

It's been another successful year at Lyne Of Skene Beavers.

Activities have included: a tour of the SSPCA at Drumoak, attending the Gordon Gathering at BA Stores, visit to Aboyne Panto, Robin Hood, Carols Round The Campfire At Templars Park, various woodland Scavenger Hunts, parachute games, designing our own Easter Baskets and hunting for chocolate eggs, First Aid training, working on our Experiment and Gardener badges (including, planting and caring for fruit-bushes and competing in a successful Sunflower growing competition). We also created a giant cityscape mural and developed our awareness of Global issues - thinking about our Carbon Footprints and recognizing our appreciation of Mother Nature. We all participated in a Badge Night where we prepared work for a variety of Activity badges. A panel of "testers" quizzed us on our efforts and were impressed with our Collections, our sporting demonstrations as well as Creative performances and artwork.



We had an enjoyable adventure to Fyfe House - where the theme of our Sleepover was "Pirates". Activities are listed below. We earned a gold doubloon for each task we accomplished:

- Decorating our own Wooden Treasure chests
- Making Pirate Hats & cutlasses
- Face-painting & Tattoos
- Designing our own "Jolly Roger" flags
- Building our own model wooden mini Pirate Sail-Boats
- Participating in a swashbuckling series of Water games
- Toasting giant marshmallows on an open fire



We currently have 24 Beavers in our Colony, and are lucky to have two Duke Of Edinburgh Award participants support us. Sadly, however, we recently said to "farewell" to our Assistant Leader, Clayre - who, due to work commitments, can no longer be with us at weekly meetings. We are therefore, more keen than ever for people to join our Leadership team.

## **Clayre, and Ruth**