



The Fram Post



Summer 2011

Welcome...

Welcome to the Summer 2011 edition of the *Fram Post*.. We trust you have all had a good Easter break.

Group News

After the excitement of opening our new Beaver Colony in January we also opened our new Cub pack in March, two months ahead of schedule.

David is leading the new Wednesday Pack assisted by our new Cub Assistant leaders India, Brigitte and George.

Our new Scout Troop will also be opening on Wednesdays from Easter led jointly by existing Scout leaders Adam and Iain. This is going to leave our Scout Leadership Team slightly stretched so if you know anyone who might be interested in helping please do let us know.

We now have over 100 young people in the group and are one of only 2 groups in the County to operate 2 Beaver, 2 Cub and 2 Scout sections.

Fortunately we now have spaces available in Beavers, Cubs and Scouts so if you know anyone else who'd would benefit from Scouting at Fram, please let us know.



Cheese and Wine AGM

All parents are warmly invited to a Cheese and Wine evening from 7pm at the Scout Hut on Monday 16th May during which we will hold our AGM.

It is also a chance for parents to get to know the leaders and to find out about things that are going on in the Group. We look forward to seeing as many of you there as possible.

At the AGM we elect the Group committee. The work of the committee is vital to ensure the continued success and good governance of the Group. The elected committee meet on a Thursday evening once every half term and have responsibility for managing and re-sourcing the group leaving the Leaders free to get on with Leading!



Monday Beaver News



Last Term

What a great start to our new colony. Thank you for the support and enthusiasm of the Beavers and parents. It has been fantastic.

We have had the exciting Animal Encounters session where we all held tarantulas, snakes and for those brave enough scorpions! Not forgetting the adorable Meercats too. We all made our own pancakes and learnt about Fair-trade Food. We made some beautiful chick Easter egg cards and all enjoyed the fantastic Group Beetle drive and the energetic Beaver Olympics. There was the fantastic Music Day and a trip bowling. We have celebrated Chinese New year and saw a magic show and paraded for St George's day.



Thank yous!

Thank you as always to all the parent helpers and leaders Alastair, Anna and James for giving up your time and making all the evenings possible, it is very much appreciated. The new colony has blossomed over the term and we will continue to build on that success next term.

This Term

This term has an action packed program as usual with plenty of outdoors activities ranging from an assault course to district sports evenings to pirate ship building. We have several off site activities coming up next term so keep your eyes on the calendar and check your emails for venue details and maps.



Badges This Term

We have completed our Animal Friend Badge, Global Challenge badge, Safety Badge and for some the Music Day badge.





Monday Beaver's Programme



The Beaver Section runs from 6 until 7pm unless Beavers/parents are informed otherwise.

| Date | Day | Event |
|------------------------|--------------------------|--|
| 2nd May | Monday | Keep Fit Sports Night |
| 9th May | Monday | Smoothies |
| 16th May | Monday | Assault Course |
| 23rd May | Monday | No Beavers-due to Gangshow |
| 25th May | Wednesday | Gangshow District Event TBC |
| 30th May | Monday | HALF TERM – No Beavers |
| 4th June | Saturday | Beaver Funday District Event TBC |
| 6th June | Monday | Father's Day Cards |
| 13th June | Monday | No Beavers due to Sports Night |
| 14th June | Tuesday | Beavers Sports District Event TBC |
| 18th -19th June | Saturday – Sunday | Sleepover Joint with Thursday's Beavers |
| 20th June | Monday | No Beavers |
| 27th June | Monday | Pirate Night |
| 4th July | Monday | Moor House (TBC) |
| 11th July | Monday | Nature Trail Botanic Gardens TBC |
| 18th July | Monday | Summer Fun |

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Thursday Beaver News



Last Term

What a fantastic and fun filled term it has been! We have had the fantastic animal encounters session where the Beavers held tarantulas, snakes and for those brave enough scorpions! Not forgetting the adorable Meercats too. We have been creative in the kitchen with pancakes, Fair Trade Food and chocolate Easter nests. There was the fantastic Group Beetle drive and the energetic Beaver Olympics. Some of the Beavers went to the District Music Day and some the District Bowling Competition. We have celebrated Chinese New year by making masks, watched a magic show and paraded for St George's day.

Thank yous!

Thank you as always to all the parent helpers and leaders Dianne, Mel, Emma, Jack and our new Leader Sarah for giving up your time and making all the evenings possible, it is very much appreciated.



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This term has an action packed program as usual with plenty of outdoors activities ranging from hockey to district sports evenings to pirate ship building. We have several off site activities coming up next term so keep your eyes on the calendar and check your emails for venue details and maps.

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We have completed our Animal Friend Badge, Global Challenge badge, Safety Badge and for some the Music Day badge.





Thursday Beaver's Programme



The Beaver Section runs from 6 until 7pm unless Beavers/parents are informed otherwise.

| Date | Day | Event |
|--|--------------------------|--|
| 5 th May | Thursday | Keep Fit Sports Night |
| 12 th May | Thursday | Hockey |
| 19 th May | Thursday | Assault Course |
| 25th May | Wednesday | Gangshow District Event TBC |
| 26 th May | Thursday | No Beavers-due to Gangshow |
| 2 nd June | Thursday | No Beavers HALF TERM |
| 4th June | Saturday | Beaver Funday District Event TBC |
| 9 th June | Thursday | Father's Day Cards |
| 14th June | Tuesday | Beavers Sports District Event TBC |
| 16 th June | Thursday | No Beavers due to Sports Night |
| 18th -19th June | Saturday – Sunday | Sleepover Joint with Monday's Beavers |
| 23 rd June | Thursday | Pirate Night |
| 30 th June | Thursday | Moor House TBC |
| 7 th July | Thursday | Nature Trail Botanic Gardens TBC |
| 14 th July | Thursday | Summer Fun |

Leader Contact Details

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Powburn Camp

At the end of March we went on Cub Camp to Powburn Campsite in Northumberland. This was a fantastic camp where we kept very busy! We painted mugs, did a photo challenge walk, played at on an obstacle course, built fires and even sang songs round the camp fire. For all those who didn't come you missed out!

'I enjoyed cooking my breakfast of eggy bread!'

'Building campfires is good even when I get smoke in my face!'

'Playing on the rope swing and building dens was my best bit.'

Busy Term!

We have also ran a wide ranging programme this term with activities ranging from Scottish dancing, pancake making and silhouette drawing to our visits to Moor House where we took part in crate stacking, grass sledging and wide games as well as taking part in the district wide games.

Cubboree - 25^h - 27th June

Cubboree is a County camp for all Cubs in Durham Scout County which is held every 2 years. It's at Moor House so not too far away!



There are always loads of activities for the Cubs to do, from Climbing and abseiling to inflatables. We camp in tents and it's always enjoyed by all those who go!

Six Prizes

The six points were again really close and it was down to our last evening of term to determine which six won! Well done yellow six! The Cub prizes for commitment, enthusiasm and participation during this term went to Ryu Coupe. Well done! We also wish Ryu and Conall a great time in Scouts.



Tuesday Cub's Programme

This runs from 6.45 until 8pm unless Cubs/parents are informed otherwise.

| Date | Day | Event |
|---|--------------------|---|
| 10 th May | Tuesday | Welcome Back Games Night |
| 15 th May | Sunday | District Cub Hike |
| 17 th May | Tuesday | Nature Night - Low Newton Junction Joint with Wednesday Cubs |
| 24 th May | Tuesday | Backwards Cooking – Moor House |
| 31 st May | Tuesday | Half Term – No Meeting |
| 7 th June | Tuesday | Challenge Night |
| 14 th June | Tuesday | Fathers Day |
| 18 st June | Saturday | Water Activities Day (Details to follow) |
| 21 st June | Tuesday | Local Knowledge Badge |
| 24 th – 26 th June | Friday - Sunday | Cubboree – Moor House |
| 28 th June | Tuesday | Wide Games – Moor House |
| 5 th July | Tuesday | Sports Enthusiast Night |
| 12 th July | Tuesday | Archery - Moor House |
| 19 th July | Tuesday | Summer Party |

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New Cub Pack

As Durham's newest Cub pack we have made a good start during the second half of last term. Since our first meeting in March we have offered a wide ranging programme which we will further develop in the coming term.

Last Term

Our Cubs have had the chance to create fountains, erupt volcanoes and to make periscopes. And that was all just in one pack night. We have also used pioneering skills to create kites and created towers from marshmallows and spaghetti.

These activities have been mixed with a healthy balance of games, which have been designed to promote team work, develop an understanding of Scouting, and to be fun.

This Term...

The focus of this term is on outdoors activities. We are attending the County's Cubboree camp alongside members of the Tuesday Fram Pack, are going walking, exploring nature, and learning to navigate. **Some meetings will run as extended sessions and finish at 7pm.**

Be Prepared:
for Adventure!
for Discovery!
for Games!
for Fun!



Evenings run from 5:30pm until 6:30pm unless Cubs / parents are informed otherwise.

| Date | Day | Event |
|--|--------------------|--|
| 4 th May | Wednesday | Map Work Night (Hut) |
| 11 th May | Wednesday | Orienteering (Moor House) |
| 15 th May | Sunday | District Day Hike |
| 17 ^h May | Tuesday | Nature Evening (Low Newton Junction) Joint with Tues Cubs 6.45pm – 8pm [Ext] |
| 18 th May | Wednesday | No Meeting – Meeting on 17 th May instead |
| 25 th May | Wednesday | Tent Pitching & Outdoor Games (Hut) [Ext] |
| 1 st June | Wednesday | Half Term – No meeting |
| 8 th June | Wednesday | Treasure Hunt (Penny Ferry Bridge) [Ext] |
| 15 th June | Wednesday | Cycle Ride (Deerness Valley Line) [Ext] |
| 18 th June | Saturday | Water Activities Day (Details to follow) |
| 22 nd June | Wednesday | Local Walk (Shincliffe Hall) [Ext] |
| 24 th – 26 th June | Friday - Sunday | Cubboree Camp (Moor House, Durham) |
| 29 th June | Wednesday | International Night (Hut) |
| 30 th June | Thursday | Whole Group Activity Night (Moor House) |
| 6 th July | Wednesday | Sports Night (Hut) |
| 13 th July | Wednesday | Science Night (Details to follow) |
| 20 th July | Wednesday | Quiz Night (Hut) |
| <p>Ext = Extended meeting (will finish at 7:00pm unless otherwise informed). In the event of severely bad weather outdoors meetings will be held at the hut.</p> | | |

Frostie Camp at Moor House



Everyone had a great time at Frostie this year. Even the rain didn't dampen our spirits! The Scouts enjoyed a camp fire on the Friday then on the Saturday did all lots of activities including air rifle shooting, archery, tomahawk throwing, buggy driving and climbing. The girls were even in the running for the tallest crate tower – great teamwork!

Fires and First Aid

Fram Scouts went to the emergency training centre, Falck Nutec in Middlesborough at half term. We were shown lots of emergency scenarios including helicopter ditch simulations, tackling fires and first aid. The Scouts were amazed that whole 6 litre water fire extinguisher isn't enough to put out a small paper fire in a bin!



Visit to the Town Hall



We visited the Town Hall where we met the Mayor and found out about what goes on there. There was a treasure hunt around the Hall and a chance to look into the future – what will the Market Place look like in 2015?Still full of diggers?!



Librarian Badge Night

Last term we went to Durham University Library to make a start on our Librarian Badge.

The Scouts were shown how to search the Library Catalogue for books and DVDs and then how to find them on the shelves. We then went on to talk about our favourite books.

New Wednesday Night Scouts



Adam and Iain, two Assistant Scout Leaders from the Friday Troop, will be sharing the role of Scout Section Leaders for the new Wednesday Troop.

Adam is a member of the 'Play staff' at Adventure Valley and Iain is a Library Assistant at Durham University Library.

Iain will be the first point of contact for the Wednesday troop - Details are below the programme on the next page.

Adam and Iain will be joined by a couple of Assistant Scout Leaders once the troop has begun - We'll introduce them at a later date.

For more information please email us at wednesdayscouts@framscouts.org.uk.

This Term

We have an action packed term planned for you. Full details are in our programme. Here are just a couple of the highlights...

Cooking Competition

One of our first competitions is the District Cooking Competition on Saturday 14th May at 9:00am. We can enter two teams per troop of three Scouts. More details will be handed out at the first meeting of the term. Please let us know if you can come along.



Fram Scout Summer Camp

This year (20th -27th August) we're going to the Silverhelme Activity Centre at Siverdale in Lancashire for our Scout Camp. There'll be lots of fun activities to do. More details to follow.





Wednesday Scout Programme



Wednesday Scouts runs from 7pm to 9pm at the Scout Hut unless stated otherwise.
The Hut will be open from 6:50pm to allow everyone to arrive so that we can start promptly at 7pm.

| Date | Day | Event |
|---|----------------------|---|
| 4 th May | Wednesday | Games / Challenge Night |
| 11 th May | Wednesday | Cooking Challenge |
| 14 th May | Saturday | District Cooking Competition (09:00 at 19 th Durham HQ) |
| 18 th May | Wednesday | Map Reading and Navigation |
| 21 st -22 nd May | Saturday – Sunday | Lightweight Camp |
| 25 th May | Wednesday | Scavenger Hunt |
| 1 st June | Wednesday | Half Term Orienteering at Hamsterly |
| 3 rd -5 th June | Friday – Sunday | County Basic Canoe Camp |
| 8 th June | Wednesday | Pioneering |
| 11 th June | Saturday | First Aid Competition at Moor House |
| 15 th June | Wednesday | PL Night: Filming / Cycle Ride |
| 21 st June | Tuesday | District Raft Race |
| 22 nd June | Wednesday | Cycle Ride / PL Night: Filming |
| 29 th June | Wednesday | Canoe/Kayak Evening |
| 2 nd -3 rd July | Saturday – Sunday | Canoe Expedition |
| 6 th July | Wednesday | Tent Pitching |
| 13 th July | Wednesday | Wet 'n' Wacky Challenges |
| 20 th -27 th August | Saturday – Friday | Fram Scout Camp - Silverdale |



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Friday Scouts run from 7pm to 9pm meeting at the Scout Hut unless stated otherwise.

| Date | Day | Event |
|---|-----------|---|
| 6 th May | Friday | Games & Challenges Night |
| 13 th May | Friday | Cooking Challenge |
| 14 th May | Saturday | District Cooking Competition (limited places) |
| 20 th May | Friday | Navigation and map reading skills |
| 21 st -22 nd May | Weekends | Lightweight camp |
| 27 th May | Friday | Scavenger Hunt |
| 1 st June | Wednesday | Orienteering at Hamsterly Forrest |
| 3 rd -5 th June | Weekend | County Basic Canoe camp |
| 10 th June | Friday | Pioneering project |
| 11 th June | Saturday | First Aid Competition at Moor House |
| 17 th June | Friday | PL night |
| 21 st June | Tuesday | District Raft Race |
| 24 th June | Friday | Cycle ride |
| 1 st July | Friday | Canoe/kayak evening |
| 2 nd -3 rd July | Weekend | Canoe Expedition |
| 8 th July | Friday | Tent pitching |
| 15 th July | Friday | Wet n wacky challenges |
| 20 th -27 th August | Week | Fram Scout Camp - Silverdale |

Leader Contact Details

Group Beetle Drive

Thursday 31st March was Fram's Beetle Drive Night. About 60 Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Parents and Leaders joined in the fun competing for Easter eggs. Everyone was on the edge of the seats trying to complete their beetle in the fastest time! Thank you to everyone who came!



Hut Developments

Work on the building has continued since Christmas. In particular, preparations have started for installation of the new upstairs room this summer.

How much of this work gets completed will depend on how much funding we manage to bring in to support the project – so if you have any contacts who might like to make a donation or match fund please do let us know.

Sainsburys and Tesco

Thank you to all those of you who have already brought in Sainsbury's and Tesco Vouchers. Sainsbury's are still available till the 31st May so we still have plenty of time to get collecting and hopefully beat last year's total. The Tesco ones finish on the 9th May so if you have any lying around at home then please bring them in as soon as possible.

Money Money Money!

Firstly we would like to thank Kerry our existing treasurer for her time and commitment she has put into the job. She has done a sterling job.

As she is now standing down, now we are seeking a new treasurer.....so do you know or are you someone who can lend the group your assistance in managing our group accounts?

Please speak to any leader for more information or if you have any questions.



New Fram Group Badge

We are proud to announce that after much consultation we have finalised the design of our first Group Badge.

A special thank you to David Baker for his hard work and time spent computerising the design.

The new badge will be handed out at the beginning of the summer term.

We are now looking into getting polo shirts made with the logo on.

It's the best group badge around so be proud when you're wearing it!

Where does my new Badge go?

Your new Fram Group Badge is to be sewn on the nape of your necker. (It should be 3cm from the point)



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