



## 1<sup>st</sup> Thurstaston

### Ismay Beaver Colony Newsletter

#### New Term, New Team, New Start

September saw the arrival of a new leader team at Ismay Colony, consisting of BSL River, ABSL's Sunshine and Rainbow and our Young Leaders, led by Carrick - Dan, Isaac and Will who have enthusiastically embraced their new roles. A visit from the District Commissioner in November saw the ABSL's and YL's invested and all are in the process of completing their own personalised training programme in addition to attending the colony.

We also welcomed and invested Erin, India, Harry, Ridley, William and Logan, along with their parents, to the colony. They have made a fabulous start to their Scouting adventure.

We have completed a wide variety of activities this term, which have included participation in County Events - the International Day, Beaver Christmas Day, Beaver Carol Service and Christmas Party and Group events including Bonfire Party and Christmas Fair and Section events including a Craft Day, Christmas Carol Service and Party and Colony events including a visit to The Potting Shed, The Buddhist Centre and a Night Hike.

The Beavers completed a variety of badges based around developing different personal skills.

We focused on Map reading in September, this included learning about the cardinal points of a compass, drawing and labelling a map, following a map and understanding the information on a map. This came in useful for the Night Hike!

We also completed the International badge, learning about different languages, countries, traditions, food and even a song! The Beavers had the opportunity to attend the County International Day along with Thor Colony and enjoyed the opportunity to travel by train.

The Colony also developed its social and communication skills with each other when the Beavers brought in their personal collections to discuss and information about their hobbies. Every Beaver also produced a model made from recycled items on our Model night and created and explained their invention in detail to River who was very impressed with their creativity.

The Lodges were reorganised, under Carrick's lead, giving responsibility to the older Beavers to lead by example and build confidence.

The Beavers also had the opportunity to make various crafts and gifts mainly focused on Halloween, Bonfire Night and Christmas with the opportunity to attend Beaver Christmas Craft Day at the end of November.

December gave the colony an opportunity to go further afield and the Colony enjoyed a trip to the Potting Shed, their behaviour was excellent, The Buddhist Centre, where we learned about different faith, and an exciting Night Hike. The Night Hike was the highlight of the term as the Beavers arrived having remembered to pack their enthusiasm, energy and smiles. Added to that was the emergency rations and a fantastic turnout from parents to support the hike and walk with the colony and most importantly organise the chips at West Kirby. Ismay completed the Hike in record time and it was brilliant to see the happy, smiling faces sitting on the bench at the end of the hike.

Thank you to all the Section Leaders, Young Leaders and parents for the help, advice and humour this term. It is much appreciated and we look forward to next term when we will be learning about the emergency services and facing personal challenges which will involve a nights away opportunity for all Ismay Colony Beavers.

Yours in Scouting

River

BSL Ismay Colony

1st Thurstaston Scout Group