

## Ismay Beaver Colony newsletter

January and February 2015

Happy New Year and welcome back to all our eager Beavers and parents! I have compiled this newsletter for our first term back, I hope you enjoy it!

8<sup>th</sup> January - We held a joint New Year Party with Thor Colony - we tried out some new games and enjoyed eating Pizza and Cake! A great start to the new year!

13<sup>th</sup> January - A games night was the theme of tonight's session - It's always fun to have a night of playing games! We welcomed our new Beavers to the colony - Welcome to Louis Moss, Ewan Murray, Ryan Price and Manny Sinclair. It is an absolute pleasure to have you at 1<sup>st</sup> Thurstaston - I hope you enjoy the beginning of your journey in Scouting.

20<sup>th</sup> January - We had an indoor campfire in the hut and we enjoyed hot chocolate and marshmallows afterwards! Alan Bennett came along and lead us all in a fantastic night of camp fire songs in the warmth of our hut!





27<sup>th</sup> January - We were privileged to have a visit from Captain David Cullen - who is a senior training captain at Thomson Airways. The Beavers learned what it is like being a Captain on the Boeing 787 Dreamliner. A fabulous night was had by all!!



3<sup>rd</sup> February - Lucy (Rainbow) and Carrick - lead the evening with the communicator badge being the main focus. Many thanks to Jayne Oliver who stepped in at the last minute as I was stuck in traffic coming home from Manchester Airport. Learning some basic sign language and also how to read the phonetic alphabet. Homework was set and I thoroughly enjoyed receiving 24 text messages and emails from the Beavers! It certainly made me feel very popular! Well done Beavers - you all managed to learn your phone numbers - with one of the Beavers actually learning his mums mobile phone number! You all achieved your Communicator Badge! Well done!



10<sup>th</sup> February - our focus tonight was Healthy Eating - I was so proud of how much the Beavers knew about healthy eating and they all made some great suggestions for healthy and unhealthy foods. We enjoyed making healthy sandwiches and a healthy fruit kebab! You all achieved your healthy eating badge tonight! Well Done!



BADGES WE HAVE WORKED TOWARDS SO FAR THIS YEAR!
Friendship Challenges badge
Fitness Challenge Badge
Communicator Badge
Healthy eating Badge



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

- A visit to Tesco in Heswall
- A street dancing session from Hoylake school of Dance!
- We are all looking forward to the match day experience at Prenton Park! I myself am super excited!!
- Our wonderful Easter Fair at the hut
- A visit to Bromborough Bowling alley!

Our fun packed programme from January to Easter was devised with the help of all of our Beavers. We had a brainstorming ideas session whilst we were eating our ice creams at Archers Ice Cream Parlour in December! So I must say a huge thank you for all of their ideas!

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.

We are still in need of 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