

# Cavendish News

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## WELL DONE YEAR 6!

This week our Year 6 pupils sat national tests in reading, grammar, punctuation, spelling, arithmetic and mathematical reasoning. Commonly referred to as SATs, this year's tests have caused a lot of controversy. You will have heard or read in the media that there have been a couple of security breaches with English papers, and that the overall level of the tests has been made more challenging. Views have been expressed that the level of the tests is far too high, and that quite a lot of the adult population – including government ministers - can't answer some of the questions on the papers. Perhaps they could have benefited from being in one of our Y6 classes with Mrs. Day, Miss Hanly and their support team who have worked incredibly hard to prepare the children as well as possible for the SATs. In the face of this media circus our 10 and 11 year olds have worked their hardest and tried their best on each paper, answering lots of questions that stumped adults, and we are enormously proud of them all.

They are having a well-deserved break from the classroom today; first they are off to Stockport Air Raid Shelters, then they will return to school for a celebration lunch of fish and chips. This afternoon, they are having a VE Day party (this all connects with their history topic, in case you were wondering!). We hope that they and their teachers have a relaxing weekend so that they are ready to start their new topic, 'Freedom', next week.



**Didsbury Festival**  
**Saturday 11th June - From 11am**  
**Your Galaxy Needs You!**

Cavendish will be participating in this year's Didsbury Festival parade. We'll be meeting at St Catherine's School on School Lane between 10.15 to 10.45am and the procession will start at 11am. This year's theme is 'Space' and Cavendish's entry is 'Aliens' so we hope to see as many **OUT OF THIS WORLD** costumes to march behind the Cavendish flag as possible. Please note, no dogs or pushchairs are allowed in the parade. Keep an eye out for the PTA's book bag flyer with further information on the festival as a whole. In the meantime, you can find out more about what's happening on [www.didsburyfestival.co.uk](http://www.didsburyfestival.co.uk).

**CAVENDISH GREEN DAY FOR THE NSPCC**  
**Non Uniform Day 20th May**  
**50p to wear green for the NSPCC**

Have you been out and about around the local area recently? Have you spotted a group of our teachers attempting to run and looking very out of breath? Well, all is now revealed.

Next Sunday, 22nd May, Miss Merry, Miss Marsden, Mrs Monaghan, Mrs Mitchell, Miss Frazer and Miss Hanson will all be running the 10k Great Manchester Run. Since most of this group are novice runners this is not going to be easy for them. They have been training hard over the last couple of months and are hoping they are going to be able to manage the full 10k.

We thought it would be nice for the children to join in and support them in raising funds for the NSPCC so next Friday, 20th May, in exchange for 50p, your child may come to school in non-uniform. Please try and wear something **green** to match the colour of the NSPCC. All funds raised will go to the NSPCC. Also, the team have their own team page on Just Giving if you would like to sponsor them. <https://www.justgiving.com/teams/TeamCavendish>

We would also love it if any children would come along and cheer them on during the race. They will be starting to run at 1.30pm on 22nd May.

Thanks in advance for your support.

Team Cavendish.

**NSPCC**

EVERY CHILDHOOD IS WORTH FIGHTING FOR

**YEAR 6 WORKSHOPS NEXT WEEK**  
**CAN YOU HELP?**

Year 6 have a 'make do and mend' workshop next Friday, May 20<sup>th</sup>. They need lots of fabric for this. Please will you send in old clothes to chop up - larger adult-size things would be better, cotton mix (ie shirts), jeans, cotton trousers or shorts, old sheets/duvet covers/pillowcases would be brilliant - no jumpers/wool/knits as they will unravel. Large T shirts would be OK, but not too many as they are stretchy and therefore make the rugs curl up.

If you were planning a wardrobe sort out, here's a good reason to get started! Please send in whatever you can.

**A MESSAGE FROM OUR FRIENDS AT**  
**DIDSBURY LIFE**

Working with The Metropolitan, West Didsbury Residents' Association and Cactus Design, Didsbury Life is delighted to announce that we have secured NIF funding from the council, and a very generous donation from The Metropolitan from their recent community award, meaning that we can bring a riot of summer colour to West Didsbury. "Flower Fest" will be officially launched on Monday 30th May and we would love local families to come along to The Met from 3pm and help plant up our new planters, to be installed along Burton Road and Lapwing Lane.

We want this to be a family, community event. The planting will take place on the Burton Rd terrace of The Met - if it rains, the canopy will provide shelter. Refreshments will be provided as well as gloves, trowels etc.

This is a drop in event, so no need to confirm attendance, but we would be delighted if our Cavendish families were involved in this lovely community initiative. More information will be available on the Didsbury Life website.

