

Beaver Road response to the Haiti earthquake

Our School community has always been very generous in its support of charities. A number of our older children have asked if they can raise money for the victims of last Tuesday's earthquake disaster in Haiti.



The people of Port-au-Prince and other areas affected by this week's devastating earthquake in Haiti are living outdoors, surrounded by the ruins of their homes. Picking through the rubble, they try to salvage what they can from a tragedy that defies comprehension.

We have decided to support the UNICEF (United Nations Children's Fund) call for help to overcome the massive humanitarian obstacles that face some 3 million people affected by the quake. The aid is desperately needed. Thousands of Haitians are feared dead, many more are injured and an unknown number are still missing.

Since the disaster struck on 12 January, emergency responders' first priority has been search-and-rescue assistance – including teams with heavy-lifting equipment, as well as medical aid. UNICEF's efforts have focused on water and sanitation, therapeutic food for infants and small children, medical supplies and temporary shelters.



UNICEF in action - a child receives medical treatment after being injured in the earthquake in Port-au-Prince, the capital city of Haiti

Friday 22 January will be Haiti Day at Beaver Road



On Friday we are asking everybody to wear a combination of blue and red, the national colours of Haiti and to bring in a donation of up to £1.00.

Parents and carers wishing to donate directly to UNICEF can access the charity

on www.unicef.org.uk

www.beaverroad.org.uk

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Men Behaving Dadly

A consultation meeting for fathers from all the Didsbury schools on Monday 8 February at St James Emmanuel Parish Centre (Barlow Moor Road) from 5.30 to 6.30 pm.

The purpose of the meeting, organised by our Parent Support Advisor Janita Grant is to:

- Increase participants' confidence in engaging in their child's schooling
- Increase schools' understanding of barriers affecting male carers from engaging in the school environment
- Highlight potential solutions to overcome identified barriers

Please contact Janita Grant Parent Support Advisor 07500 212 861 or by email j.grant@broadoak.manchester.sch.uk

Parent Szilvi Naray-Davey on stage at Lowry

FENCING FOR LOSERS

Square Chapel, Centre for the Arts, 10 Square Road, Halifax HX1 1QG
Saturday 16th January, 7.30pm
Tickets: £10 full/£8 concession

The Lowry, Pier 8, Salford Quays M50 3AZ
Friday 29th, Saturday 30th and Sunday 31st January, 7.45pm
Saturday 30th January, 2.30pm
Tickets: £5/£7.50 in advance, £10 on day

Manchester's unique fringe theatre company, Ignition Stage, presents *Fencing for Losers*, a moving tale of the cut-and-thrust nature of human relationships. First shown at the Buxton Festival Fringe and Didsbury Studio Theatre in May 2009, *Fencing for Losers* achieved excellent reviews in City Life ('Directed with imagination, humour and a masterly feel for pace.' ****) and The British Theatre Guide ('This is a powerful short piece of theatre.'). It is the second collaboration between Ignition Stage and Salford-born playwright, Rob Johnston of Breathe Out Theatre. Their first joint production, the hugely successful *The Opposite of Claustrophobic*, was a sell-out in 2007. For more information & tickets:

<http://www.thelowry.com/WhatsOn/EventDetail.aspx?EventId=4057>

or call 0843 208 6000

For directions, see

<http://www.thelowry.com/VisitorInformation/Directions.html>

www.beaverroad.org.uk

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Making good use of lost property (clothing)

All children's clothing marked with the child's name found/lost around School is returned. Unmarked clothing is taken to the lost property area adjacent to the Y2/Y4 entrance.

From this week unclaimed clothing that has been in the lost property area for a week or more will be donated through one of our parents, to the Wood Street Mission (www.woodstreetmission.org.uk)

The Wood Street Mission provides practical help to children and their families throughout Manchester and Salford.

Practical help is in the form of good quality second hand clothing, bedding, most items of baby equipment and toys. They also provide toy and food parcels for families at Christmas time and Easter Eggs for children at Easter.

The vast majority of families they help are born in Manchester and Salford.

Working with all statutory services throughout the area and in particular with Health Visitors and Social Workers, families are referred to the Wood Street Mission for help where a need has been identified. They can also help as part of a package of support, especially when liaising with other voluntary agencies who are working with the family. For instance another agency may be providing a family with new beds for the children, whilst Wood Street Mission can then provide bedding for the beds. These partnerships enable the families' needs to be met quickly and without duplication, so maximising the donations the Wood Street Mission receives.

School Library

The new School Library is slowly coming together! But we do need extra help. Parent Governor Patricia Holmes is helping to coordinate the work of cataloguing books. If you could spare any time please contact her via her email p.holmes436@btinternet.com

Safeguarding children

Visit our Safeguarding Children page on the School website for lots of helpful information about keeping your children safe at home and out and about <http://www.beaverroad.org.uk/safeguarding.htm>