

Cavendish News

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REMINDER OF SCHOOL CLOSURE

Cavendish is **closed** on Friday 12th Feb, Monday 15th to Friday 19th Feb inclusive, and Monday 22nd Feb. We re-open on Tuesday 23rd Feb. If you need childcare during the half term break, contact Lisa and Surinder through our website, as they may still have places available.

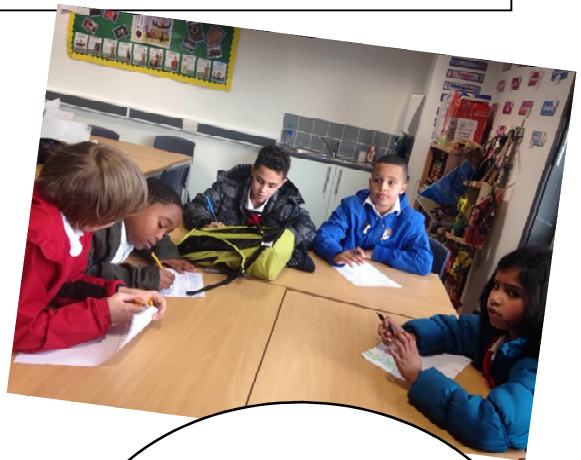
DEBATE MATE

Some of our Y5 and Y6 pupils have been taking part in a debating club. The sessions are led by students from Manchester University and are helping to teach children important skills in public speaking, performance and debate. The children recently took part in their first debating competition.

When they arrived they weren't really sure what to expect, but they took their open mindedness with them! The children (along with Miss Heaney and Miss Hanly) were a bit nervous once they saw the other schools and realised how big Debate Mate actually was. These nerves played a part in both of our teams losing their first debate, but Miss Heaney and Miss Hanly cannot applaud their attitude enough. After their losses both teams knuckled down, reflected on their performances, and decided how to improve their speeches for the next debate. We'd like to add that this was done solely by the children, with no need for encouragement or ideas from the teachers.

The improvements in their second debates were outstanding and a true reflection of our ethos here at Cavendish. Every single member of the team, whether they were a speaker or in the audience, was actively involved in the debate, and their efforts and teamwork led to both teams winning their second debates. They were an absolute credit to the school and all should be congratulated on their behaviour, attitudes and performance. Miss Heaney reports: *'Both myself and Miss Hanley were very proud and it was great to see the progress they have made and the opportunities this programme gives to our students.'*

Well done Years 5 & 6, and many thanks to Miss Heaney and Miss Hanly for taking them.



THIS HOUSE BELIEVES
THAT CHILDREN
SHOULD NOT WATCH
TV DURING THE
WEEK...



WHAT'S COMING UP AT SCHOOL

Miss McCrindle would like to introduce to you our new school nurse, Susan Warren. Both of them will be available in the annexe on our playground on **Tuesday 23rd Feb, from 9am to 10am**. Please drop in to say hello.

Susan will tell you about the kind of work she does in relation to your child, which includes advice and support on general health, diet, sleep issues, bed wetting and hearing/sight. She can also often help to signpost you to useful services at times of need. Everyone is very welcome to call in and meet her on our first day back after the half term break, and you can also book individual appointments to see her on Tuesday mornings if you want to discuss any concerns about your child's health and well being. We hope to see lots of you there.

Other events that week are as follows:

Tues 23rd Feb: Y4/5/6 football v Broad Oak Primary School

Wed 24th Feb: Y6 pupils going to see 'Goodnight Mr. Tom' at The Lowry

Thu 25th Feb: Governing Body Curriculum Committee meeting

Fri 26th Feb: Year 3 & 4 PTA film night 6pm to 8pm (see PTA News)

PTA NEWS

MOVIE NIGHT

We're holding our first PTA movie night on **Friday 26th Feb from 6pm to 8pm**, with a screening of 'Hotel Transylvania 2'. This event is for Year 3 and Year 4 pupils only, and you can book online via Parent Pay.

PTA QUIZ NIGHT IS BACK!

Get a team together and pit your knowledge against the very best that Cavendish parents, carers and teachers have to offer (bear in mind it's a Friday night...!). **Friday 11th March 7.30 - 10.00pm** **£5 per person.**

Tickets are available on Parent Pay and at the school office. Maximum of 6 members per team. There will be a prize for the winning team and sharing snack platters (per team) in with the cost of your ticket.

Cavendish PTA will also be running a bar with alcoholic drinks, light refreshments and nibbles.

IT'S NOT ROCKET SCIENCE... ER, IT IS, ACTUALLY!!

Easton in Year 3 wrote to Miss Marland to ask whether Cavendish could be involved in Tim Peake's rocket science experiment. Miss Marland applied for some of the rocket seeds that are currently orbiting Earth in the space station, and we're delighted to tell you that the application was successful. You can find out more here: <https://schoolgardening.rhs.org.uk/Competitions/Rocket-Science-Experiment-Overview>

Thanks to Seb in Y3 for the link; it looks very exciting and it's a fabulous opportunity to get children to develop scientific study skills in such a meaningful context.

WALK LIKE AN EGYPTIAN...

Year 3 had a great time dressing up as Egyptians on Tuesday, and using a TASC wheel to decide on creative ways to present their learning to each other.

