

# 1<sup>st</sup> Thurstaston

## Ismay Beaver Colony Newsletter

### Spring Term

This term we have concentrated on Outdoor Challenge badge. We also completed Navigator 1 & 2 and Cook Badges. This has consisted of cooking in the hut and visiting different businesses.

We also welcomed and invested Dexter, Sam, Blake, Braydon and Elliott along with their parents, to the colony. They have made a fabulous start to their Scouting adventure, all attending our first Colony Sleepover - more of which later.

The Group event we attended and thoroughly enjoyed was the Easter Fair where we had lots of fun and helped to raise money for the Group.

Colony events including a visit to Tesco in Heswall - where we learnt about how to eat a balanced diet after having made some delicious pizzas and other goodies at the hut for our cooks badge as well as a special 'Farm to Fork' badge especially for Beavers from Tesco.

The Beavers completed their Navigator badge stage 1 and 2, which was about using maps and learning about the different points of the compass. We have been very lucky to have lots of parents helping this term and are grateful for their help.

The Colony also developed its teamwork skills with each other taking part in a variety of Games and Easter and Easter egg hunt in the garden. Everyone was able to find an egg with their name on it - the Easter bunny is very clever!

The Lodges continue to be organised giving responsibility to the older Beavers to lead by example and build confidence with the Colony saying goodbye to Francesca Perlaki and Ridley Lambe this term as they carry on their Scouting adventure at Cubs.

The highlight of this term has to be our first Beaver Sleepover which took place in February. Most of our Beaver colony attended the sleepover and we had good fun sleeping together in the hut. We thank Caro (River) for all of her hard work making the sleepover possible. The Beavers effort was tremendous and I was very proud of the can-do approach and enthusiasm. After organising themselves for tea and we had a hearty singsong around the campfire followed by a movie

night and a good night's sleep! Saturday morning and the Beavers got themselves up, dressed, breakfasted and packed ready for the off which included packing away their own kit!! We invested our two Beavers and gave the Bronze Award to Haydn Callaghan. Beavers completed Nights Away, Badges as well as Personal Challenge and outdoor Challenge.

Thank you to all the Adult Leader team and Young Leaders and parents who attended the Sleepover which ensured a successful and enjoyable sleepover and for the help, advice and humour throughout this term as well. It's much appreciated and I look forward to next term when we will be working towards our Adventure Challenge, Outdoor Skills and My World which involve a wide range of opportunities for all Ismay Colony Beavers.

Yours in Scouting

Sunshine

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