

## Ismay Beaver Scout Section Newsletter February 2014

Happy new year to all our wonderful Beaver Scouts and parents. February already!! We got off to a fabulous start with soo many fantastic activities and loads of fun things for the boys to take part in!

We welcomed in the new year at the scout hut with 2 pigs called Running Ralph and Bunny! The boys got to stroke them and we even managed to put a necker on one of them! What a fab experience for all involved!



Tesco's was the scene for our next meeting! We had an access all areas tour around the store with donuts and juice in the staff canteen thrown in for good measure! The highlight for us all was going into the freezer! It was minus 40 in there and very very cold! Brrrrrr! As you can imagine the boys loved it!! We are always looking for fun and unusual places to invest the Beavers, where better than the foyer of Tesco!! Sam Roberts and Edward Speed are both now fully invested and made their Beaver Scout promise in front of the flowers and parents! Well done boys! If you pop into Tesco you will see a photo of the boys during our trip! It's on the community board just passed the café.





Chinese new year was our next event! Or should I say Kung Hei Fat Choi! The year of the horse – we had a brief chat about Chinese new year and carried on with some great crafts – we made Chinese dragons and coloured in a picture. We then tried to eat some rice and chocolate with chop sticks! The boys made a great effort and obviously this had nothing to do with the yummy chocolate! They were outstanding! Each boy left the meeting with a red envelope containing a chocolate coin (good luck in China!) fortune cookies and their own chop sticks! Well done boys!

On our next meeting together we played some old familiar games. This was followed by learning about the green cross code and water safety, such an important lesson to learn – I still remember covering this when I was a Brownie, many many many moons ago!!

Our final meeting before half term had us all thinking about Valentines day! The boys got very creative and made cards for the loved ones in their lives!

We have 4 new Beaver Scouts at our colony this term. A very warm welcome to Ben Woods, Ewan Jones, James Withe, Zach Amirthalingham and Dan Young. It's great to have you here, boys and we look forward to helping you on your journey in the world wide scouting movement.

It's great to have a full colony and we could only do this with the invaluable help we get from our young leader team, they really are an asset to our section. We would like to thank Will, Jess and Carrick for all their hard work during this term. And we would also like to welcome the lovely Lucy back after her accident, it's great to have you back, we have all missed you.

Finally, a special mention to the parents on our rota who have helped us out this term, we really do value and appreciate the time you give on a Tuesday night. It's great for the boys to see their parents helping out and being involved. We couldn't do it without you!

The badges we have covered this term are Global challenge, animal friend badge and part of the safety badge.