



Thor Beaver Colony newsletter

September till December 2015

When we returned to Beavers after the summer break, we asked the boys what sort of things they had been doing over the summer and if they had been on holiday in this country or another country. We split them into 2 groups, 1 group with the map of the British Isles map and the other group with the World map. Using string and plastercine we showed them how far they had travelled from home and we asked them what transport they had used to get there. These maps can be seen on the wall in the Scout hut.

We attended the District Beaver camp along with other groups in the District at 1st Thurstaston Scout hut, the 9 Beavers that attended had an enjoyable time with plenty of different activities. It was the first camp for quite a few of the Beavers.

We have attended the County Beaver event "Scouting around the World", held at St Michaels C of E school, we travelled by train from Hoylake station to Aigburth station and walked to the nearby venue, the Beavers enjoyed the day and the train journey.

The Beavers have planted Daffodil, Tulip and Crocus bulbs at the front of St Chad's Church, around the trees that we planted in May.

The Beavers had a very enjoyable evening making Dinosaur fossils. We held a joint night with 6th Heswall Beavers and learnt Street dancing with Lauren. Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves and that wasn't just the beavers.

The local Coastguard came to talk to us about the work that they do and brought with them some of the different types of equipment that they use, and showed the Beavers how it works. They put one of the leaders on a stretcher and strapped her in, she was then turned around in all directions. At the end of the night the Beavers went outside in groups to have a look at the 2 different vehicles that they had come in.

The Beavers have learnt about Reflection and made Poppies. Some of the Beavers attended the Remembrance service at St Bartholomew's Church in Thurstaston.

We have talked about the different planets, and also about The Plough and the Great Bear. The Beavers listened to the story about the Great Bear, they then drew pictures relating to the story. This will go towards the Space activity badge.

Some of Beavers attended the District Beaver Christmas Craft day; held in November, along with other groups in the District at St Chad's Church hall, the Beavers went home with a bag full of different types of crafts.

We have had our annual night hike to West Kirby along the Wirral Way and down to West Kirby Beach, finishing with chips.

The Beavers have taken part in the annual District Beaver Carol service, at St Andrew's Church, West Kirby. The theme for this service was 'thinking of others'. Barry the pastor from Charles Thompson Mission in Birkenhead explained about the work of the Mission, he did this at a level appropriate to the Beavers. The service was followed by a Christmas party, with plenty of games and lots of fun.

We finished for the Christmas break with a trip to the bowling alley in Bromborough. We said farewell to Ayaan as this was his last night at Beavers as he is moving up to Cubs.

I would like to wish everyone a very happy new year and all the best for 2016.

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