

Cavendish News

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DIDSBURY FESTIVAL TOMORROW!

It's the Didsbury Festival tomorrow, Saturday 20 May. We'll be walking in the procession and our theme is the River Mersey. Thanks to everyone who came along to school last Friday to get creative and make props. We hope lots of you will be dressing up and taking part with your children – **meet in the car park at St. Catherine's on School Lane from 10.30am. The procession leaves promptly at 11.00am and walks down through Didsbury village and onto the park. Cavendish PTA will be running a stall in the park – look out for their gazebos.**

SAINSBURY'S SPORTS VOUCHERS

Please check at home to see if you have any Sainsbury's sports vouchers. If you find any, send them into school on Monday so that Mr. King can count them up and submit his order.

REMINDER ABOUT SCHOOL CLOSURE

Cavendish will be **closed** to children on **Thursday June 8th**. This is because we have to serve as a double polling station for the general election. All school clubs and childcare due to run that day have been cancelled.

MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY FESTIVAL

SATURDAY 17 JUNE 11.00AM TO 3.00PM

at THE UNIVERSITY OF MANCHESTER, OXFORD ROAD

We are lucky to have one of the country's top universities on our doorstep, and they are holding a community festival on **Saturday 17 June**. Entry is free and you can drop in any time. There are all kinds of activities taking place including playing huge Gamelan gongs, interactive scientific games, robotics, making 3D models, and investigating the moon and meteorites. We think it sounds like great fun, so why not take your children along and let them get involved, and find out what else the university can offer them – both now and in the future?

LIBRARY SESSIONS AFTER SCHOOL

You should all have received a letter from Ms Cooper about our after school library sessions, which are as follows:

Monday: 3.20pm – 4.00pm for Years 1 and 2

Tuesday: 3.20pm – 4.00pm for Years 3 and 4

Wednesday: 3.20pm – 4.00pm for Years 5 and 6

In line with our school safeguarding policy, **we ask that you wait for your child outside the building, while they are visiting the library.** The children visit it regularly and are familiar with its location and the procedures involved. Miss Karolina, our school librarian, will be there to help children choose and scan books.



COMING UP AT CAVENDISH...

Mon 22 May – Citywide tennis final for Y3/4 tennis team.

Tue 23 May – Ms Mccrindle returns from maternity leave; Greek workshop in Y4; BMX Club trip to National Cycling Centre.

Wed 24 May – Y1 SM sponsored wheels day; Y4/5 citywide football final for Y4/5 football team.

Thu 25 May – Y1 NM sponsored wheels day.

Fri 26 May – Y1 CC sponsored wheels day

School will be closed from Mon 29 May to Fri 2 June inclusive for half term. We re-open on Mon 5 June.

VIP VISITORS CYRIL, KERRIE & DAVE

Year 6 are currently part-way through their topic of 'Disability'. They learn about different kinds of disabilities and also about how society's attitudes towards people with disabilities have changed over the years. They study how disabilities can be supported and, in some circumstances, overcome. Yesterday they had a visit from a special dog – Cyril the guide dog. He came along with his owner Kerrie and a representative from Guide Dogs UK, Dave. The children got the chance to ask Kerrie and Dave lots of questions and we were all very proud when Kerrie commented that Ameer's question was the most intelligent one she's ever been asked. Well done Ameer, some great thinking going on there!



WEEKEND OF ACTION FOR SCHOOLS FUNDING

As you might know, there has been much discussion in the media about changing the way in which schools are funded. Here in Manchester, we are naturally concerned that schools in some local authorities don't receive an adequate amount of funding per pupil. However, Manchester headteachers do not believe that the best answer to the problem is to take money away from us; this will only lead to job cuts, fewer resources and poorer levels of provision in our schools. It's like working to the lowest common denominator. We believe that the overall education budget needs to be increased so that all children, wherever they may be, get the best deal possible. ***There is an event taking place in St. Peter's Square (outside the Central Library) tomorrow, May 20, at mid-day, where you can make your voice heard to politicians from all parties. Everyone is welcome, including children, and you are welcome to bring banners, placards and anything that makes a noise!***

