

Ismay Beaver Colony newsletter

February, March and April 2015

We welcomed some more new Beavers to our colony this half term - Welcome to Ptolemy Ellis, Daniel Wiseman and Franklin Crocker. It is an absolute pleasure to have you at 1st Thurstaston - I hope you enjoy the beginning of your journey in Scouting.

24th February - Our first session after the half term was at Pets at Home in Bromborough. We had a guided tour of the store and we were able to have a close look at a lot of the animals they have. Pets at Home sponsor our Animal Friend badge. We invested our newest Beavers here!



3rd March - A games night was the theme of tonight's session - It's always fun to have a night of playing games - we got the parachute out too - which is a favourite with us all!

10th March - Tonight we went to Tesco's in Heswall as part of the Farm to Fork initiative that they are running. Everyone really enjoyed this evening and I would like to particularly thank all the helpers who assisted on this session - thank you very much! The Beavers earned a Farm to Fork badge which can be sewn onto the uniforms please!

17th March - Hoylake School of Dance provided us with 2 fabulous dancers this evening and before the end of the night we were all street dancing to Uptown Funk! The Beavers learned a whole routine during the evening! Lots of fun and laughs were had by all! Even the leaders were involved! High five everyone!!

21st March - We had a fabulous opportunity to take the Beavers to the match day experience at Tranmere Rovers! We all had a great time - despite the score! The Beavers took part in a training session with coaches from Tranmere Rovers and then we watched the match between Tranmere Rovers and Burton Albion - Burton Albion won! It was a great day and we all thoroughly enjoyed ourselves! Many thanks the dads who helped me out on the day! I really could not have managed without your help!

24th March - We made Easter cards and chocolate cornflake cakes this evening - Carrick took to the kitchen to melt the chocolate and have everything ready for the Beavers to make their cakes! Great work Carrick! The Easter cards looked great and the Beavers wrote their promise inside too. Well Done!

31st March - Our final evening before Easter holidays was a trip to the bowling alley in Bromborough! A wonderful time was had by all and some great scores too!!

During the past few months we have introduced Lodge Leaders and Lodge Seconds to our colony - these are positions within each lodge - a leader is overall in charge of the lodge and the second is second in charge! We thought it would be a great addition to our structure and hope it prepares the Beavers for the structure of Cub and Scouts. As lodge leaders and seconds move on to Cubs we will be replacing them with Beavers who are next to be promoted! Please don't forget to sew on the badges you are given so the Beavers can wear them with pride.

We would like to extend a warm welcome to Caroline McBain to the leader team at 1st Thurstaston – Caroline is going to be an assistant Beaver Scout leader on a Tuesday night at Ismay Beaver Colony. Caroline is a senior school teacher and has experience leading in the Army Cadets! We are very pleased that she has volunteered her time and I know she will enjoy every single minute of it! Caroline's Beaver leader name is River – the name has been chosen by the Beavers! Well done Beavers it is a great name!

BADGES WE HAVE WORKED TOWARDS SO FAR THIS YEAR!

Fitness Challenge Badge

Communicator Badge

Animal Friend Badge

We have some fabulous activities planned for the next few months including

- Cook Badge
- Linking up with Scouting movement in Texas
- Tag Rugby session
- Safety Activity Badge with WPC Sue Fowles
- Shelter Building in Royden park
- Professor Chris Collins - Space Badge
- The annual Sandcastle Competition!!
- Group Camp is coming up too!!

Good Luck to Carrick as he revises for his upcoming GCSE exams – we are all thinking about you and wish you all the luck in the world!

I would like to thank you all for your help during the past few months. We really couldn't be the fabulous Beaver Colony without the help from parents and the leader team. Please check the parent rota for your turn to help – we really do rely on your help for ratios and support.

We are still in need of leaders and helpers – either on a part time or full time basis. It really is the most rewarding thing to do! I highly recommend it!

Kind regards and yours in Scouting,

All at Ismay Beaver Colony – 1st Thurstaston Scout Group