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11th Nuneaton (Weddington) Scout Group

Monday Beavers said goodbye to many Beavers this term as they have moved on to Cubs and Brownies and said hello to lots of new faces. We were very proud to award several Bronze Chief Scouts awards and are looking forward to investing our kits soon. We have worked on IT stage one and produced some great posters. We are continuing with our challenge badges and have had a torch walk and are planning a fitness night and a look at healthy eating.

Friday Beavers have been working towards their Outdoor Challenge this term. We have been learning about how local wildlife adapts to the change in seasons and had a visit from Jen's tortoise!

On 23 September, twelve Beavers took part in a sleepover at the hut. They set up their own tents in the hut before settling down to enjoy campfire songs and a movie. Many thanks to all who helped make the evening a success.

We also had a fantastic time on our day out at Broadwater on 15 October when we tried out lots of adventurous activities, including a very high zip wire and an obstacle course, to earn our Adventure Badge.

Monday Cubs have been working hard towards their Map Reader Badge. We have looked at Street and Ordnance Survey Maps, used 6 figure grid references and made contour models. Finally we went on a night hike on a very windy, dark night which was at least dry!

Ten Cubs and four Leaders had a great time at Twinlakes on the District organised outing: many happy memories especially the unintentional five trips round on the roller coaster!

We have welcomed eight new Beavers who will soon be invested and said goodbye to five Cubs who have moved on to Scouts. We would like to congratulate Harry and Elliot who have gained their Silver Chief Scouts Award.

******Plea for Help******

Due to work commitments, Monday Cubs will be without 2 leaders for the next 12 months. If anyone feels they could help from 7pm to 8.15pm on a Monday evening, please talk to a Leader or contact GSL Doug Shorter on 024 76328166.

Thursday Cubs are doing a lot of cooking this term as they work towards their Chef's Badge and their Global Challenge. They prepared a very tasty Indian meal for their guests and have done some investigations into different cooking methods.

They had a week off and enjoyed chips at the end of a night hike but will be back to the kitchen to make sweets and Christmas cakes later in the term.

Tuesday Scouts have been working towards their Emergency Aid badge. Half the troop have gained their Fire Safety Badge, whilst the other half achieved their Mechanics badge. They will be holding a pumpkin carving competition this week and look forward to the PL's taking control for one evening as they put to the test their leadership skills and run the whole meeting.

Friday Scouts have recently invested five new members into the troop. They have been busy earning the Circus Skills badge which involved a session at the gym in Weddington and completing the First Aid necessary for the next part of this Staged Badge. They held a fancy dress Halloween party and are thinking ahead to their Christmas meal on 16 December: a traditional highlight of the Friday night Scout year!

The two troops put a joint team into the District Ghost Hunt, and managed to finish in a respectable fourth place. Several Scouts also completed their Expedition Challenge in October, so well done to them.

Explorers have been engaged in a wide range of activities including designing fashionable clothes from recyclable materials and playing Nuneaton Monopoly. They are focussing on the challenges necessary for Duke of Edinburgh and Chief Scout Awards, but have found time to take to their kayaks to clear rubbish from the River Anker in the town centre.

The Network are celebrating a successful year as an established section in the Group as well as the District. Since assisting at Summer Camp back in July, they have attended five separate District and County events, helped the Cubs with their walk and with the Beaver walk and fun day. Within their own meetings they have played indoor 'laser quest', had a creative arts night and taken part in 'Network Mind the Buzzcocks'.

Swimming Activity Badges and Gala

The Group has hired the Pingles on Saturday 12 November from 4pm to 5pm. This is to select the team for the swimming gala being held on Saturday 3 December starting at 6pm and also for Cubs, Scouts and Explorers to be assessed for the staged swimming activity badges. Details on the noticeboard at Headquarters.

Remembrance Day Parade – Sunday 13 November

We would urge all Cubs, Scouts, Explorers and Network to take part in this annual event. Please meet in full uniform (with extra layers beneath and a coat in case of cold and wet) and wearing a poppy at the Market Place in the centre of town at 10.20am.

Group Carol Service- Monday 5 December

Please reserve this evening – details will sent out later.

Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers

A big 'thank you' to everyone who saved these for us. We have received a wide range of equipment including hoops, balls, space hoppers and games which will be used by all sections of the Group.

The **collection of clothing** is ongoing – we have had a good response to this. Please continue to bring discarded clothing to headquarters to help with our fund-raising.

Our **Recycled Uniform Scheme** is in urgent need of contributions, especially Beaver and Cub outgrown or no longer required items. Clothing donations can be taken to any meeting at Headquarters. Thank you.

Check out our **website** for all sorts of useful bits and pieces - www.11thnuneaton.org.uk