

Beaver Road News

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International links

Connecting Classrooms – link with Pakistan

This week we were due to host a visit from colleagues from Bahawalpur in Pakistan. Children from classes in year 3, 4 and 6 were ready to show our visitors what they had already learned about Pakistan and give them some answers to the questions children in Pakistan had raised about life here in Didsbury. On Tuesday evening a celebration meal at the Gurkha Grill on Burton Road (owned by one of our parents) would bring the visit to a finale.

Unfortunately we heard over the weekend that visas for our guests had not arrived in time – so disappointment all round! Thank you to those parents who had offered to come in to School to meet our guests and to some of our Urdu speaking children who were going to act as guides during their stay.

The latest news we have is that our colleagues may be in England next week. Let's hope so!

Amaiur Ikastola in Pamplona, Spain

Children from Year 5 have now sent off their letters to the children from our link school in the Basque Country. Spanish is the second language at Beaver Road and all children have a weekly lesson from Year 3 onwards.

Later in the month staff from Beaver Road will be visiting Amaiur Ikastola (www.amaiurikastola.com) in Irunea-Pamplona to meet up with teachers from our other link schools in Marseille (France), Falkensee (Germany) and Macosquin (Northern Ireland), to plan activities for all the schools in the Summer and Autumn terms.

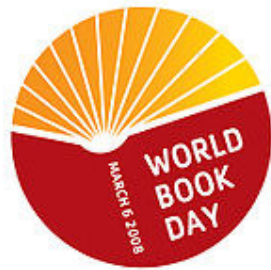
In May we will be hosting visitors from all our European partner schools here at Beaver Road.

German Democratic Republic – before the Wall came down

Last week a box arrived from the Europaschule am Gutspark in Falkensee, our German partner school (www.europaschule-falkensee.de). Falkensee was a town in the old German Democratic Republic (East Germany) and the box was full of artefacts from the time before the fall of the Berlin Wall – including fragments of the Wall itself. Our Year 6 children study World War 2 in depth, and now groups of children will be using the materials sent over from Germany to research the Cold war that divided Europe up until the very recent past.

International School Award

Having passed the initial assessment round, we hope to be successful in gaining the prestigious International School Award (ISA) in July of this year.



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Thursday 5th March 2009

About W.B.D

World Book Day, designated by UNESCO is a worldwide celebration of books and reading, and is marked in over 100 countries around the globe. The origins of the day we now celebrate in the UK and Ireland come from Catalonia, where roses and books were given as gifts to loved ones on St. George's Day - a tradition started over 80 years ago.



World Book Day 2009 in the UK and Ireland will take place on Thursday 5th March. World Book Day is a partnership of publishers, booksellers and interested parties who work together to promote books and reading for the personal enrichment and enjoyment of all.

A main aim of World Book Day in the UK and Ireland is to encourage children to explore the pleasures of books and reading by providing them with the opportunity to have a book of their own.

Thanks to the generosity of National Book Tokens Ltd and numerous participating booksellers, school children are entitled to receive a World Book Day £1 Book Token (or equivalent €1.50 Book Token in Ireland). The Book Token can be exchanged for one of the six specially published World Book Day [£1 Books](#). To support this we have asked Razma Reads (a local bookseller) to work in partnership with us on this day. All children will be able to use their book vouchers during the school day. After school, Razma Reads will be selling a wide range of books for children in the Key Stage 1 Hall.

In addition, we would like all children to come to School dressed as a character from a book, so that the whole School can celebrate the enjoyment that stories bring.

For more information there is a useful website www.worldbookday.com that has a variety of games that your child can enjoy at home.

