

Beaver Road News

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We never close

There was plenty of anger in the press last week about schools being shut because of the weather - 'Teachers must show grit' was one of the less critical headlines. Actually across the country 80% of schools were open as usual on Monday and 66% on Tuesday, the worst day.

All Beaver Road staff reported in. Many thanks to those staff who did experience real problems with travel from worse affected areas than Didsbury.

But what a shame the snow did not last for much longer at Beaver Road on Monday. The snow was perfect for building snowmen, sledging and throwing snowballs! Many of our children have never experienced snow here in Didsbury before, so we were all set to use the back field for Snow Play. But by playtime the temperature had risen and the snow had mostly disappeared.

Not sure about the children but the staff were crestfallen!

International visitors and links

On Wednesday we will be hosting a visit by three Japanese student teachers and their tutor Professor Manabu Asai. We are hoping this may be the start of a link for our children to schools in Japan.

During the week of 2 March our Headteacher friends from Bahawalpur (Punjab, Pakistan) will be revisiting us. Year 3 children at Beaver Road are starting on a project linking us with schools in Bahawalpur. The project 'Connecting Classrooms' is sponsored by the British Council and aims to extend and enrich understanding of each others lives and cultures.

If any of our Urdu speaking parents would like to be in school on Tuesday 3 March to greet our visitors, please contact me at school.

Try and pay a visit to our European partnership website www.allabouteachother.org for news and views from our partner schools in Germany, Spain, France and Northern Ireland.

Disaster Fund

Well done to the children of Year 5 and 6 who organised a cake stall on Friday to raise money for emergency relief in Gaza. Over £50 was contributed by Beaver Road parents, carers and children.

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Friends of Beaver Road News

FOBR will be holding a Spring Ball at the Galleon on Saturday 28th March at 7.30p.m and posters are now up around the School advertising the event. FOBR are asking parents to put together tables of 10 people, although we smaller groups can be put together.

The ticket price is £30.00, which will include a 3 course meal and DJ. A raffle will be held with great prizes on offer.

FOBR are approaching local businesses for support but if parents are able to donate any prizes or have any ideas for raffle prizes, please could they contact Sophie (Chair of FOBR) on 438 0678.

FOBR also intend to hold ' **a grounds maintenance ' general tidy up at the School** on the afternoon of Saturday 9th May at 2pm. So bring your brushes, hoes, paint brushes and some inspiration! Anyone who is interested can just turn up but it would be helpful to know numbers in advance.

FOBR will also be organising another **walk around Didsbury** when the weather improves!

The next FOBR meeting is on Tuesday 24th February at 63 Fog Lane starting at 7.30 pm

Anyone interested in joining FOBR can contact Sophie at sophiebarbados@hotmail.com or on 438 0678.

An exclusive offer to raise funds for the Friends of Beaver Road.

For a £10.00 donation to the Friends of Beaver Road you can enjoy a *NO HANDS*® 'Back to Basics' Massage treatment.

Massage helps your mood, boosts your immune system, helps to reduce stress and promote relaxation.

This offer is limited to 50 people with only one treatment at the offer price available per person. For further information and to book an appointment please contact Anne Guy on 0788 759 2434 or e-mail anne.guy@virgin.net

Anne is part of our Beaver Road Primary School community, with a daughter in Year 3. Anne is a fully qualified massage therapist and holds full public liability insurance.