



Snowgoose Colony Newsletter

5th January 2011

Dear Parents and Beavers
Happy New Year to you all.

I have been unable to confirm use of Herlington for 5th January, so our first meeting will be Wednesday 12th January from 6pm. Please note for this meeting and the next we will finish at 7pm due to other commitments. From 26th January we return to our 7:15pm finish.

Fees of £18 are now due for the first half term or £36 for the term. This remains at £3:00 per session, payable whether or not the child attends, Payments in advance assist with administration as we can open the meetings more quickly. Cheques should be made payable to 2nd Nene Scout Group, with the child's name and 'Snowgoose Subs' written on the obverse.

Thank you to all Beavers and family members who attended the Churchyard Clear up, and also the Remembrance Day Parade and wreath-laying, last November

Section Records

An amended record card is included.

Please can you complete this and return to me, to ensure your records are up to date. The card now also contains a voluntary section on ethnicity.

Will all parents please review medication and allergy information provided and ensure we have correct up-to date details and contact information.

Membership

We have said goodbye for now to several of our Beavers during the Autumn Term, as they continue to grow within the movement by going Over the Dam to join our Cub Packs, so we need to recruit new members to the colony to remain viable. I am able to accept children visiting from 5.1/2 years to 7.1/2 years.

Every Week is BRING A FRIEND WEEK - What YOU can do -

Ask your school and class friends to come and try Scouting

Ask Rocky for paperwork to give to your friends or their parents

Invite Rocky to come and make a presentation at your school.

Term Programme and Badgework

I am happy to discuss progress and badgework with parents on an individual basis, at the end of our weekly meetings, or at another mutually convenient time.

Would those who have NOT received a badge book for their children to bring in and record progress please contact me.

Anyone who has not been awarded their Faith or Healthy Eating badges from the Autumn Term and who wishes to complete the work, should speak with me and agree what they need to undertake so the badges can be awarded.

This term we will be working on:-

12th 19th and 26th January Emergency Aid Stage 1 Badge

(those already awarded this level will work towards stage 2).

Stage badges continue throughout your child's time within scouting.

To gain this badge, Beaver Scouts must be able to:-

Understand and recognise dangers in the house and outside.

Know what to do at the scene of an accident.

Know how to open an airway.

Know how to treat minor cuts, scratches and grazes.

12th January, homework on dangers in the home. **To be returned on 19th January.**

19th January will be **NONE UNIFORM** as we will be carrying out practical training on cuts, scalds, minor injuries, and bandaging.

26th January Can available CRB Cleared parents please arrive at 6:45pm to be bandaged.

Will those who have personal first aid kits please bring them in on 19th (a suitable item is sold by Poundland).



2nd 9th and 16th February Creative Activity Badge

The Beavers have already completed some work within the programme.

complete all parts:

- Explain or know about a creative activity.
- Take part in the creative activity.
- Tell the Colony about the activity.
- Examples of creative activities include:
 - putting on a show or form of entertainment
 - making a mobile, origami shapes, a model out of clay or plasticine, a painting or drawing or doing conjuring tricks

NOTE

Beavers could construct an operating model from construction kits such as Mecanno or Lego. They will need to tell the colony about what they have built a model of and how it works and how it copies the real item. **These should be brought in on 9th February**

This also completes Creative Challenge item 1.3 AND 3.1



Creative Challenge Badge 9th & 16th February, 2nd March

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complete four activities, at least one from each area:

Creativity

- 1.1 act or mime a simple scene
- 1.2 learn a new song and sing it
- 1.3 make a model out of something, such as junk, kit or Lego
- 1.4 make an instrument and play it.

Cooking

- 2.1 try some simple cooking, like making cakes or decorating biscuits
- 2.2 make a hot drink safely.

How things work

- 3.1 learn how a simple mechanism works, eg a lock, bike pump, Meccano, etc
- 3.2 learn what a magnet does
- 3.3 use food colouring to, for example, tie-dye material or watch celery change colour
- 3.4 light a bulb using a simple circuit.

NOTE

ALL members of the colony complete section 1.2 every week.

We will be doing items 2.1 as activities in colony **on 16th February.**

We will be doing items 3.3 as activities in colony **on 2nd March.**

Each beaver will need to choose 1 more item if not already done.



23rd February **Half term – no meeting**

9th March will probably be a GAMES NIGHT, or an evening trip out. More details follow.

Provisional 16th & 23rd March **Air Activities Badge**



complete the following:

- Make a paper dart out of paper and see how well it flies.
- Find out about a particular aeroplane and tell others in the Colony about it. Examples might be Concorde, Spitfire, Airbus, Lynx helicopter etc.
- Talk to someone who has flown in a plane, helicopter or hot air balloon and find out what it was like.
- If you have already flown in a plane, tell others in the Colony what it was like. If not, tell them what you would like to fly in, and why.

NOTE we will be carrying out item 1 as a colony activity on 16th March, we have several templates for the beavers to fold.

30th March We hope to organise an evening visit (if not on 9th March). More details follow

7th April Our last meeting of the term when we will have a Beaver Chew and Hobbies evening. A separate letter will be issued on 12th January

12th January to 7th April **Hobbies Activity Badge**



Complete the following:

- 12th or 19th January AGREE Hobby with Rocky or Darzee
- Take part in a chosen hobby for an agreed period.
- Tell and show the Colony the chosen hobby.

Notes

A Beaver Scout may gain more than one Hobbies Badge.

27th April PROVISIONALLY our first day of Summer Term

Yours in Scouting

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