

Cavendish News

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CHILD CARE AND SCHOOL CLUBS AT CAVENDISH

Following recent meetings with school governors, we agreed that we need to clarify once again the purpose of and difference between our childcare and extra-curricular provisions. Here goes...

1. **Childcare** – we have daily childcare provision for up to 90 children both before and after school. This is managed by Susan Erdemir and a team of Cavendish staff and operates from 7.45 to 8.50am, and again from 3.00 to 6.00pm. We also have a holiday club which runs during school holidays from 7.30am to 6.00pm.
2. **Extra-curricular enrichment provision** – we have lots of clubs running after school, eg cookery, art, football, squash, Spanish, karate. These clubs are run in order to provide curriculum enrichment for children and to enable them to try out new activities. *They are not run for the purpose of childcare, even though some of you might view them as such.* Each club is also dependent on the individual who runs it – if a member of staff who runs a club is off sick and no-one is available to cover, the club will be cancelled. Usually we let you know in the morning if this is the case.

We know that many of you work and therefore need childcare because we work too, and many of us require childcare for our own children. However, we can only work within the capacity of the school in terms of staff availability, physical space, and what we consider to be safe supervision levels. Many of the adults in school run clubs or provide extra tuition after school but not everyone is in a position to do so. Some colleagues go on to other jobs after they have finished their working day here at Cavendish, whilst others have to leave school to pick up their own children. We have weekly staff meetings after school and teachers also have marking and assessment to do in order to prepare for the next day's lessons...just because the children's school day ends at 3.20pm doesn't mean that our day ends then! We provide as much enrichment as we can, as much childcare as we can, and a lot more of both than many other schools, but there are limits to what we can offer. We understand that this might frustrate and disappoint some of you but we feel it is important that you understand the position the school is in.

CAVENDISH PTA NEWS

It's film night tonight – all places have sold out, so if you haven't pre-booked we're afraid there will be no admittance on the door.

The next PTA meeting will take place on **Tues 12 February at 7pm** in the Rhodes Building. If you were disappointed that your child missed out on the film night, please come along and volunteer your help. The more people we have joining in, the more events we can run.

Our next 'adults only' event, complete with licensed bar, will be the annual quiz night on March 8th. Further details will follow, but get swotting and see if you can knock the teachers off their perch after their glorious win last year! What? A fix? How very dare you... ;-)

HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY

Each year we mark Holocaust Memorial Day in assemblies with our older children. HMD is the day for everyone to remember the millions of people who were murdered during the Nazi regime. The Nazis targeted anyone they believed to be a threat to their ideal of a 'pure Aryan race', including gypsies, the disabled, gay people, non-White people, Slavic races, political opponents and, of course, Jewish people. As part of their R.E. topic, Y6 pupils went to the Central Library this week to take part in Holocaust workshops. The organisers were so impressed by their maturity and sensitivity to the subject that they have asked us to take a smaller group back today to meet 2 elderly Jewish ladies who escaped Germany and came to settle in England after Cuba refused to grant them entry. What a fabulous thing to be able to do; we feel very privileged to have been asked. There is a website with lots of information on about HMD, but we advise you to look at it with your child due to the nature of the material. It is: www.hmd.org.uk. The site also provides information about genocides in Cambodia, Rwanda, Bosnia and Darfur. Looking at the more recent examples of man's inhumanity to man does beg the question – when will the world say 'never again' and actually put an end to such horrific regimes?



We would like to share with you the email we received following Y6's day at the workshops:

Hi

Just to say how impressed I was with the children (and teachers) who attended our Holocaust Memorial Day workshops at the library today. Their level of engagement and interest was extremely high and the seriousness with which they approached this difficult topic displayed a maturity beyond their years.

Their behaviour and general demeanour was faultless as well. A real credit to their teachers, their school and to themselves.

Regards

Antony Lishak

Chief Education Consultant

We are very proud of the children for showing such respect to this important topic, and for being true Brilliant Citizens.

NEXT WEEK AT CAVENDISH

Tues 29 Jan: 3JF/3CH visiting PWHS as part of Egypt topic; MUFC girls' tournament
Weds 30 Jan: Y6 visiting Hale synagogue
Thurs 31 Jan: PWHS primary sports event 4.00 – 5.00pm
Fri 1 Feb: YR hearing/vision checks; Y5/6 futsal tournament; 3RM visiting PWHS