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GSL's Report

Welcome back everybody. Happy birthday Thursday Beavers!

As I was preparing for this year's AGM, I realised it has been a year since we started our new Thursday Beaver colony, at the start of lockdown we were 18 strong with 5 new leaders. I initially thought, where has that year gone? And then I thought yes it has been quite a year!!! A big thank you to our new leaders for making it possible, and especially to Viv and Anya for all of their help and support.

So, at the start of September, we actually got the go ahead to restart limited face to face meetings, outdoors at first and now we have indoors available if the weather does turn, we can now have up to 15 young people plus 5 leaders. All our sections have restarted, many have had to split into 2, therefore many young people are only meeting once a fortnight and leaders do plan attendance. Please reply to your leader's contacts, we have come very close to having 16 in a meeting, and it would be very embarrassing if we do have to send someone home if we are oversubscribed.

We are all glad to be back, but we must keep vigilant, keep sanitizing, keep spacing, and whatever this week's new guidance may bring. It is about keeping your children safe, and parents, please make sure your young people sanitize on the way out. It is the little things you notice the 'hope star' on the gate, the fact that everything hasn't been put away quite right... and best of all, the grass out the back has been flattened by hundreds of smaller feet. It's great to be back.

We are currently working out where we have capacity, to move up our young people, some of whom should have moved 6 months ago, again please respond accordingly to your child's section leaders contacts. The Group Executive have agreed delay charging subscriptions until 1st January. Thankyou team, as I'm sure it will be greatly appreciated by a lot of parents. Unfortunately, the Group Bonfire has become a casualty of the current situation. Although this is usually a good fundraiser, we are not reliant on it as that, and under the Group Executive's careful management we are financially safe for the foreseeable future.

And finally, my usual reminder to bring a coat, the evenings are really starting to draw in, and we are very reluctant to move indoors unless we have to, and can you please ensure your child's or family name is in it.

Yours in Scouting,

Mick Judd (Baloo).

Monday Beavers

is just passing so quickly – another Newsletter, but this time it's just brilliant to report on what we've been doing since we've been allowed to come back to Beavers! It's a short one for Monday Beavers this time – we were a bit 'Zoomed out' and lots of 'Holidays at home' took place in August, so we had a month of enjoying that!



We were able to come back to our Face to Face meetings in September – and, operating within all the guidance and procedures – WOW – we've been having a fantastic time! It is just amazing to be back – everyone has grown and all of us are very happy Beavers.

With the preference for outdoor activities, the weather has (so far) been exceptionally kind to us and Monday Beavers have already enjoyed some 'Match the Dice' challenges, worked on our agility and heart rates, crafted Autumn animal pictures and had the usual fun with lots of games. We managed to (finally) get our badges awarded (we've been waiting to do this since March) and it has been very special for all the children to receive their awards and certificates after having worked so hard before and during 'Lockdown' on various challenges, crafts and activities. More than 100 badges have been awarded over the last two weeks. (Wow!)



We are super proud of every single achievement – massive well done & congratulations to all our Beavers – you are ALL amazing.



We invited ADC Beavers 'Hawkeye' to present two very special Chief Scout Bronze awards (which were earned before the end of March) and we enjoyed having him join in our games and activities. A very special mention to Harrison and Ben on achieving this top award.

Now that we're back – the journey for all our Beavers to achieve this has started again in earnest! Watch this space.



We are delighted to have welcomed two brand new Beavers – Euan and Woovin, and we are looking forward to even more new Beavers joining us in the coming weeks. We know some of our Beavers will be moving to Cubs soon – we're on it, but for now, we're just happy that you're still at Beavers!

It's just a lovely place to be on a Monday evening and everyone is getting involved with the 'Bubble splits' – whether we are at the HQ meeting or on the Zoom fun! Here are just a few pics of the last few weeks. (Check out our Face Book page for lots more – there are simply too many to fit into just one newsletter!)

Thank you as always to all our parent group and all our Leader group – the fun wouldn't be possible without you and we appreciate hugely all you do to support us. We have lots to look forward to!



Stay Safe, keep well and we look forward to sharing our progress in future newsletters.

With very best wishes

Tic Tac, Baloo, Malak, Chip & Amy x



Monday Cubs

This summer Monday Cubs have been very busy with badgework and our weekly zoom meetings, and from the start of September we have started meeting face to face in our two bubbles.

As part of our zoom meetings we had a Minecraft themed night at the request of some of our cubs which featured a Minecraft quiz written by Akela, we played Minecraft bingo and some other related games.



On Zoom we also had a go at making armpit fudge with varying degrees of success, but we had fun making it – and that is what counts. On another occasion we also made camp doughnuts which we all loved making and



trying.

As COVID-19 continued to cancel events including Glastonbury we decided that we would host our own music festival over Zoom which meant the cubs had the opportunity to showcase their musical talents and homemade instruments. Akela was dressed for the festival scene, Ella and Katie pitched tents and took the Zoom meeting from outside on camping chairs.

We also made key rings made from Hamma Beads on Zoom, some of the cubs decided to base these on Minecraft following on from the themed evening we had had a few weeks before. They all looked fantastic and we had good fun showing each other what we were creating.

Following our return to face to face scouting we have done a visit to the park with both of our bubbles in which we undertook a scavenger hunt for items found in Autumn and marked them off our checklists.

Looking at World Faiths, we have over a few weeks learned about Buddhism Enlightenment and Jewish Atonement on Yom Kippur. We made Mandala colourings and then when we went on our Scavenger Hunt at the park, created a Nature Mandala, with a Sunflower head for its centre, grown by Logan. The pack had lots of fun collecting all the items needed and even had the opportunity to take digital photos and a video of this being created.



We finished the term, back at the HQ modelling clay leaf pots after identifying which leaf came from which tree!

Lots of badge-work started and completed on Entertainers, naturalist, photographer, World Faiths, so well done to all, you are all Superstars.

Super well done to Logan for being awarded Rowallan Monday Cub of the Year for all your hard work towards your badges, attendance, setting a good example to others and for showing great leadership skills as Senior Sixer.

We are also super proud to announce that Logan, James and Felix have all earned their Chief Scouts Silver award - the highest in Cubs 🤝

Although the weather may dampen the outside activities, we shall continue on in the true spirit of Scouting!!!

We are looking forward to the exciting programme we have planned for the term ahead.

Tuesday Scouts

As scouting (like most things throughout the summer) had to continue virtually, we found new, imaginative things to do via Zoom.

The first couple of weeks saw the troop trying to escape from a virtual escape room, having to use scouting skills to crack clues-although one item did leave use all a bit confused as we have to open an online iPad with a 5-digit number. Although it took us two weeks to escape, we did all manage it in the end!

Next came an evening of charades with each member of the troop acting out a clue for the rest of the scouts to get. We did have a couple of strange movie choices with one of the scouts actually coming up with a movie none of us could get (we are not 100% certain the movie actually exists!).

During the previous quarter we had a superheroes quiz and the scouts asked for another one. After hours of searching Skip managed to find an age-appropriate new quiz many around the theme of Marvel superheroes. It is fair to say that Jake managed to get the most of everyone-in fact he didn't actually get one wrong! Well done Jake, you certainly know your Marvel characters.

A riddle scavenger hunt followed, with the scouts having to solve the riddles, gain the first letter of the answer to then solve a scouting anagram. An example riddle was:

I am something in your house

That can be found on a roll

Once you've wiped yourself with me

I get dropped into a bowl

Let's hope we don't get another shortage. 😊



It was the end of August when we learnt we would be able to return to some face to face scouting so lots of risk assessment completing for Skip, bubbles drawn up and approval gained we were back, albeit it being

every other week for the Scouts and every week for the leaders.

The first couple of weeks back, the troop completed the Nuneaton Monopoly challenge. Quite simply the scouts had to visit numerous places in Nuneaton Town Centre which were on a Nuneaton monopoly board designed by Skip. The scouts in bubble A managed to completed the challenge while the scouts in bubble B only missing out on 2 items. Well done all, hopefully you now have a better idea where places are in Nuneaton!

The second 2 weeks back we have made fire lighters from egg boxes, string, sawdust and candle wax. It is fair to say that these fire lighters we surprisingly good with every scout managing to successfully build a fire using them.

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Boon										HSBC
Sports Direct										Barclays
Heron Food										Next
The Station										Police Station
McDona										JB Sports
										Clintons
King Edward										The Card Factory
GO	Biggles Leisure Centre			Townhall	Bus Station	Waterstones		Hawkins	Holland and Barnett	

So, let's keep our fingers crossed that we can continue to have scouting face to face over the next few months and look forward to many scouting activities that the leaders have lined up for the troop.

Tuesday Night Scout Leaders.

Explorers

Hi All,

So, we're finally back face to face for the time being. Let's hope it stays that way. During the last quarter we have done some more baking, had a couple more quizzes and had a month off during August.

Our return after the August holiday break saw us shooting arrows at an archery session run by Chewy from Friday Cubs. Thank you Chewy for getting our live meetings going again. I know the Explorers all enjoyed themselves.

To enable Tuesday Scouts to spread out as they need, we have moved our meetings to a Sunday morning. At this time of year, it gives us several advantages, not least of which is daylight. If necessary, we can also plan to hold a longer than usual meeting to fit more in.

Our second Sunday session was firelighting and backwoods cooking. We cooked fish in wet paper, eggs in orange peel 'pans', banana's with chocolate buttons and sausages on sticks. As this was the last meeting in September and Bex had turned 18 at the start of the month, it was our sad duty to say goodbye from the Unit. Good news though, Bex will continue as a leader with Friday Beavers. Good luck with everything Bex and I'm sure we'll see you around.

We have a full programme planned up to Christmas with loads of adventurous activities, and some not quite so adventurous but fun all the same, so let's hope that Government Policy doesn't shut us down again.

Until next time.

Babs, Kerrie & the Explorers.

Wednesday Scouts

Despite not being at meetings, our young people have been continuing their Scouting Adventures and have been an absolute credit to the group. Participating in International Events like the Camp @ Home Challenge (A Month-Long 'Camp' in which Scouts had to sleep in homemade dens while attempting camp-based tasks). Combined with the Activity Workbook we provided them, we have been blown away by the effort and enthusiasm displayed. We have also taken part in a Community Pen Pal Project from which some extremely positive feedback was received:

"... You should be very proud of your Scouts getting involved... Amazing what we can all do and the Scouts prove that at an early age respect costs nothing but means everything to so many." - Community Pen Pal Project Lead,

We are pleased to say that thanks to the diligent behind-the-scenes work of the leader team we have been able to return to face-to-face meetings. Starting with an outdoor-only programme we began with socially distanced games like human-sized table football and discussed the future of Scouting and what they would like to see in their programme. We also awarded the badges and awards that the Scouts had earned not only from the Scouting@Home Programme, but also the previous term's badgework.

With the weather on the turn, we have now moved to an Indoor Programme and while we are still restricted by the activities we can run, we have adapted many games and activities to keep everyone active and have many exciting and interesting events planned for this term. We will be attempting the Fundraisers Activity Badge, Air Researcher Activity Badge and Astronomers Badge later in the term.

We would also like to give our thanks to all our Scouts for their maturity and respect during this difficult transition. During the evenings they have consistently been following the distancing guidelines and observing proper hand-hygiene, which has helped us immensely to deliver the programme that we want to. We will keep everyone up to date as the situation evolves and will do our best to deliver as many quality opportunities as possible to our Scouts.

Stay Safe All – keep Scouting and keep Smiling!

Yours in Scouting,
Wednesday Scout Leaders

Thursday Beavers

Over lockdown we had some great Zoom meetings where we made pizzas, and ate them, scavenger hunts, running around games (which are really great in their own homes).

Since we have been back, we have been learning about human organs, making autumn creatures from natural materials and best of all playing games out on the grass.

We had our presentation night with over 80 badges earned by our Beavers over the last 6 months, these ranged from great indoors, gardener and cycling activities to animal friend and book reader, well done Beavers, and well done parents too!

We have recently invested and given a huge Thursday welcome to Beavers to Vihan and Oliver and Sophia, I know you will all have a fantastic time.

Unfortunately we will soon be saying goodbye to Aanya, Alfie, Beau, Harry, Kai, Keely, and Toby as they move up to cubs now they are 8, we hope you have all had as much fun as we have in Thursday Beavers, and we know you'll have an equally brilliant time in Cubs.

The Beavers were all sad to hear that Tic Tac, was leaving to focus on her Monday Beavers, Tic Tac helped us start our new colony and wasn't to be permanently Thursdays, We will be inviting her back for a secret party to say thank you (But don't tell her it's a secret).

We also took the opportunity to invest 2 of our brilliant new leaders, Jay (Badger) and Katie (Rainbow), welcome to the team.... we hope you have a fabulous time!

Lots of love,

Bubbles, Owl, Rainbow, Badger, Chip and Baloo.

Thursday Cubs

It is lovely to welcome all our pack back to HQ, they have all grown so much.

We have split the pack into two separate bubbles. We started with a bubble of older cubs; they are working on completing their challenge awards to obtain their Silver Awards. We have learned about problem solving and teamwork through puzzle solving, including sorting in order things such as birth month, age and height without speaking a word. With each cub given a different task.

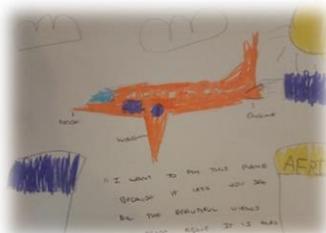
We also did an exercise to find out something new about each other. From Football to playing a musical instrument this was a very eye-opening exercise. We learned so much about our cubs and leaders. We carried this onto the second week with the younger Cubs bubble. This added with some games made the two evenings fun.

To follow on from the first week we have been working on the impact of COVID-19 on the environment and learning how nature has thrived during lockdown. We have also been helping each other again towards the World Challenge award.

We are looking forward to a full programme in the coming term, even if it is as two smaller bubbles.
Akela, Jacala, Kaa, Chill, Kim and Faux

Friday Beavers

Beavers have really got into the swing of Zooming over the summer! We kicked off the quarter with the air activities badge and learnt about different airplanes; the parts of a plane; talked about who had been in a plane; where they would like to go and made paper models.



We have had an A-Z scavenger hunt where the Beavers have to run around the house and garden to find different items, first beaver back on screen got the point. We had some really quick Beavers and it was great to see parents having a go as well!

During our Zoom meetings, we have also been doing virtual Kim's game; guess the animal; made bug hotels out of toilet rolls and twigs; played 'where am I in the world' with Keo changing her background; and played The Price Is Right



We particularly enjoyed the Lego challenge Zoom where we had a list of challenges against a number and the Beaver picked the number which gave us the corresponding challenge. They had a set time to build the model and show everyone. We had some great and imaginative building.



On the 11th September we got to start face to face meetings again, even if it was a bit different. It was so lovely to see everyone in our two bubbles. The Beavers have been brilliant and we couldn't be prouder of them. We have started the fitness badge and have done leaf animals, with the Beavers creating animals like crocodiles, butterflies and a Tyrannosaurus Rex leaf!!

Since the beginning of the summer we have welcomed 4 new Beavers, we're really glad they have come to join us, and we hope they have a great time!

See you all soon, stay safe and take care.
Keo, Badger, Hawkeye, Foxy, Mouse and Ringtail.

Friday Cubs

We're back folks! After long months which have been tough on us all we're finally back to face-to-face scouting on Friday nights. Let's not forget all the hard work our pack has put in over the past few months though; you've all worked really hard and continued to tick off the milestones on your way to a whole host of new badges including your gardeners, DIY, Home Help, and Cycle Proficiency badges to name a few. You also took part in making dens and virtual camping resulting in further progress towards your nights away badges so well done to you all. You all deserve a pat on the back and I'm sure your parents deserve medals for all the help, encouragement and support they've shown you during these strange times. Not to mention the clean up after some of your badge work haha. We also tried a group zoom meeting to touch bases with you all as well as a scavenger hunt and a quiz.

Now as you'll be aware, in order to comply with the new government guidelines and make Fridays as safe as possible for our cubs, we've had to split our pack into two bubbles. Sadly, despite our best intentions we were unable to open as planned in our first week. We did however manage it in the weeks following and our bubbles descended on the HQ for 2 nights of backwoods cooking where we learned about fire lighting and fire safety. The plan was to have burgers for both bubbles but unfortunately for bubble 1 they were in almost as high demand as toilet roll so sausages would have to do. The cubs were also "treated" to the breadth of Chewie's knowledge on things like planets and supernovas with plenty of questions asked. I'm sure you'll all appreciate that in the current climate things are ever changing. We will continue to watch closely as things develop and work closely with our colleagues at TSA to ensure the safety of your children and your leader team are at the forefront of our actions. That being said, while the opportunity is there, we'll continue to provide an enriching, fulfilling and fun program for all of our cubs and we look forward to you joining us throughout the experience 😊

Stay tuned folks, it's gonna be fun

Your Friday Leadership Team
Chewie, Baloo, Mang & Nag

AGM 2020

Due to the Covid restrictions, we held our group AGM on 1st October via a Zoom meeting. It was a bit strange, but it did enable us to maintain our legal requirements.

In brief, our Group Chairman Adam Barrett, outlined the role of the Group Executive committee and thanked them and the leader team for their continued support.

Group Scout Leader Mick Judd gave a report on the years progress and thanked his leader team and the group Executive for their support and dedication.

Due to a technical glitch we lost contact with our Group treasurer Richard, so George Reubens presented the annual accounts which had been sent out with the agenda and Zoom invitation.

The Group Executive officers were re-elected.

Mick Judd then announced the well-deserved group award winners as follows.

Monday Beavers	Harrison Yates.
Monday Rowallan cubs	Logan Lucas.
Tuesday Scouts	Daniel Gaughran.
Wednesday Scouts	Krystal Nelson.
Thursday Beavers	Aanya Trivedi.
Thursday Cubs	Reece Nunn.
Friday Beavers	Rowan Sheppard.
Friday Cubs	Helena Nyvlotva
Explorers	Matthew Wood.
Young Leader	Bex Reubens.

Well done each and every one of you, you are all a shining example of just what great Scouts are all about. Last but by no means least, Mick then took the opportunity to present Thursday cub leader Darren Flanagan with his 15-year long service award.

Congratulations Darren, thank you for all of your hard work and dedication, it is really appreciated.

A full report and minutes will be posted on the Group webpage