

Beaver Road News

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Year 3 children excel at Robinwood

This last weekend (24-26 April) 57 children went to the North Pennines Robinwood Outdoor Centre. They were accompanied by volunteer staff from our School.

Our children were the youngest group ever to attend Robinwood – and they achieved phenomenal success. They completed every task presented to them – trapeze, zip wire, obstacle course, giant swing, piranha pool, dragon's quest, canoeing, night line, stream walk – much to the amazement of the permanent staff at the Centre, who were full of praise for our children's commitment, courage, resilience and not least – energy! They were particularly impressed with how they cooperated and supported each other. I think some of the instructors shed a few tears when our children left!

Many thanks to all the parents who supported the weekend – it's a real privilege to teach your children. Sorry for the late arrival back of the coach. The driver was sent to the wrong pick up point and then the coach engine over heated on the steep gradients of the north Pennine hills and had to have a little rest and cooling off time (bit like our own staff after the weekend I expect!) before carrying on with the journey back to Manchester.

Watch out soon on the website for photos and commentary on the Robinwood weekend – www.beaverraod.org.uk

Year 6 to France

On Friday 60 children and staff from our School leave in the early morning for Dover and the Channel crossing to Calais. They will be spending the Bank Holiday weekend in Hardelot (1 hour south of Calais on the coast) at the PGL Adventure Centre. They return to Manchester on Monday evening. A report will appear next week.

Beaver Road – onwards and upwards

The most recent analysis of our School achievement by consultants Croft Education, reported that the progress our children make at School, as measured over the past three years, as follows:

All Subjects	Upward, at a high Level
English	Upward, year on year, at a high Level
Maths	Upward, at a high Level
Science	Upward, year on year, at a high Level

The Croft report stated:

Your percentile rankings for 2008 (the latest statistics available) put progress levels at Beaver Road within the **top 25%** of schools nationally across the core subject range.

Monday 4 May – no School

Please remember next Monday is a public holiday

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Friends of Beaver Road (FOBR)

Thank you to everyone who attended the Ball, which raised a staggering £2,500 and was quite good fun as well!

FOBR are organising **2 MAINTENANCE DAYS** at the School on Saturday 9th and 16th May from 10.00AM until 6.00PM to paint a mural on the wall in the Year 2 and 4 Playground.

The mural has been designed by Rosana, a local artist and there are posters up at the School showing the design.

We need plenty of volunteers and if you have any spare wire brushes, masonry paint or brushes, please bring these with you. Hopefully we won't need to contact DIY SOS, so show your support and come along!

Contact Sophie on 438 0678 if you need any more information.

Further Dates for your Diaries:

2nd May Table Top Sale

3rd June AGM

6th June Didsbury Festival (Cakes urgently needed!!)

10th July FOBR Summer Disco at the School 6.30 till 8.30.

Thank you for your support."



Rosanna's design for the mural - look at e-newsletter on website for colour version.