



We have had a busy year in Beavers, with lots of fun during our evening meetings, and lots of badges being earned. During our Summer term we visited the local Community Church, did a litter pick in the area around the scout hut and paths, learnt about nature trails and had a campfire to round off the term. Some of the beavers went with their parents to Family camp and thoroughly enjoyed either visiting for the day or camping with their parents. They had a great time exploring the Templars site, abseiling, crate climbing, archery, backwoods cooking and all the other activities. We also had a trip to RGU Climbing wall and had a lovely piece of cake afterwards to celebrate one of the Beavers birthdays that night.



After the summer holidays, we had a busy term with a day visit to the local Gordon Gathering, which was great fun trying out lots of different bases and activities. We meet with the Aberdeenshire ranger for an exciting mini beast hunt around Arnhall woods. As part of raising awareness of the **Water Aid** charity for the scout initiative a Million Hands, we spent an evening learning about clean water, filtration and even tried to filter some water ourselves! We also took part in planting bulbs for "**Purple 4 Polio**" Rotary project. This involved learning about the polio vaccination programme abroad, and then planting

purple crocus bulbs outside on a cold, rainy November evening! Many thanks to the Rotarians for helping us with this task – and I'm glad to say the crocuses did flower this year.

We then concentrated on our cooks badge making fruit kebabs, cupcakes, pizzas, gingerbread men and lots of other snacks. Most snacks get eaten immediately and never make it home. For science week in March, Mel showed us lots of experiments with dry ice and bubbling potions – even the adults were fascinated. One of the other highlights of the last term was a trip to Inverurie Police Station to meet local PC Steve. It was a great evening, with lots of questions from the beavers about all aspects of police work. They got to try on Steve's hat and uniform, had their fingerprints taken, had a chat in the police cells, went inside the police vans and saw the lights and sirens on the cars. It was a great way to finish off a busy and exciting year.

We welcomed our new Leader Mel in November this year and said goodbye to another leader Dave. Many thanks to all parents who have helped out with beavers over the last year – it is always appreciated by the leaders. Cath, Fi, Chris and Mel.

**Cath Fi, Chris, David, and Mel**