



1st Thurstaston

I smay Beaver Colony Newsletter

Autumn Term

Our much loved BSL River left us to move to cubs in September so ABSL Sunshine moved up to BSL and we still have the fantastic ABSL Rainbow and our Young Leaders Isaac and Jacob who are greatly admired by all of the Beavers. At the end of the summer term we had a re-organisation of the lodges and lodge leaders and seconders were installed in their new lodges.

We welcomed and invested Tom, Elliott, Conor, Jesse and Ava, 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 –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 Maize maze, Potting Shed, Buddhist Centre and a Night Hike. The Beavers have completed a variety of badges based around developing different personal skills.

We went to the Maize Maze in Brimstage with Thor colony in September, which was really good fun as we had the whole place to ourselves. The Beavers were put into small groups to find their way around the maize and it was tricky to find the way without getting lost! At the end of the evening we all had a play outdoors and then in the soft play barn.

The Colony have been doing a lot of work toward their My Skills challenge badge this term. They have looked at their fitness, keeping themselves healthy as well as making various crafts and decorating biscuits.

During the term we had an unexpected visitor from Australia and the Beavers were really good at asking questions about what it is like to be a scout in Australia (the Beavers equivalent is 'Joey' scouts) as well as telling our visitor about how Beaver scouts works in the UK.

The Beavers have had the opportunity to make various crafts and gifts mainly focused on dental health, healthy eating, Bonfire Night and Christmas. A number of the Beavers attended the district Beaver Christmas Craft Day at the end of November.



At the end of November and December the colony we were out and about and we all enjoyed our annual trip to the Potting Shed where the behaviour of the Beavers was excellent. At the Buddhist Centre we learned about a completely different faith. We also had an exciting Night Hike. The Night Hike was a joint night with Thor colony which we held on a Thursday evening. A good number of the Beavers were able to attend and they used their torches to find their way along the Wirral Way. It was a good walk and we were all ready to enjoy the chips at the end of the hike! Finally we enjoyed an evening bowling at Bromborough Bowl where the Beavers were there usual enthusiastic happy selves.

Thank you to all the Leaders, Young Leaders and parents for the help, advice and humour this term. It has been much appreciated and we look forward to next term facing personal challenges which will involve a nights away opportunity for all I smay Colony Beavers.

Yours in Scouting

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