



Friday 13th
October 2023

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19th Oct: 2LB Class
Assembly

19th Oct: EYFS Open
Evening 4:30pm

20th Oct: 3MTS class
assembly 9:30

20th Oct: Show Racism
the Red Card Day

20th Oct: school closes

30th Oct: return to school

31st Oct: Flu Vaccinations

3rd Nov: PTA Bonfire Night

Brilliant Learning Experiences

Class assemblies will begin from next week - they are a fantastic way of children showcasing their learning, look out for your child's class assembly date.

We are also excited to share our first LEARNING NEWSLETTER will be sent next Friday.

Request for resources...



At Cavendish we are proud of how diverse a community we are. We love to be able to represent the different cultures of our children and families within classrooms. Your help would be paramount in achieving this. If you have any of the following at home and are able to donate to school, please could you send in: For EYFS - food packaging and fabrics from around the world Across the whole school - magazines, newspapers and books written in different languages or written about different cultures. THANK YOU!



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The value we have focused on this half term has been...



Y2 Parent Reading meeting

There will be a meeting for Y2 parents about reading Wednesday the 15th of November at 5:30pm.

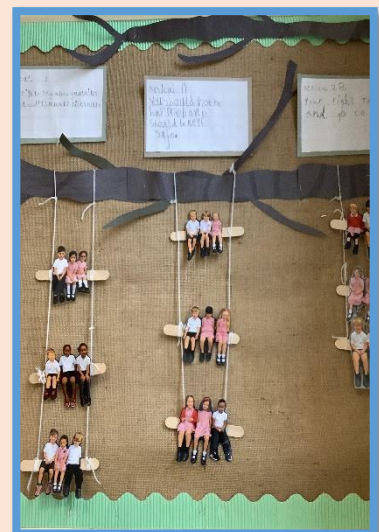
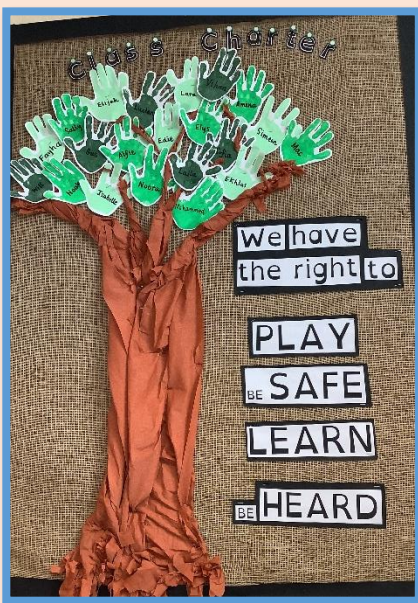




CLASS CHARTERS

At the beginning of the year our staff and children are busy setting up routines and learning environments ready for the year ahead. We use this as an opportunity to discuss our rights, values and behaviour. A charter is a visual document that establishes an agreed set of rights-based principles upon which relationships can be based and which provide a language for shared values. Creating charters supports a positive learning environment for children in the classroom and around school. It should be seen as a framework for both adults and children on how to respect each other's rights. The process of developing a charter models a rights respecting way of working in school. Take a look at some fantastic class charters. All the charters and councillors can be found on our school website -

<https://www.cavendish.manchester.sch.uk/page/unicef-rights/133289>



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Citizens

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September	October	November	December
	Cavendish Calendar launch	Bonfire Night Friday 3rd PTA Meeting Weds 15th, 7pm Festive Film Night Friday 24th	Xmas Raffle Draw Friday 1st Christmas at Cavendish Friday 8th
January	February	March	April
Foodbank Collection Date TBC	KS1 & KS2 Disco Friday 2nd	EYFS Disco Friday 1st Easter Crafternoon Friday 22nd	Eid Event Friday 19th
May	June	July	August
Quiz Night (adults only) Friday 10th	Didsbury Festival Crafternoon Date TBC	Summer Fete Friday 5th	

Bonfire Night Volunteers

Bonfire Night is the biggest event in the PTA calendar and raises the most out of any other event we organise. But it isn't possible to run without our wonderful volunteers!

- We are looking for help with:
- Setting up the event
 - Running a stall
 - Baking
 - Stewarding
 - Cleaning up

If you can help with any of these we would hugely appreciate it.

Check your class and year group WhatsApp groups for the sign up form or email enquiries@cavendishpta.org.uk and we will send you the form to complete.

Introducing the Cavendish Calendar

We are asking all budding photographers to send in photos of the local area throughout the seasons. The best photos will then be printed in the first ever Cavendish Calendar!

We will pick a winner every month and at the end of the school year we will pull together all of the winning photos to create a Cavendish School Calendar for the academic year 2024/25. The calendar will feature all of the school term dates and inset days too.

All entrants must be either a pupil or a parent/carer at the school. We ask that photos are of the local area only and do not feature people as the main subject.

To enter please send a high resolution photo to enquiries@cavendishpta.org.uk

You can enter more than once but any photos we receive that are blurred/out of focus or are of too low quality to be printed will not be eligible. The winners of the September and October photos will be announced in the school newsletter and on social media in early November so get them in soon to be in with a chance of winning!

Christmas Raffle Donations

We are accepting donations for our Christmas Raffle which will be drawn on Friday 1st December. We are asking local businesses and organisations if they are kindly able to donate prizes for our hugely popular Christmas raffle.

Do you own your own company? Or work for a business that would be able to make a donation?

We would be grateful for anything you could contribute. Last year we had some incredible prizes and we'd love to make this year bigger than ever! We will be sharing raffle prizes on our social media platforms and on our PTA website, where we will tag your business with clickable links.

Contact Krystal (07738 714430) or email enquiries@cavendishpta.org.uk to find out more.

WIN the chance to Push the Plunger!

This year for the first time ever we're offering someone the opportunity to push the plunger at the Cavendish PTA Bonfire Night and launch our Fireworks display on Friday 3rd November.

The team from Chorlton Fireworks will bring the winner up onto the field where they will safely 'Push the Plunger' to begin the fireworks of 2023.

In order to win this exciting prize you will need to enter our prize draw. It is 50p per entry and you can enter as many times as you like:

www.peoplesfundraising.com/raffle/fireworks

To qualify to enter you will need to have already purchased a ticket to the event. The competition closes at 11.55pm on Wednesday 1st November and the winner will be contacted via email.



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SEND



The latest news and updates for parents/carers of children and young people 0-25 years with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) in the Manchester City Council area.

<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/UKMANCHESTER/bulletins/373e23d>

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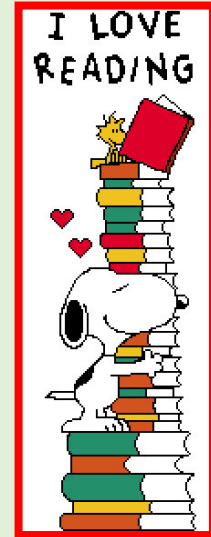
In this section of the newsletter we hear all about how the children are being **BRILLIANT** citizens!

Reading Champion!

Big shout out to Jude who did the summer reading challenge. He decided set himself the goal of 100 books in 6 weeks. His books varied from reading Mr Men to his little sister to the 5th Harry Potter. However, due to being on holiday for 4 weeks his supply of books ran a little dry and he only managed 92/100. This is still a **BRILLIANTLY** impressive number of books.

What an achievement Jude!

A huge well done!



James and Isla took part in a BMX race last Saturday run by the Manchester BMX Club. They did extremely well. **BRILLIANT** bike skills! Well done to you both!



We love to hear about how our children are achieving and making a difference outside of school. If you would like to share your news in the Cavendish newsletter, please let us know what you have been up to by emailing the school office...

office@cavendish.manchester.sch.uk



KEEPING SAFE & BEING HAPPY

PARENTING GAMERS



Moving from policing to parenting your gaming kids: how to engage and guide

With concerns about escalating screen-time, the impact of violence, unexpected costs and interloping strangers it can be tempting to lock down video games to limit their negative impact. While some sensible boundaries are helpful, they are only a short term solution for how we guide children towards gaming health. Like other areas of childhood, parents and carers can have a powerful steering presence by engaging and participating in the video games their children play. This not only reduces risks because they are aware of the kinds of activities, interactions and costs involved but makes video games a part of family life. Along with building dens, climbing trees, cooking and family walks, playing games with children enables parents to guide the quality of content being played. This may start with sharing the games children are currently playing, understanding why they love it and celebrating successes. But with a little research, this can grow into suggesting other games to play and higher ambitions for what kids get out of playing long-standing favourites.



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A New Media For Everyone

Video games are a new kind of media. Because they are new we don't entirely understand their potential yet. They've become hugely popular and commercially successful as blockbuster entertainment for children and teenagers. However, like books, films and music, the real range of video games on offer is much broader than this.

There are games about every topic you could imagine, and aimed at a wide range of ages and perspectives. Whether it's sharing a family's heartbreaking story in *That Dragon, Cancer*, stepping into the shoes of a Syrian migrant in *Bury Me, My Love*, or taking the hand of your child and soaring over the clouds in *Sky: Children of Light*, games take us places in unique ways. It's no surprise, then, that Newzoo figures show that in 2018 40% of men and 32% of women play games. And Entertainment Software Association (ESA) data showed that the average age for US gamers is 34 for women and 32 for men.

If you want to turbocharge your care of a child who loves playing video games, the best thing to do is to find games you want to play yourself. This can sound like strange advice until we consider how hard it would be caring for a child who loves books without reading ourselves or guiding a child who loves music without sharing our favourite songs.

Video Game Diet

Gaining an understanding of what video games are, what they are like to play and the different experiences on offer, enables you to encourage a varied gaming diet. Similar to how we don't worry about plate-time but what's on the plate, we can differentiate between different types of screen experience.

Playing *Fortnite* offers exuberant excitement and connection to friends. Playing *Mario Kart* connects us to the players sitting next to us. *Roblox* can be a place for children to play at having a job or surviving a storm. *Minecraft* can be a tranquil escape from a busy day at school. *Alto's Adventure* can be a way to calm anxiety or jangling nerves.

Parents and carers can expand these experiences. *Kingdoms Two Crowns*, *Reigns* and *Life is Strange* teach players to trust their instincts in game-worlds built to encourage risk and hunch taking. *Florence*, *Abzu*, *Journey* and *Brothers Tale of Two Sons* are a gentle way for children to learn about their own emotional responses to challenging situations as well as appreciating how people experiencing their first hand may feel. *Eco* and *One Hour, One Life* encourage the altruism of building something that other players benefit from.

Creators Not Consumers



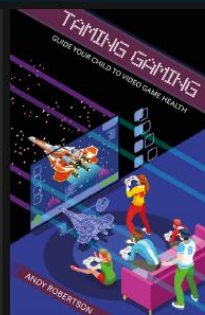
Ambition for their future means parents and carers support activities where children are excelling. While this is familiar territory when a child is brilliant at an instrument or learning a foreign language, it's easy to miss the need for our enthusiasm when it comes to video games. Along with the general connection and good feelings that come from a parent or carer celebrating success in an activity that a child enjoys comes the imperative that they could go further than they realise themselves. The rise in competitive video games can sound peculiar but requires great skill, draws large audiences and comes with high prize money for professional players. Beyond this, parents can guide children towards other careers in video games which need diverse creative, technical and social skills. A simple and effective way to do this is to encourage children to create as well as consume games. This can start as simple customisation of the games that allow you to design maps and characters. Then there are games like *Mario Maker* on Wii U, 3DS and Switch where you can design and share levels for other players. *Dreams* on the PlayStation 4 takes this further with an accessible game creator that's also really powerful.

Finding Games You Want Children To Play

Parenting rather than policing video games equips children to build good habits and a healthy relationship with digital media for when they leave home and parents aren't around to enforce the rules. One challenge can be finding the kinds of games you want your children to play. There are good resources to help you with this. Many of the examples here come from my upcoming *Taming Gaming* book: <https://unbound.com/books/taming-gaming/>

There are also websites that provide video game suggestions like *AskAboutGames* <https://www.askaboutgames.com>. Also, there are good Twitter accounts that help, like *Wholesome Games* (@_wholesomegames) and *Non-Violent Game Of The Day* (@NVGOTD).

You can also use the VSC Rating Board (<https://videostandards.org.uk/RatingBoard/>) website and PEGI app to search for games of different ratings.



Meet our expert

Andy Robertson is a parent of three children and journalist who writes for national newspapers and broadcast television. His *Taming Gaming* book helps parents guide children to healthy play.

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WED 25
THURS 26
FRI 27
OCTOBER
BOOK FOR
1, 2 OR 3
DAYS!

**BIG COMEDY SHOP'S
OCTOBER
HALF-TERM
COMEDY
CLUBS!**

AGES
6-12

IMPROV GAMES AND SKETCHES
Venue: Stretford Public Hall, M32 0LG
Duration: 10:30am-3:30pm
Price: £35 per child per day
10% discount for siblings!

For bookings or enquiries, email: bigcomedyshopinfo@gmail.com or contact Ali on 07793 956228

DIDSBURY HIGH SCHOOL

Open Evening

Wednesday 18th October
2023 | 5pm to 8pm

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Get Active This Half Term

The October Half Term is fast approaching. MCRactive and Manchester City Council are offering thousands of FREE places for children eligible for benefits-related free school meals. Activities will range from Sport and Physical Activities, Arts and Crafts and much more. In addition to the activities, their booked place will include a FREE meal during the day.

For more information & to book your child's space*: You will need to sign up for an MCRactive Go account <https://www.mcractive.com/> (sign in) to book free October Half Term activities. Once signed up, log into your account – Find Activities – Search by Category 'MCR Holiday Activity' - . Use code: 663587 to book free eligible activities. Please also visit <https://loadstodo.co.uk/> to view additional FREE holiday activities and other opportunities taking place across the city.

*Please only book your child onto a holiday camp if they will be attending. Spaces at each camp are limited. If you book a space and your child can no longer attend, please cancel your space as far in advance as possible, to allow the opportunity for another child to take their space at the activity and free meal.



CUSTOMER INFORMATION

School Holiday Activities

MCRactive BETTER

October Half Term Tennis and Football Camp. 9.30am-3.30pm.
Ages 5-10 beginners very welcome, all equipment provided.
Please book online through the Better UK app, website
Or use the below link
[Tennis & Football Holiday Camp](#)

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