

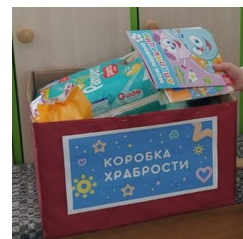
## BELARUSSIAN NEWS



# MARCH 2021



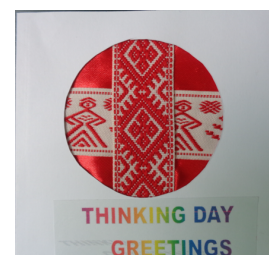
As this news is being put together, it is -1% in Minsk and snow could be seen from the window of Katya's flat. Spring is a bit behind in catching up.



The younger age groups are able to meet up, there have been no school closures during the Pandemic. The Paddington Bear group in Zhodino library met in February for what the Belarusian Guides call **THE DAY OF REFLECTION** (Thinking Day). The girls played a big game around **PEACEBUILDING**. On this Day of Reflection it is also expected to do a Good Turn and those attending the event shared in the local project run from the Library - **BOX OF BRAVERY**, where items were collected for children who are in hospital for a long term.

Older members of the Association of Belarusian Guides were invited to meet up on Zoom for **THE DAY OF REFLECTION**.

With the theme for Thinking Day this year being **PEACE** Greetings were sent to Belarus and Invitations to the **Trefoil** Thinking Day event showed Belarusian braid. We particularly wanted our Belarusian Guiding friends to know we were thinking of them in a time of political unrest in their Country.



**INTERNATION WOMEN'S DAY** on MARCH 8<sup>th</sup>, is a public holiday in Belarus.

Parcels for the groups are always greeted with smiles and very much appreciated. On communicating with Anya on receipt of our last parcel she was asked if they needed anything specific: Her answer requested "Shifty" eyes. A Thank you for a previous package mentioned "the scissors that don't cut the straight lines" Such good translations...

**THANKS TO EVERYONE FOR SUPPORTING THE BELARUSSIAN LINK.**

*Robbie Hill*