

# Beaver Road News

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## **Year 6 in France**

The Year 6s returned safely to Beaver Road yesterday evening (Monday) after their long weekend stay at Le Pre Catalan, Hardelot in the Pas de Calais.

Once again the children had a great time and did the School proud trying out the French they had learned on a visit to the Sunday market at Berck and at the ice cream shop in Hardelot itself.

A lot of time was spent on the nearby magnificent beach and sand dunes – walking, exploring, beachcombing, flying kites, sand surfing and showing the French the subtle arts of cricket and rounders!

Throughout the weekend the children were a credit to their parents in the way they conducted themselves, having great fun but showing their serious side when it was appropriate.

In the Spring Term the Year 6s completed a major study of World War Two. Over the Hardelot weekend they visited the impressive Le Coupole museum housed in the original bunkers built for V1 and V2 rockets that so nearly turned the course of the Second World War in the final months of the conflict. The children also visited the Etaples war cemetery where 12 000 soldiers killed in World War 1 and 2 are buried.

Thanks also to the staff – class teachers and teaching assistants - who gave up their bank holiday weekend to accompany the children and make this weekend possible.

## **‘Mexican’ flu precautions**

The threat of a flu pandemic at this stage needs a measured response.

Basic hygiene is an essential element of any actions taken to prevent flu spreading.

- We will take every opportunity to remind children to thoroughly wash their hands at every opportunity and how to act sensibly about coughs and sneezes.
- Caretaking and cleaning staff have been asked to make sure extra care is taken to clean and disinfect all hard surfaces.
- The School is taking immediate action to extend the use of personal water bottles to all children in Years 3 to 6 (younger children in School are already provided for).

We are making a special purchase of Beaver Road Primary School water bottles that can be individually labelled with each child’s name.

We are asking parents and carers for a donation of £1 to cover the cost of a bottle.

A flyer will be sent out to you when the bottles are ready for distribution.

## **Websites for home**

Two websites have been recommended to us by Junior Education magazine:

[www.aquila.co.uk](http://www.aquila.co.uk) A children’s magazine that extends and enriches knowledge and understanding of everything from archaeology to outer space

[www.globalgang.org](http://www.globalgang.org) an excellent resource for children to learn about citizenship and human rights – information, games and ideas from countries and cultures across the world. *(This website is produced by Christian Aid).*