

Beaver Scout Report for 2021/2022

You are all very welcome to read our annual report which highlights the amazing year that we've all had. Before we move on to the details of the last year, I want to highlight that we currently have a full section with a very long waiting list. We could increase our section size if we had another Assistant Leader and, in fact, it is possible we could open another whole section if we also had further help. Please do consider volunteering some of your time if you can. Even if you could spread this news to friends, family and colleagues it could just make a big difference.

Each term we had a different theme which led to a varied and fun programme which included Beavers learning how to iron their neckerchiefs, making hot drinks, lighting a fire and becoming dragons whilst celebrating the Chinese New Year. They also made their own draughts board and competed in a knock out competition. They made shields while learning why, as Scouts, we shake hands using our left hand. Much fun was had when the Beavers "sailed" around the world on the SS Great Britain after building their own globes, stopping off at quite a few countries along the way. Ireland was a great stop and we arrived back just in time to celebrate St Patrick's Day. This was followed by all the Beavers writing postcards with pictures giving details of their journeys which they then posted to Steve Lloyd (within the Group) as part of the Platinum Jubilee Challenge. This came as lovely and unexpected surprise to him!!!! We were fortunate to have a professional Fencer who came in to give fencing lessons. This was so successful she was invited back

Apart from indoor activities we've been just as busy outdoors; attending a LARGE district event which was the sleepover at Airhop with 200 other beavers and a trip to Bristol Cathedral followed by a scavenger hunt around the harbour. We've learnt how hard different types of birds have to work to build different types of nests, held a sandcastle competition, participated in lawn bowls and had our very own exciting Commonwealth Games.

One of the main highlights of the year was participating in the Group Camp for two nights. Beavers carried out archery, tunnelling, crate stacking and the zip wire with lots more activities as well. Very recently we had our own mini skills camp where we got on the train to Severn Beach, walked the heritage trail and had lunch under the Prince of Wales Bridge. Despite the torrential downpour for hours, our spirits were high and we returned to the hall happy but damp. Soon after, the Beavers made their own 3 course dinner of vegetable sauce with pasta as a starter followed by pizzas finishing with fruit skewers. All the chopping of vegetables and fruit and the creation/design of the pizzas were the Beavers own handiwork. Their final kitchen activity was to make chocolate chip cookies before bedding down for the night in the hall.

We celebrated the success of the Beavers hard work with a celebration evening which saw three more Beavers being invested and we handed out nearly 200 badges which demonstrates what a successful year they have all had. What a massive achievement for all the Beavers - well done!!!! Although not always easy to achieve, two Beaver Scouts went above and beyond and have managed to earn their Chief Scout's Bronze Award - many congratulations and a huge well done to both of them. Finally, I would just like to say a huge thank you to everyone who has helped out during the last 12 months, especially Sharon, my Assistant Leader, Rob the Scout Leader for all my OSM queries and the two Young Leaders who showed some real leadership skills, Billy and Maisy. And last but not least, thank you to all the parents for entrusting us with your children, helping them to gain new skills from Scouting. #skillsforlife

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