

Cavendish News

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Friday 14th December 2012

Christmas Fair

Thank you to everyone who supported our PTA Christmas Fair last Friday. It was the first time we've held it after school rather than on a Saturday, and it was a great success. You helped us to raise £1542 for PTA funds, and every penny will be used for the benefit of Cavendish pupils. I would like to pay particular tribute to Clare McCarron and Simon Manning, who are the PTA Chair and Treasurer respectively. We could not run successful events without their quiet and often unseen hard work, and they have been instrumental in the running of the bonfire, the quiz night and the fair this term.

League Tables

Being a Bolton fan, I often avoid looking at league tables, but the DfE have just published their school performance tables which are quite a different matter. At long last, they have also separated out the results of children who are classed as 'non mobile', i.e. those children who have been at Cavendish for more than half of their time in Key Stage 2.

	Level 4 or above in both English & Maths	Level 5 or above in both English and Maths	Children making expected progress English	Children making expected progress Maths	Value Added score (where 100 = average)
All pupils (includes late arrivals in Y5/Y6)	79%	30%	91%	93%	100.6
Non mobile pupils (children who were at Cavendish for <i>at least half</i> of their time in KS2)	84%	32%	96%	94%	101

The data suggests that the longer a child is at our school, the greater the chance of them making good progress. It's very difficult for schools when children arrive late in KS2 and have gaps in their learning. Although we try our utmost to meet all children's needs, there is only so much we can do in the short time we have with some of them.

This year, we were particularly pleased that 54% of our children attained Level 5 in reading, 38% attained Level 5 in writing, and 41% attained Level 5 or above in maths. In fact, 7% of our pupils got Level 6 in maths, which is twice the national average. We think this demonstrates that a primary school with a comprehensive intake such as ours can enable children of all abilities to fulfil their potential.

Messages from Mr. King...

Competition Time

Premier Sport are proud to partner Manchester Giants in their re launch as a professional basketball club, playing in the BBL. Visit the website www.manchestergiants.com for more information, or follow The Giants on twitter @manchestergiant

They are offering all schoolchildren a fantastic opportunity to become involved with Manchester Giants by naming the official team mascot! Attached to this week's newsletter is a picture of the new Manchester Giants mascot. Children are asked to colour him and give him a suitable name. The mascot will be officially launched, along with his new name, at the home game on 18th January 2013 against Surrey Heat. The child who wins the competition will win the opportunity for themselves plus a friend to be the official mascot on the night, along with free tickets for 10 class mates to enjoy the fantastic experience of a live professional basketball game! As well as this they will receive a school visit by a Manchester Giants player to present the award. Furthermore, as a reward for simply entering the competition each school will win a FREE health & physical activity day for their school delivered by Premier Sport.

Competition rules: Each child to colour the attached picture and write their name, their class name and their school name on the reverse, with contact number for the school (it's 0161 234 1020). Send your completed entries to:

Manchester Giants,
Unit 5, Nassau Mill Industrial Estate,
Vine Street, Eccles,
Manchester M30 0GF

Get them in by 22nd December 2012. The winning school will be contacted by 11th January 2013.. Good luck!

Please get involved to support your local club. Who knows, Cavendish might one day produce the future players!

Safety Warning

It's been very frosty this week, making the playground quite slippery. We've noticed a few children being dropped off at school as early as 8.15am, playing football on what is actually a dangerous surface. All parents/carers should be aware that there is no adult supervision of the playground before 8.50am, and it is not safe to leave your children playing unaccompanied on the ice at school. Thank you.

Thanks to our friends at Siemens for a great magic party on Tuesday - we really enjoyed it!

