

To the children and staff at Beaver Road Primary School

This school year we have once again worked with many children and staff from your school and we have learned with you as we have worked together in your brilliant school.

In the Autumn Term we worked with Year 5 children on fractions and decimals. Here is a photo of some Marvellous Mathematicians from Year 5 working with two of our trainee teachers.



Then, in the Spring Term, we worked with children from Year 1, buying fruit from the shops in Didsbury. (One of our trainee teachers and I wrote an article about this work which was published in a teachers'

magazine.) Here are two Year 1 Super Shoppers with another two of our trainee teachers.



Mr Warren also helped us this year and about 250 trainee teachers watched a video we made of one of his excellent maths lessons.

Then I came back this term on my own and worked with a group of boys and girls from Year 6 on Philosophy. We met every Tuesday afternoon for six weeks and asked important questions like who we are, whether we should fight in wars and whether Manchester United would win the double. (Actually we only discussed two of those questions – I'll leave you to work out which ones!)

Here is the Fantastic Philosophy group.



As usual, all of us have been impressed by the confidence, independence and good behaviour of children at Beaver Road. We have also been impressed by how well children at Beaver Road work cooperatively in teams and how well they discuss their ideas with others. We have been impressed too by the imaginative, generous and hard-working staff who work in school.

It has been a pleasure to spend time working at Beaver Road and we look forward to working with you again next year. Thank you for your enthusiasm.

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