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Group Volunteer Leader's Report

Welcome everybody.

I hope you have had a joyous Christmas time, and I wish you all peace and happiness for the Year ahead.

Our 2025 Section re-opening dates are as follows:

Squirrels 5th January.

Monday Beavers and Cubs 6th January

Tuesday Scouts 7th January.

Wednesday Scouts and Explorers 8th January.

Thursday Beavers and Cubs 9th January.

Friday Beavers and Cubs 10th January.

As previously announced, after 10 years, I will be stepping down from my role as Group Scout Leader on 31st January. We are searching for my replacement(s). It has been a fantastic time, but I feel the time is now right to hand over to the next generation, who we all hope will take the group on to the next level.

As demand for spaces is as high as ever, our biggest challenge is to continue to recruit adults to help deliver fantastic Scouting to our young people. We currently have a brilliant team that are a bit stretched and we really do need to grow, especially in the 11 to 18 year old sections.

George will be stepping down from his role as Assistant Group Scout Leader, but still wearing his 2 other hats as Group Treasurer and Tuesday night Scout Leader (see what I mean?). Barbara will also be retiring from her role leading the Explorer unit.

We really could do with a couple more current parents on our Board of Trustees. This is the small Group that ensures we are still legal, insured, the building doesn't fall down and that the leaders have enough money to run programmes. We meet once a month for about an hour and a half and it is really vital stuff, so please see Mick for details.

Our District Badge Secretary is running a shop every month at 15th Nuneaton, back of Asda car park . For dates and times, please see the sheet in Foyer or on our Fb page. You can try on and order your child's uniform. You can also order direct from Jo via the QR code. You get free delivery, we get the profits!

Our Bonfire night celebration was a huge success. The weather stayed good and we raised over £300 pounds for local charities on the indoor stalls, plus thanks to your generosity, we covered the cost of our fireworks via your donations on the night. The yummiest hotdogs, even yummiier faggots and peas, licenced bar, all made a healthy but not massive surplus. This surplus is being used on projects such as the ballistic curtain and replacing some of our tentage.

With the dark nights and the car park being busy, we really need to be extra vigilant to keep our young people safe on arrival and departure, so please use the car park opposite the Smoking Bull pub. We ask that hats, coats and gloves (and drinks bottles) are all named, also that anybody arriving by bicycle (well done on green transport) has good lighting front and rear and not just a reflector, especially if they are cycling in the dark.

Let's keep our youngsters safe.

Happy New year everybody!

Many thanks,

Mick.

Board of Trustees Report

Well, what a year it has been here at 1st Nuneaton. As outlined at this years Annual General Meeting, each Scout Group is a registered charity so, therefore, the Committee has now become a Board of Trustees to meet the necessary requirements of the Charity Commission. Behind the scenes the Trustees have been working hard to ensure that the group runs smoothly and making decisions that keep us in a stable financial position. Highlights of the Board of Trustees' work this year include the approval and support for the formation of the Squirrels for those aged 4-6 years of age, organizing and running bonfire night, and maintaining the Scout Headquarters and equipment.

Our leadership team has again ensured that it has been a year packed with activities and fun for everyone involved. We have also seen the group extend to those aged 4-6 years with the addition of a Squirrels group.

As we move into 2025, there will be a lot of changes to the leadership team here at 1st Nuneaton.

We would like to extend our thanks and gratitude to the time and commitment over many years to firstly, Mick Judd, our amazing Group Lead Volunteer, who is stepping down from this role. There are not enough words to describe the impact he has had on this group. He has been a part of 1st Nuneaton for over 40 years. His knowledge and dedication over the years are the reasons the group is in such amazing shape and ready to continue in his retirement. After a well-deserved 6-month cruise on the canals of England, I hope we can persuade him to return in some capacity in the future. From all of us on the Board of Trustees, the Leaders, parents, and children – thank you, Mick.

Mick's wife, Barbara, is also stepping down as leader of the Explorers. Barbara will be enjoying her retirement from Scouts as well, so again, thank you, Barbara, for all your help and support over the years. You will be missed.

George Reubens is stepping down as the Assistant Group Lead Volunteer but will continue to run his Scouts group and serve as Treasurer on the Board of Trustees. Thank you, George, for all your work as the Assistant Group Lead Volunteer.

As you can see, there will be significant changes in the leadership team over the next few months. We are still seeking replacements for Mick and George's roles and would like to thank all those who will step up in the interim. The Board of Trustees will support the rest of the group during this transition.

Finally, please remember that all the Leaders, the Board of Trustees, and other helpers are volunteers who give up their valuable time and commitment to ensure the best program for the young people of the group – thank you, everyone, for another great year.

2025 will be a challenging year for 1st Nuneaton with the loss of some great team members and the increase in costs we face. However, I am confident that this time next year, we will be reflecting on yet another great year we've had.

Adam Barrett, Group Chair, Board of Trustees



D OF E GOLD FOR BEN

Ben is a Thursday Cub leader he has also been a participant in the Duke of Edinburgh Gold scheme. Ben has been working on this with Warwickshire Scouts during November, He was notified he had been awarded the Gold by receiving a certificate.

To gain the award he had to do three main activities, he had to volunteer, gain a skill and improve personal fitness. He also had to do a residential experience and a practice and actual expedition

Volunteering - Ben has been a valued member of the leadership team at Thursday Cubs

Skill - Ben sang in Warwickshire County Male Voices, He sang in the choir and took part in events

Such as Choir of the year and sang with local Baritone (who sang at the Coronation) Rodry Williams and also made a recording with Bryn Terfel and Lesley Garrett who are both accomplished opera singers.

Personal Fitness - Ben started to run twice a week and recorded his progress in an app.

Residential - Ben spent five days on a narrowboat learning how to live on board and visited places like Windsor, he also had a go at Paddle boarding where everyone ended up in the water at some point. He came away from this experience with a Helms Licence.

Expedition Practice and Expedition - Ben was able to get a place on Ocean Scout which is an adapted 49 foot yacht for young people to sail on. Ben learned about currents, charting a course and all elements of sailing including cooking in a confined space. He learned how to take the helm and steer the yacht. They visited places and sailed past the wreck of the Montgomery, the American ship with the bombs still on board with only the masts showing. Such a great experience for any young person to have and also gained a competent crew certificate



Congratulations Ben from all of the 1st Nuneaton (Attleborough) Scout Group and Thursday Cubs Leadership Team

Squirrels

Happy New Year everyone!

Our 1st Nuneaton Squirrel Squad continues to grow – We are now 8 months old and happy to share our third newsletter with you! Every week still brings new adventures, some amazing creative thinking and crafting, the wonder of learning new games and of course a cuteness overload. We love it!

What have the SQ Squad been up to...?

Since our last news update our Squirrels have been super busy 'scurrying' around and earning more activity, staged activity and Acorn Challenge awards. We have completed our Super chef badge and we enjoyed some fantastic final sessions focussing on international foods, discovering where they come from and then of course eating lots of delicious varieties from 11 different countries.



We also managed to complete our Local Super heroes badge – this time transforming ourselves into superheroes! We designed and decorated our own superhero capes, donned masks and played super hero games. At one point the leaders wondered where all the 'squirrels' had gone!! Brilliant fun!

Our Brilliant Builders badge saw us construct towers and shapes using different materials and we made our own individual rockets – with some exceptionally impressive designing the way only 1st Nuneaton Squirrels can. We also designed and built houses for our Sammy Squirrel mascot and then had a go at indoor den building in the hall. No- one wanted to go home...!



Squirrels became mini medics when we tackled our Emergency Aid badge. A fantastic tutorial from Nurse Amy, Midwife Lisa and Doctor Tom was very informative and we learned all the important basics – before administering all that we learned and treating our cuddly toys with all our new First Aid skills! Huge thanks to everyone who made the session so informative and such fun for the Squirrels.



Another few 'firsts' to add to the list of mini milestones for our SQ squad started with our first ever Halloween party! We enjoyed a Squirrel Spooktacular afternoon of music, songs & games and of course more eating!

To celebrate bonfire activities we enjoyed making firework pictures and sparklers that we could eat - all before enjoying our annual fireworks display at HQ on the 5th.

We also made sun catcher style poppies for remembrance (as well as an edible one!) *The big theme with Squirrels is that they like edible crafting!!*



Our Christmas party ended the year superbly and we were delighted to have Santa visit us to join in our fun, give out some lovely pressies and he even presented our End Of Term badges. Super well done Squirrels for earning your Super Chef, Local Super heroes, Brilliant Builder, Emergency Aid, Be Active and All Around Us badges and awards – we couldn't be more proud!

There's never a dull moment with our little ones and in 2025 we are looking forward to becoming Space Rangers for our Space Explorer badge – as well as more new surprises, trips out and challenges to look forward to. We are very excited (Oh yes we are...!!) to be on our first Panto trip together in January – Lots more to come for 1st Nuneaton Squirrels in 2025 – just watch this space!

Massive thanks to the Squirrel Leader team – we never get bored and are still loving every new adventure! – And of course our parent group - who support us so brilliantly with our parent rota and all of our activities. We really appreciate it!

With very best wishes

Tic Tac, Nutkin, Kit and Rocky

*** We have a private parents Whatsapp Group where more pics and details of all our Squirrel Squad adventures are posted ***

Monday Beavers

Happy New Year everyone! So, 2024 has officially gone - BUT - as ever, our Monday Beavers enjoyed every moment of the last quarter – keeping up the momentum of the brilliant ‘beavering’ that we’ve all enjoyed throughout the whole of 2024.

Since our last ‘news’ update – we’ve continued working on staged, activity and challenge awards – successfully achieving our Communicator and Disability Awareness badges, most of the Outdoors in 24 Scouting challenge, as well as key elements of our Skills, Teamwork and Personal challenges. Read on for details of some of our ‘best bits’ and some snippets of our other exciting Beaver adventures.....

For our Communicator Activity badge we successfully mastered semaphore (selected phrases!) after creating & making our very own flags, we made named bracelets using Morse code and became super code breakers with a fun secret spy mission. As well as covering basic elements of communication we decided to write to our new Chief Scout with a poster letter and some questions for him. We were ecstatic to receive a reply from Dwayne and now know that he loves outdoor adventures best and that his favourite snack is peanut M&M’s!



This last term we decided to explore and discover our awareness of how disabilities impact all of us. As we started this badge we thought carefully about how we could do it. We challenged ourselves with learning how to navigate daily tasks using a wheelchair, we did a blindfold challenge using our teamwork & communication skills to ensure we could help our partners to make a sandwich using only one hand. We created some very unique paintings using only our feet or mouths – honestly, the artwork was amazing and the children really understood that disabilities are not a barrier to creativity. So very proud of them all!

We then learned what it feels like to have impaired hearing and we mastered some sign language and lip reading whilst masking our own hearing. We were very lucky to have a visit from the Hearing Dogs association and we were in awe of how Robyn (the lovely assistance Labrador) supports her owner Jen with daily tasks that we all take for granted. A very well earned badge for our Beavers.



This year around Halloween time we mixed it up a bit with some new fun learning, creative crafting and decided to celebrate 'El Dia de Muertos' (Day of the Dead) – we enjoyed learning all about the festival itself before decorating our own sugar skull masks and making sweet and savoury tortilla chips which we enjoyed with dips. The kitchen at HQ smelled amazing and we had a great time taking part in something new and different for us! We then had a 'Spooktacular' time as usual at our annual and fabulous Halloween party – fancy dress, messy games, spooky music and food – what's not to love?..!

Bonfire night in this year's diary was also a little different for our Monday Beavers – we combined our evening with a celebration of Diwali. This saw us creating luminous firework paintings as well as edible ones – and this year we made our evening more special with an insight into all that the Diwali celebrations mean. After learning the story of Rama & Sita. We made some stunning Rangoli sand & paint pictures, crafted some unique glass lanterns and enjoyed traditional Diwali food before enjoying safely a real sparkler extravaganza outside – thanks so much to Kalpana and Venkata who came and shared with us why this is such an important festival of light – and we can't **not** mention the fabulous traditional food we got to taste – absolutely delicious and we all loved it!

Remembrance – this year Monday Beavers focussed on the animals who served. We made a variety of paper purple and red poppies and were honoured and delighted to have a visit from Majors David and Joy Stevenson from the Salvation Army who gave us a very poignant and interactive presentation into why it's so important to mark Remembrance Day and how the amazing work they do is so crucial even now.

They joined us and helped to make Anzac biscuits which were so important to our frontline soldiers and they stayed to help us all with our red and purple poppy crafting as well as presenting our Beavers with all of their badges – huge thanks for making our learning humble, fun, fascinating and so very important.



Christmas comes round very quickly on Monday Nights so our December is always a very creative month full of imagination. This year we out crafted ourselves with giant popsicle stars, wreaths, calendars and reindeer food – the special baubles were gifts for the important people in our lives – hope they were loved as much as the children & leaders loved creating them!

We ended the year with our annual Christmas party. Snowball mayhem (!!), Christmas jumpers, candy cane hunts, dancing, lights, party games, food and our famous 'Secret Santa' –a fantastic evening and we were very thankful to Santa who took time out of his busy schedule to meet the children, check they were all on the 'nice' list (of course they were!!), join in with our games and manage our secret Santa gifts. Huge thanks Santa.



We have said goodbye to Jacob & Lleyton who are now very happy in Monday Cubs – we miss you and are so so proud that you achieved your Chief Scout Bronze awards – super well done ! A huge Monday Beavers welcome to Ben, Arlo and Ibrahim – your adventures are only just beginning.!

As 2025 beckons – we are looking forward to another awesome year of being Beavers. We have new badges to earn, trips, visits, camps and sleepovers to get excited about - as well as lots of creative imagination to work on – along with all the fun, learning, and adventures that come with it.

Finally, it's always very important to shout out our appreciation and thanks as ever to our amazing Monday leader team & parent group who continue to support us so brilliantly with everything we do. Thank you all!

Happy New Year and Very Best Wishes

Tic Tac, Dobby, Hawkeye, Zip, Chip, Echo & Mole

*** Pics & details of all our Beaver adventures & activities are shared on our private Parent WhatsApp group ***

Monday Cubs

Tuesday Scouts

It is always amazing when writing the last quarter newsletter of the year how quickly it comes round and how we reflect on the previous quarter and year as well as looking forward to the new year. Tuesday Scouts, as always, have had a full and packed quarter which started with looking at a code of conduct to ensure everyone in the Troop (including the Leaders) felt heard and involved. This ended with an agreed set of acceptable behaviours for the Scouts. A big thank you for the messages and support from Parents and Guardians of our young people. Continuing on the safety theme we looked at 'safety in and around the home', identifying hazards and things to do in an emergency.

We moved on through October until Halloween when the Scouts had a traditional type Halloween evening with apple bobbing, eating donuts off a piece of string and also making slime.



This year bonfire night fell on a Tuesday evening which meant the Group's Annual Bonfire celebration replaced our normal evening. Skip and Matt did a great job managing the fire itself!

Code cracking and cyber security was the theme of a couple of our following evenings, with the Troop using code to crack puzzles and also learning what makes a good password and what doesn't.

Slowly winding down for Christmas we took the opportunity to get the Scouts to design a 3D key ring which will then be printed on a 3D printer. Matt brought in his printer from home to show them how it worked, what to design and printed a small model. We hope to have their designs printed for the new year. 😊

We ended the Autumn Term by going to Laser Tag in Coventry and having 2 games of Laser Tag and food after. Thank you to Keo for helping to organise the evening.



Tuesday Scout Leaders

Explorers

This was the last quarter with Babs as Explorer Leader and Kerrie will be taking over in January as Team Leader. She will need support, so we are looking for someone to come along and assist with the running of the unit. If you are interested, please contact Steven Haynes on districtlead@nuneatonscouts.org.uk. The Explorers are a great bunch of young people with a great sense of humour and not scary at all. So, what have we been up to this last quarter? Well, as most of you know, we ran our fund-raising stall at our Bonfire Night event and spent a couple of evenings prior to this organising what we were going to do, who we were going to support and who in the Unit was doing which jobs. On the night we raised £224 which was split equally between Mary-Ann Evans Hospice and Doorway. Whilst in conversation with both charities as to how to pass this money over, the representative from Doorway said that they were in the process of gaining 'Match Funding' so once this was sorted, we were able to boost their coffers by £112 meaning that they received £224. Thanks must go especially to Sam and Felix for contacting the two charities and organising the advertising bump that we had on the tables and to Henry, who single handedly sorted out the Sweets in the Jar game and Leon who made the fantastic posters for each table. Thanks also go to the rest of the Unit who were there on the night and worked their socks off to raise this fantastic sum.

We had an evening whereby the Explorers brought in a cake (they should have made this themselves, but some were shop bought) and they then decorated it in the scariest way they could for Halloween. My thanks to Paul and Matt who came in especially to run this for us as I was away.

There were a couple of evenings out of the HQ. One of which was climbing at the Ballroom in Coventry where all of those attending impressed me with their tenacity. Some achieved more than others, but the effort was the same across the board. Our District Christmas activity was Ice Skating in Coventry. Again some were better than others but all enjoyed themselves and gave their all.

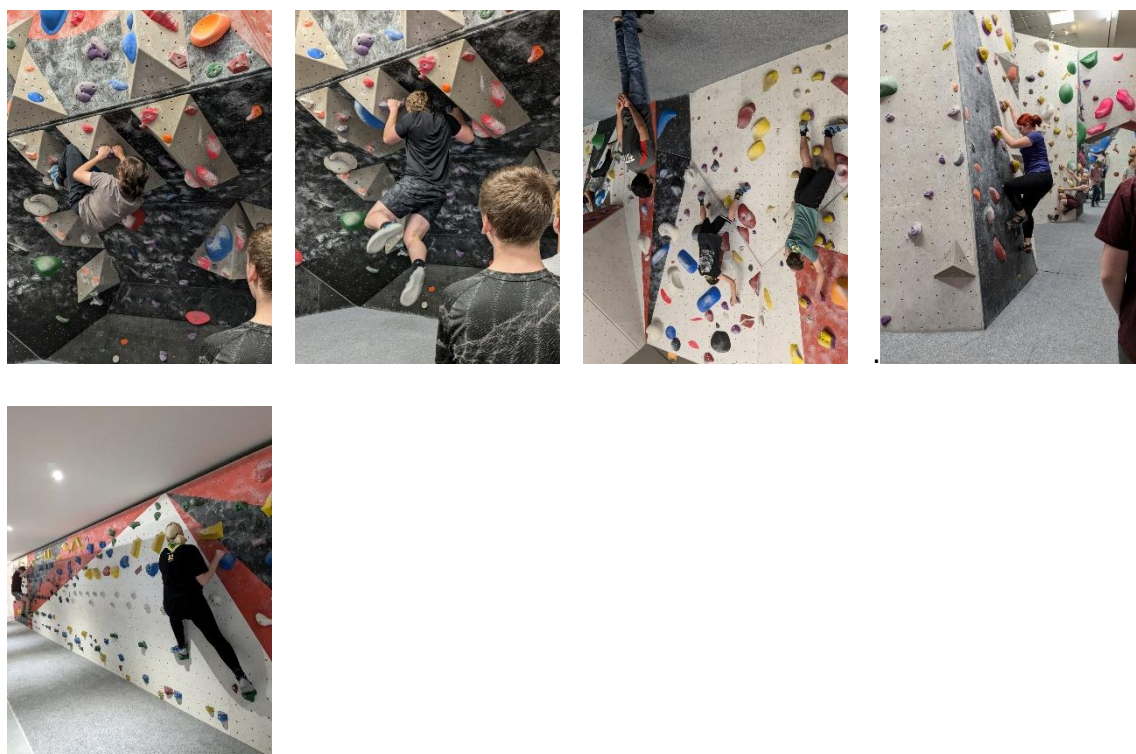
Two of the evenings were taken over by Unit members to pass on their skills and knowledge in a field they enjoy outside of Scouting. Firstly, Sydnie ran an evening teaching the unit how to make friendship bracelets and then James ran a Geocaching event around Attleborough. Both evenings went well and were enjoyed by the unit.

Our last 'Scouting based' evening was a Trading Post, where we use pasta as currency and the young people have to buy equipment to be able to perform a task. They are then rewarded for that task once completed successfully. The tasks involve anything from Origami paper folding to lighting a fire with three matches and building a free-standing 60cm structure using only marshmallows and dried spaghetti. The

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objective is to earn as much as possible and the winner received a bag of marshmallows.

We haven't had any new members this quarter but, unfortunately, we have lost Hayden who has decided that Explorers is no longer for him. We wish him well. Thank you to all Unit members, past and present, who have made my time with the unit enjoyable. It was a sad parting at our Christmas party but I feel that the time is right to go.



Babs, Kerrie and the Unit

Wednesday Scouts

We have been very busy this term - welcoming several new Cubs who were already an active part of our section. We have been focussing a lot on skill-based activities this term, with challenges themed around trick-shots, lateral thinking and teamwork.

We also tried something completely new with our programme as we ran a Spy-Themed night. This evening tasked our Scouts with opening a locked box by

completing lots of puzzles and problem-solving scenarios that required a lot of outside-the-box teamwork. The Scouts particularly enjoyed the Where's Wally Time-Trial where they tried to find as many characters as possible before running out of time. They also made code-generators and code-breakers and were able to decode the secret evening happening two-weeks later (a Wii-Console Party Evening!).

The Wii-Console Party Evening went down a treat, with the troop split into four teams and playing lots of Mini-Games to try to win in Mario-Party (with lots of Pop-Corn of course!). This was a suggestion made previously by the troop and we were particularly impressed by the support they gave to each other, even if they didn't win their Mini-Game.

To end October we held our Annual Spooky Evening, with many of our Young People attending in Costumes. This year we gave our Scouts a choice between Pumpkin Carving or Pizza-Skull Baking. They decided to try something different and created lots of Pizza-Skulls stuffed with cheese, peppers, ham and lots of other fillings. There was even a pizza-dough stuffed Pizza-Skull!

We revisited Emergency Aid with an evening filled with rotating stations that covered Burns, Bleeding, Recovery Position and CPR. We used a simulated-leg to demonstrate what to do if there was a large object sticking out of it, like a piece of glass, and discussed the importance of breaking the bystander effect – many of our Scouts were familiar with this from School.

As requested by the Scouts, we challenged them to cook a three-course meal and prepare a banquet table in the middle of the hall. While time was not on our side, the end result was a Roasted Tomato Soup with home-made Croutons for Starter, followed by Spaghetti Bolognese as the main course and Fruit Salad as the Pudding. Whether they were part of Team Bolognese, Team Spaghetti, Team Crouton, Team Fruit Salad, or Team Soup, all of the Scouts had a great time and the meal itself was very impressive and delicious.

As the nights became colder, we decided to lean into the indoor programme and ran a Board Game evening with our Scouts. They were offered a selection of board games, ranging from the classics such as Monopoly, Scrabble, Battleships and Risk; to newer titles such as King of Tokyo, Jumanji and Looping Louie. This was followed by an evening of Pioneering, where the Scouts learned the basic knots and lashings (something that will definitely come in handy next year – hint hint!) as well as learned 'the ropes' about pulleys.

We ended 2024 with a 2-hour evening at Coventry Tenpin, with an hour of Bowling, Pizza, two games of Laser Tag and time at the Arcade (the Scouts even got to vote on which leaders joined which team!). We took the opportunity in between the laser tag games to present some of the Badges they have earned this term. As always we are really proud of our Young People and everything they have achieved this term, in particular their behaviour outside of HQ while representing our Group.

We have some exciting plans for our Scouts coming up next year – watch this space for the next big adventures coming their way!



Wednesday Scout Leaders

Thursday Beavers

Wow, what a busy few months Thursday Beavers have had since the last newsletter! We have welcomed and invested three new beavers - Jessica, Jacob and Owen and also said a sad goodbye to Jacob, Seth and Zac as they moved up to Thursday Cubs. They all love Cubs and we hope to see them around. It is lovely seeing our children move on in their scouting journey. We also sadly said a goodbye to Rusty but happily he will still be around to help fill in when we need him and also bring our sleepovers alive with his artistic magic!



Shortly after the last newsletter we had a lovely time visiting Attleborough Grange care home for World Smile Day, which linked in nicely with the Community Impact badge. The beavers made pictures and badges for

the residents and were totally enthralled to meet a resident that was apparently 202!!!! (102 actually). We enjoyed sharing stories, photographs and finished the evening by singing some songs that we had learnt.



This term saw a first for Malak as we completed the Money badge. After finding out about the history of money, designing and making coins we had a busy, fun packed evening with a Trading Post evening (Thanks Tic Tac for the idea!). The beavers worked as a Lodge to make the most money. They were all given £10 to start off with and had to complete challenges to make more money. Each challenge involved spending money to make money and it was great to see the beavers working together.



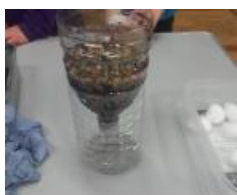
We were very blessed to have two fantastic visitors at the beginning of November. The first was Niam's mum Sapna who looked beautiful in her sari. She told the beavers all about Diwali and the beavers enjoyed creating Rangoli patterns and taking part in a dandiya stick dance. Rusty had great fun dancing with the



sticks! Our second visitor was Bob Wheatley who is 85 years old and came to us from the British Legion. He was fantastic with the Beavers sharing stories about when he was serving in the forces, as well as telling us why Remembrance Day is such an important day to remember those who have fallen and served for us to be free. We created a beautiful full sized collage of a soldier which Sunshine delivered to the British Legion for them to display.



It was lovely to see so many of you at our annual Bonfire Night at the beginning of November and we were all delighted and surprised to win the best guy with Gru and his pumpkin Minions. Well done Thursday beavers and well done for all the other great guys!



As we continued through the term we enjoyed completing the Global Issues badge. The beavers were fascinated when we made water filters and the look of awe and wonder on their faces as the dirty water came through clean was one of those wow moments of why



our leaders love doing beavers! When the Global Issues badge was first introduced recycling was a relatively new thing and it was great to see all the beavers fully on board with recycling, with all of them realising the importance of why we need to recycle to protect our planet. The beavers tried some fair trade foods and found out about endangered animals. We listened avidly to Vinnie (one of our beavers) step out of his comfort zone and share his knowledge about rare and endangered birds. Malak was so impressed she awarded an Activity Plus badge (only the 2nd one in 3 years)



Our last badge of this term that we completed was the Communicator badge. After priming our parents the children were delighted to text their parents and receive a reply as well as emailing Rusty's wife who also replied. The children used a mobile phone to make a call and found out a little about the history of phones. The beavers couldn't quite get their head

around the fact that when Malak and Rusty were at school there were no computers or mobile phones and absolutely no games consoles! The highlight of our Communicator badge was all down to Gail (Rusty's wife) who made a set of semaphore flags for each beaver. The beavers learnt how to create the alphabet, spell their name and read and send a simple message using the flags. Thank you Gail for making them for us.

As we arrive at the end of the year it pleases me that our beavers have had a fun packed, engaging and interesting year. We have tried many new things and learnt lots of things. The last badge of the year that I will be awarding for most of our beavers is the Outdoor 24 badge, for this we have flown kites, picked blackberries, looked at stars, built dens and completed many great things to achieve this badge. It is a camp blanket badge but I have asked



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our DC if we can sew them onto our uniforms for a few months as we have all worked so hard to achieve them. I will let you know the outcome!

During the Spring term we are looking at the International, Disability Awareness, Musician and Creativity badges. We will also be sending out letters for our Thursday Beaver Sleepover which is on Saturday 22nd to Sunday 23rd March 2025. Please save the date. Thank you again for all your support as parents but also thanks to the leader team that support us each week! Each week we will continue to use the What's App group to share photographs (when Malak remembers).

Thanks again,

Malak, Rusty, Sunshine, Chip, Phoenix and Willow

Thursday Cubs

Silver!

Congratulations to Gethin who has achieved his Chief Scout Silver Award. Gethin has now moved onto Wednesday Scouts and we wish him well with his further adventures in Scouting.

We have welcomed Lily, Seth, Zac and Jacob to our pack and we give them a massive welcome.

This term we have covered the Communicator badge. One of the things we did was to do a Teams call to Akela Dawn and Kim (Ben) in The Magic Kingdom, Disneyworld, Florida. Akela showed us The Disney Castle and Main Street then answered questions from the Cubs, (Akela even wore her Mickey Ears). More to the point it showed the Cubs how we can communicate with someone around the world.

We have also been stargazing and learning about different phases of the moon and how the earth and moon move around the sun. We also learned some constellations for our Astronomers badge.

We have looked at tracking signs, maps and learning what symbols mean, plotting things on a blank map such as crossings, churches, Scout Hut etc..... for our Navigator Stage 2 badge

We have been fire-lighting and cooking marshmallows on an open fire to make yummy chocolately smores, eating always makes the Cubs happy as well as going towards their Backwoods cooking badge

We attended remembrance Sunday Parade in Nuneaton. As always those Cubs who attended were an absolute credit to themselves on such a solemn occasion. We were particularly proud of Joshua who helped to lay the District Wreath with a Monday Cub and our District Commissioner Steven Haynes.

For Christmas some of our Cubs attended the pantomime at Coton Club, which was enjoyed by those who attended. We made woolly Gonks, decorated cookies (most didn't make it home) made Christmas cards and tree decorations and some handwreaths. As our Christmas treat this year we took the Cubs to Laser Tag where we had hired it for personal use and then we took them to Pizza Express

where we had lots of lovely pizza and cinnamon dough balls for afters.



We hope you had a lovely Christmas and that you all have a Happy New Year see you on 9th January.



Teams call
Sunday



Remembrance





Thursday Cubs Leaders

Friday Beavers

We start this term by awarding 3 amazing achievements. Layla, Oliver and Theo all got their Bronze Beavers! Unfortunately, that does also mean that they are all 8 now and we have to say goodbye and good luck as we wish you all the best at Cubs.



In October, we started our theme of the Animal Friend badge. We have been learning about hedgehogs and we made our own using pine cones. We followed this up with a visit to Pets at Home where the Beavers were introduced to a range of animals including guinea pigs and beetles, learning about what they eat and how to keep them healthy. Thank you to all the staff at Pets at Home. The Beavers finished their Animal Friend badge by writing a diary about their own pets' food and how they care for them.



We started our community badge by deciding on a charity to support. Our local wildlife sanctuary, who are Nuneaton based and help look after local wildlife, was chosen. We decided we would make sweet cones and we would also ask for donation of cakes



to sell at for the Scout bonfire. We made an amazing £120 for our charity who were super grateful.

Halloween fell during half term and we were lucky enough to attend the District Beaver Halloween party. We had spooky games and lots of dancing followed by a drink and sweets. We had lots of fun, thank you to Nicky and her team.

We had a special visit from Ruth from Warwickshire education, who came to tell us what we can recycle, what happens to our recycling and how we can help our environment. The beavers were given a pencil case made of recycled tyres and a pencil which was made from recycled paper.

Our challenge the following week was to design something from our imagination then build it using Lego. We had some brilliant ideas - from a machine to get you out of bed in the morning, to a electronic makeup machine where you just pop your face in a hole and your makeup gets done for you! Just amazing!!!



Christmas is now fast approaching so we made Santa advent calendars. The following week, we learnt all about bees and their homes from the lovely Ella (Monday Cub Leader) who brought down samples of her beehives and honey. We also made candles out of wax and a wick. Thank you once again to Ella.



We had lots of singing and learning about music as we did the Musician badge, preparing for singing Christmas carols and playing name the tune with Ringtail on her flute.

We completed our annual carol service at The Grange care home. The Beavers sang beautifully and our audience was thrilled to have us and hear our beautiful voices (well at least the Beavers voices!).

Pass the parcel, musical chairs, poop the Brussel sprout, crafts and a visit from Santa can only mean it's our Christmas Party night! Lots of excitement and lots of brilliant questions for Santa. Thank you, Santa! 😊





During this quarter we are happy to welcome Joe as a young leader. Joe started as a Beaver and now is an Explorer and is looking forward to spending some time with us.

We are really sad to say goodbye to Badger who's been an amazing leader for over 5 years and a great support. Words cannot express how brilliant she is as a Beaver leader and we will miss her loads - and really hope you will call by anytime!

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Keeo, Foxy, Mouse, Ringtail, Erin, Henry and Joe.

Friday Cubs

Friday Cub Leaders have done a brilliant job this term being two Leaders short due to ongoing illnesses

Somers Pack have had a busy term

We started off with Local knowledge of the Area and history of 1st Nuneaton Scouts and Famous people.

We covered firework safety and the history of the Gun powder plot as a lot of children did not know why we celebrated firework night
We also covered fire safety and fire lighting

We welcome Max, Oliver, Theo, Kimberly and Brendon and hope they enjoy their time with us in Cubs

Izzy, William and Charlotte are off to a new adventure in Scouts we hope they enjoy their time in Scouts

Emergency aid refresher and badges for our new Cubs

The cubs learnt all about Divali

We started a DIY project

We discussed using tools safely and correctly and what each tool was used for
They then turned the skills at designing and what materials could be used for different projects.

They finally got to build bird houses they turned out really well.

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The end of term was celebrated with a trip to the Panto Jack and the Beanstalk

Yours In Scouting

Friday night leaders