## THOR BEAVER COLONY NEWSLETTER

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## BEAVERS HAVE ACHIEVED THE FOLLOWING BADGES / AWARDS

Promise Challenge:-

Ben Smith

Chief Scout Bronze award:-

Ben Smith, Sam Shepherd and Sam Whelen

Global Challenge:-

Sam Shepherd

Friendship Challenge:-

John Brocklebank

Fitness Challenge:-

Sam Whelen

Outdoor Challenge:-

Ethan Kewin

1st year badge:-

Owen James, Theo Redwood, Sam Whelen and Ben Smith

Hikes Stage 1

Alfie, Dylan, Max, Joseph, Thomas B, William C, Sam W, Tom L and Ben S Since the last newsletter, the Beavers have been raising funds by supporting OrangeAid day, run by Practical Action Charity. For this evening the Beavers and Leaders wore something orange, we watched a D.V.D. presentation on the work that the charity does for children in poor countries. We had a Jellybaby game using chop sticks, the Beavers had great fun playing this. They made Friendship bracelets from Sainsbury carrier bags, these looked very effective when finished. This was a very orange night. On the same night we welcomed 3 new Beavers, Harry, James and Alex.

We had a visit from Linda a P.C.S.O. from Upton Police station. She came to talk to the Beavers about stranger danger, Linda made this very interesting and pitched it at their level, the Beavers enjoyed the talk and asked lots of questions.

The Beavers have celebrated Chinese New Year. We welcomed the Beavers by saying "Kung Hei Fat Choy" (Happy New Year), we played Dragon Tag, talked about the Chinese calendar and what birth sign they came under, they made Chinese dragons, and did word searches. At the end of the night they took home a red Chinese envelope and Fortune cookie.

We have had a visit to Irby Library. Diane the Librarian started the evening by asking the Beavers if they knew how a Library is run, she then read them a short story. They then had to find out about Irby's history by using local history books, computers and looking around the Library for the answers, the Beavers really enjoyed this and learnt a lot. They finished the evening by making spiral snakes, they took these home together with a wordsearch.

We attended the District Beaver Challenge at St Andrews Church hall in West Kirby, this was a fun filled night made even better by taking 2<sup>nd</sup> place.

Our last night before Half-Term the Beavers decorated heart

shaped biscuits for Valentine's Day. We said our goodbyes to Joseph and Reece as they move on to Cubs and wished them all the best in their new Section.

Jayne Oliver B.S.L



















