

Cavendish News

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WELL DONE CAVENDISH!

We are very proud to tell you that Cavendish was placed first in the South Manchester indoor athletics competition last night. Congratulations to the children who now go through to the citywide final, and to their coaches who work so hard to prepare the children for competitions. Ms Hayles has a particularly broad grin on her face this morning!



BUILDINGS UPDATE

We have a meeting next week with the architects and builders involved with our new building, at which we will finally get to see the completed floor plans and elevational sketches that will be on display at the public meeting on Feb 3rd and we are **very** excited about it. Everyone connected with Cavendish is working hard to ensure that the facilities provided are the best they can be. We want the maximum value possible from the £3.2 million investment being made in our school. We have also had the very welcome news that a further £250 000 has been allocated to school which will enable us to refurbish the annexe that currently accommodates our before and after school provision. This project is still at a very early stage but we will let you know more about it when we can.

Moving the Y5 and Y6 classes into temporary Sibcas classrooms has already lifted everyone's morale. I had the pleasure of teaching Y5HD this morning and felt the difference for myself – no wind whistling through the gaps in the window frames, no layers of pigeon dirt on the window sills, no rain blowing in, toilets within easy reach of the classroom rather than down 4 flights of stairs and along a draughty corridor, no debris falling from the ceiling...it makes us realise what we had been putting up with in Shawgrove for so long. The children and their teachers are now in a lovely learning environment until our permanent building is ready.

EMERGENCY SCHOOL CLOSURE

We keep getting weather reports about snowy weather, although in fact the Manchester region rarely gets heavy snow. However, if at any time we are forced to have a snow closure day, we will inform you by Groupcall text message. Notice of closure will also be posted on the school Facebook page and on our Twitter feed. Please make sure that we have your current mobile phone number, and let us know whenever your number changes. I would like to stress that snow closure is very rare; I've been teaching since 1984 and I've only been scuppered by snow for 2 days in all that time.

MESSAGE FROM RECEPTION

The Reception team would like to say thank you for all the milk cartons that you've sent in so far. The igloo is taking shape but please keep sending the cartons into school – we want to build it big enough for a group of children to use at any one time.



NEXT YEAR'S HOLIDAYS

The training days for 2015/16 have been agreed by governors as follows, and we will put the complete holiday list on our website for you:

Tue	1 st Sept
Fri	23 rd Oct
Fri	12 th Feb
Mon	22 nd Feb
Thurs	5 th May

GOVERNOR & PARENT/CARER FORUM

Clare McCarron and Cath Fleming will be available to chat to in the downstairs hall on Weds 10th February from 3.30pm onwards. If there is anything you have ever wanted to ask about the governance of the school, or you want to discuss concerns, share ideas etc, then please pop in to see them at hometime or whilst you are attending parent/carer appointments that evening.

PTA VALENTINES' DISCO THURSDAY 12TH FEBRUARY

**5.00PM TO 5.30PM NURSERY &
RECEPTION ONLY
5.30PM TO 7.00PM ALL WELCOME**

**ADMISSION BY TICKET ONLY
YOU CAN PURCHASE TICKETS VIA
PARENTPAY**



YEAR 5 TRIP TO LONGENDALE

I had a lovely message last Friday from one of the Rangers who works at Longendale. He had worked with some of our children when they visited the centre earlier that day and just wanted to tell me how much he had enjoyed their company. He said they were keen, interested, asked great questions, worked together well and were unfailingly polite. What a lovely way to end the week.

Way to go Year 5!

