top, candle and jam jar, pencil in a glass of water and placing a dot in the centre of a sheet of paper with 1 eye covered; not as easy as you think. The favourite experiment was the Diver in the bottle.

The Beavers have all made a Christmas card for a family member in the shape of a Christmas pudding.

We attended the District Beaver Craft day at St Chad's Church hall in Irby. Where each Beaver made a variety of Christmas decorations to take home, this is an annual event.

Both Beaver colonies joined together for a fancy dress Christmas party at St Chad's hall, with party games and plenty of party food. A good night was had by all who attended.

The Beavers have attended the District Beaver Carol Service at St Andrews Church in West Kirby. This was a Christingle service with a difference, we asked our invited guests to come out to the front to pose as the orange by wearing an orange t-shirt, draped in red tinsel, holding a cane with a pretend sweet on the end and placing a very large candle behind them. The Major of Wirral was part of this. Each Beaver made their own Christingle at the same time. At the end of the service Piers Roberts from our Colony was invested by the District Commissioner Ken Jones, and Sam Burkett received his Chief Scout Bronze award. Well done Sam. A Big Surprise was that Thor Colony was presented with the District Beaver Challenge trophy; which we won in September, well done to the team. After the Service we had a party in the Church hall. At the end of the party a very special person arrived in a red suit!!!

We have been on a trip to the Kailash Buddhist centre in Oxton. We learned about the life of Buddha and were introduced to Tanwa who is a Nun and Mathan who is a Monk. They were told about the meaning of each of the robes and were able to try them on. We all practised Meditation and afterwards asked lots of questions.

Our last night for the year was bowling at the new Bowling alley in Bromborough, this was a fun night. At the end of the night we said goodbye to Isaac, Jamie, Joshua, Jack, Macenzy and Marsat and wished them all the best as they move up to Cubs. Jack received his Chief Scout Bronze award. We wished everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!