



BELARUSSIAN NEWS JANUARY 2022



Children in Belarus have continued their schooling , and after a short time of not meeting due to the Covid virus, Units have been meeting since September - usually on a Saturday, or a Sunday, or in the schools which they attend at the end of the school day.



Units have been increasing, the older Guides encouraging the younger girls to join Guides, introducing them to the Guiding family and traditions. At the end of the first meeting they made Friendship Bracelets (*this is where our craft items sent come in very useful*) using 3 large beads for the Promise and 10 smaller ones for their Guide Laws.



Units have been choosing a group name. We know of the *Paddington Bear* group who meet in Zhodino library, and some others have chosen "*Fairy Winks*", *Fey winks* and *SuperBees*, *Squirrels*, They get out into nature whenever they can and have enlisted the help of local Forestry people to take them to local nature parks making a point of booking regular walks so they can observe the seasons.

They have held a "Safety on the Internet" session, the older girls devising a game for the younger ones. Subjects have also included discussing Tolerant Attitude towards people with different interest and abilities - not dissimilar to our own Guiding Equality themes. The internet is useful in that one group held a virtual tour of the different places within their own Regions marking out where other Guiding groups were held.



On 25th December Catholics celebrate Christmas but New Year is more of a family get together and party time. Russian Orthodox Christmas is on 7th January which most of our Belarussian Guiding friends celebrate.

Our parcels meant for Christmas were received on 16th and 18th January, so they have some craft items to use during the coming term - and can eat the chocolate figures that were enclosed at their meeting and share our Greetings.

THANKS FOR ALL THE SUPPORT FOR THE BELARUSSIAN LINK WHICH OUR GUIDING FRIENDS REALLY APPRECIATE.

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