



FRAM POST

Spring 2017



Welcome back!

It already seems a long time since the Christmas break but the days are starting to get longer and even more importantly Fram Scouts are back in force.

An Overfull Group

As you are probably well aware the Fram Group has expanded many times to meet the demand for Beaver, Cub and Scout places. Our three Beaver colonies contain 74 Beavers, while our two Cub packs have 61 Cubs and 68 Scouts across our three Scout Troops and not forgetting the 25 Explorers. This is a huge amount of Scouting and an amazing achievement for all our volunteers. Unfortunately however, we are presently having to ask Beavers reaching 8 years old to move to other Groups in Durham City because we do not have sufficient Cub capacity.



New Cub Pack needs you

In order to meet the demand for Cubs we are planning on opening our third Cub pack in February, however, this is only going to be possible if we get more adult volunteers. Fortunately as a large Group there is a wide range of volunteer roles and you don't have to be able to help every week to be able to contribute. Unfortunately the bottom line is:

No new volunteers - no extra Cub spaces

Lost property

Just a quick reminder that lost property regularly gets cleared into the yellow Duck and the Duck gets emptied at the end of each term and the contents taken to a convenient charity shop.



Standing Order Mandate

Subs

Please remember to setup the monthly payment to cover your child's subs. It's £14 pounds for your first child and a further £9 for subsequent children. Your section leader can give you details for setting up the standing order up.

Leadership

We welcome Darren Howell to our Leadership Team. Darren has over 20 years experience working with children and teenagers in a variety of settings including outdoor activity centres.

Last Term

We had fun visiting the Police HQ in Durham, earned many badges and had a spooktastic time at our Halloween Night.



Next Term

We will be working towards lots of badges as usual and will be earning some new badges such as the Movie Maker badge and ZSL - Amazing Insects Badge. We may even meet a real Praying Mantis! We hope to have lots of indoor and outdoor fun and have many activities in various stages of planning. We hope to visit the large Tesco Supermarket in Durham to learn about where our food comes from.



Next Term

We have lots of fantastic events in store. Please see the session plan for further information. Please note that items listed on the plan are subject to amendment.



Can you help?

If you want a bit of fun and think you could join the team, please speak to Jonathon to arrange a DBS Check and obtain further information.





Monday Beaver Programme



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

Date	Day	Activity
23 January	Monday	Generic Hut Night tbc 17:50 - 19:00
30 January	Monday	My World Challenge 1-3 17:50 - 19:00
31 January	Tuesday	District Entertainer at Belmont
6 February	Monday	My World 4 and Gardening Badge 17:50 - 19:00
13 February	Monday	My World 4 - 7 17:50 - 19:00
20 February	Monday	Planning Meeting for Summer 17:00 - 19:00
27 February	Monday	Global Challenge Night 17:50 - 19:00
6 March	Monday	Green Cross Code + Digi Maker 17:50 - 19:00
13 March	Monday	Digital Maker Night 17:50 - 19:00
20 March	Monday	Digital Maker 17:50 - 19:00
27 March	Monday	Easter Crafts 17:50 - 19:00
2 April	Sunday	District Botanic Garden Trip
3 April	Monday	Possible Wild Science - Light 17:50 - 19:00
24 April	Monday	Navigator Badge 17:50 - 19:00
8 May	Monday	Possible Fencing tbc 17:50 - 19:00
10 June	Saturday	District Beaver Picnic 2017



Leader Contact Details



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Monday Beavers Leadership Team

Jonathon Gilderoy - BSL

Claire Gilderoy - ABSL

Darren Howell - ABSL

4 X Duke of Edinburgh Volunteers



Photographs

Leaders always try their hardest to protect identity of our Beavers in photo imagery.

Unfortunately, this is not always guaranteed in District Events. Please contact our Leadership Team for further information

Shildon and Panto

Our Beavers thoroughly enjoyed the Gala Theatre Panto and a trip to the National Railway Museum, Shildon to see Father Christmas in December 2016.

Investiture and Moving Up

Once your Beaver has been invested and the standing order set up, we give out light blue Fram t-shirts. If you think you are due one, please let Jonathon know. A new t-shirt can be requested when Beavers move up to Cubs and Scouts. The transition up to Cubs usually happens at the start of the school half term after a Beaver has passed their eighth birthday. We will contact you during the preceding weeks to confirm these arrangements. If you would prefer a certain night (Tuesday or Wednesday), please let us know well in advance so that we can try to keep a space available in the corresponding Cub pack. Preferences cannot always be met if the Cub pack is full. Our Tuesday and Wednesday packs are both currently working to maximum capacity so places are unfortunately limited.

Beaver Adventure Weekend

We are currently in the middle of planning for a Beaver Residential Activity Weekend for Monday Beavers.

Details will follow

