

Cavendish News

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Remember remember the fifth of November
Gunpowder, treason and plot.
I see no reason why gunpowder, treason
Should ever be forgot...

We'll certainly remember this year's bonfire night at Cavendish. Huge thanks must go to our PTA who organised and ran our most successful bonfire event yet! If you didn't get the chance to see the fireworks, our good friend Helen Corr at Didsbury Life made a short film of the display - have a look at her blog here:

<http://didsburylife.wordpress.com/2012/11/06/extra-curricular-activities-cavendish-style/>

Thanks for supporting the evening, which raised a magnificent £1200 for PTA funds. It will be used to enhance provision for pupils in school.



(photo courtesy of Didsbury Life)



Celebrations at Cavendish



The children have been celebrating Eid in school today, and some of them did a special performance in KS 2 assembly this afternoon to explain the meaning of Hajj.

Our Hindu families will be celebrating Diwali next week on Nov 13th. Diwali is celebrated each year by Hindus in India and all around the world in October or November. It is the Hindu New Year and is either a 3-day or 5-day holiday depending on where you come from. It is a very exciting and colourful holiday. Homes are cleaned to welcome the New Year and windows are opened so that the Hindu goddess of wealth, Lakshmi, can enter. It is believed that she cannot enter a house which is not lit up, so every household burns special Diwali clay lamps (diyas) to light the way for the goddess, which is why the holiday is also known as the Festival of Lights. Here's a simplified version of the Diwali story:

Once upon a time there was a great warrior, Prince Rama, who had a beautiful wife named Sita. There was also a terrible demon king called Ravana. He had twenty arms and ten heads, and was feared throughout the land. He wanted to make Sita his wife, and one day he kidnapped her and took her away in his chariot. Clever Sita left a trail of her jewellery for Rama to follow.

Rama followed the trail of glittering jewellery until he met the monkey king, Hanuman, who became his friend and agreed to help him find Sita. Messages were sent to all the monkeys in the world, and through them to all the bears, who set out to find Sita.

After a very long search, Hanuman found Sita imprisoned on an island. Rama's army of monkeys and bears couldn't reach the island, so they began to build a bridge. Soon all the animals of the world, large and small, came to help. When the bridge was built, they rushed across it and fought a mighty battle.

When Rama killed the evil Ravana with a magic arrow, the whole world rejoiced. Rama and Sita began their long journey back to their land, and everybody lit oil lamps to guide them on their way and welcome them back.

Ever since, people light lamps at Diwali to remember that light triumphs over dark and good triumphs over evil.



We wish all of our Hindu families a happy Diwali, and we will be holding an after school cultural celebration later this half term.

Upcoming Events & Dates for your Diaries

Cavendish Quiz Night



November 29th at 8.00pm

Cavendish PTA is hosting a fundraising "Pub Quiz" night, with fabulous food supplied by the popular local independent West Didsbury food boutique, Love2Eat. This is an Adult Only (18+) event with licensed bar, and will take place in the school hall.

TOP PRIZE - Voucher for £50 off a meal at Love2Eat for the winning team. Entry is just **£5 per person**, which includes your first drink at the bar - payable through ParentPay, PayPal or by cash via the school office postbox. Bring your own team (max 4 adults) or just turn up on the night and we will sort out teams. Full details are on the PTA website - <http://www.cavendishpta.org.uk/cavendish-quiz-night/>

TICKETS ARE SELLING FAST SO GET YOURS BEFORE THEY ARE ALL GONE

TICKET SALES CLOSE ON FRIDAY 23RD NOVEMBER 2012



Coming up soon...Cavendish Christmas Fair

Change of date & time - the Christmas Fair will now be held on FRIDAY 7TH December from 3.30pm to 6pm.

We will be holding two non - uniform days to help raise contributions for our Christmas Fair. They will be as follows:

Friday 30th November - Chocolate

Friday 7th December - Bottles

As usual, we will need your kind donations of books, toys and fancy goods to help make the fair a success. We also need lots of offers of help so that we can set up stalls and games, so please let us know if you are available.



A SPECIAL VISIT

We received an exciting phone call this week, all the way from Ghana!! To make the curriculum more exciting, we have linked many year groups to schools in other parts of the world so the children in both schools can learn from one another. Our Year 2 children are linked with a school in Ghana which has found funding to visit us at Cavendish! So, at the end of November, 2 teachers and 2 children will spend a couple of days with us in school before spending a day taking in the sights and sounds of Manchester. We will let you know more details as the plans develop, but in the meantime, if anyone has any ideas of how we could make the trip as memorable as possible for our visitors, please let us know at school.

BBC Children in Need

It's Children in Need Day next Friday, 16th November. We usually let children wear non uniform on that day and ask them to bring in a donation of £1 in return. However, this year we thought we'd do it differently. We are still giving them the chance to wear non uniform for the day, but we'd like each child to bring in just **1** toy that they no longer play with, and we'll donate all the toys to Manchester's Wood Street Mission Christmas toy appeal. The toys collected are then redistributed to children in need across the city. Obviously, the toy that your child brings in needs to be complete (no missing or broken parts/pieces) and in very good condition so that it has a bit of 'life' left in it. We hope that you and your child will support this appeal - it is also a very helpful way of starting that pre-Christmas clearout!



AU REVOIR YEAR 6 - HAVE A GREAT WEEKEND AT ROBINWOOD!!



STOP PRESS...just to let all Y6 parents and carers know that Year 6 arrived safe and sound at Robinwood at 11.15am