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Teaching Staff Changes – Orange Class

Wendy Simpson will be leaving Muswell Hill Primary School after the Easter break. Wendy has been teaching at our school for more than 30 years. She has been a much valued and dedicated member of the staff team here, and she has taught generations of children from our community. Her own children also came to our school. She started her teaching career at our school as Wendy Wilde and in the past few years has been teaching, part time, across Reception and KS1 classes.

We all wish her well and much happiness as she begins a new phase of her life.

Her last day with us will be Friday 27th March 2015. We will be having an assembly to say goodbye to her on that day and if you would like to send a card or contribute towards her leaving present then please drop off any donations to the office before that date.

From Monday 13th April, Kath Edmundson, who has been teaching Orange Class this year, is delighted to be extending her existing hours to work with the children from Monday to Thursday. Roisin Barker has been working at our school with Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 since October 2014. Roisin is a very experienced member of staff and we have been delighted with her impact when working with the children. Roisin will be teaching Orange Class on Fridays.

On behalf of all the staff, parents, children and governors at Muswell Hill Primary School I wish Wendy all the very best for the future and know that she takes very fond memories of our school with her.

Sports at MHPS

Hat-trick Heroes!

Muswell Hill Primary has been enjoying incredible success in the various sports tournaments we have attended in 2015, and as you will see, a number of these achievements are not one offs, but a continuation of our commitment to providing opportunity for competitive sport outside of the school.

Quicksticks Hockey

An 'A' and 'B' team recently competed against 12 other schools for the right to represent Haringey at the London Youth Games in Quicksticks Hockey. This has been a sport we have only adopted for the last three years, and Muswell Hill Primary continue to dominate other schools in the borough in this discipline. Both our teams displayed excellent skills and understanding of this sport, and our 'A'





team (who unfortunately knocked out the 'B' team in the group stages) went on to defeat Haringey's Sporting School of the Year, Tetherdown, in a tense, hard fought final, coming back from a goal down to win 3-1. Great thanks go to Graham Atkinson who's assistance in Quicksticks over the years has been invaluable. We are now going to the Youth Games for the third year running and hope to improve on our third place finish from last year. Head over to the school website to read player's Magnus Blair's and Keziah Steven's report.

Boys' Premier League Football

We were incredibly proud that our boys' football team have made the finals stage of this prestigious competition where they will be playing against the best schools in Enfield and Barnet for the right to represent Tottenham Hotspur in a premier league competition facing teams from around the country. In the event they win, the team will go on to play at White Hart Lane, where I'm sure both Graham, James and myself will make sure our calendars are clear so that we might go along to help 'coach' them on the day! Read Jack Trigg and Otto Proctor's report on the website on how they got there and their hopes for the finals.

Key Steps 3 Gymnastics

A mixed team of boys and girls competed against more than 10 other schools in gymnastics for the right to represent Haringey at the Youth Games. This is an incredibly difficult sport and requires exceptional skill, strength and concentration. Not only that, the children have to learn a sequence of moves and positions and then perform them before judges and other children. As a result, the children put in an exceptional amount of time preparing for this and we were indebted to the class teacher's understanding in releasing these children to do this. All that hard work paid off, and not only did Muswell Hill win this event, and therefore become our third team to go to the Youth Games this year, but we won a number of individual medals too. Congratulations go to Georgina Orford (best girl), Read Louis and Georgina's report about this on the website.

Cross Country

Last, but never least, twenty children ran for the school in cross country on Friday the 6th of March. Not only is this a difficult event to prepare for but it demands so much from the individual in terms of the duration, distance and fierce competitiveness involved in racing alongside 170 other children. They all performed brilliantly. All finishing and all thoroughly proud of themselves, as I was. Both the boys' and girls' team finished fifth overall, a very creditable result, but we had a few outstanding performers: Annie Ackerman who finished 15th overall and Lucas Radley who finished 17th. Well done too, to those children for whom this was the first opportunity to represent the school: Aisha, Talia, Bea, Nye, Jack, Maddy, Oli, Raffy.

Coming up

We'll be taking a Year 5 only team to tag rugby in March as well as a mixed team to defend our Basketball trophy from last year. Fingers crossed...

For more information and reports please see: <http://muswellhillprimary.co.uk/sports/>

David Howes, PE Subject Leader and Assistant Headteacher, Year 4, 5 and 6.

Football Fridays

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The children's School Council have voted to re-introduce Football Fridays this year. This was a huge success with the children and the staff last academic year. This is a tournament for any children who would like to be involved from Year 5 and 6. The children in all the other year groups are invited to watch when their team are playing. The children will be given a t-shirt that can be decorated in their team's colours. All the details on this tournament are available at:

<http://muswellhillprimary.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2015/02/Football-Fridays-2015.pdf>

Last year, the Ham and High were very interested in this tournament.

<http://muswellhillprimary.co.uk/school-office/>

Science Enrichment at Fortismere Secondary School

As part of the transition from Primary to Secondary education the Year 6 team have established a link with the Science department at Fortismere School in order for the children to undertake scientific learning within a secondary environment, using equipment and lab facilities under the direction of a secondary science teacher.

This is a wonderful opportunity for the children to begin to make their transition journey into secondary as well as taking advantage of being taught by Mr Sharma, one of the most experienced members of the science faculty at Fortismere.

The focus of the sessions will be chemistry and there will be follow on work to be completed in class as well as a booklet for the children to complete.

For details on Year 6's work and photographs of their work please follow this link and look for the 'Science Enrichment' banner: <http://muswellhillprimary.co.uk/>

Golden Tickets and Theme For The Week

At MHPS we have a 'Theme For The Week.' This could be 'empathy' or 'honesty' for instance. These themes will form the basis of our assemblies for that week.

We also have a Golden Ticket system. We have the following Golden Rules:

- We are gentle
- We look after property
- We play well with others
- We are honest
- We work hard
- We are kind and helpful
- We listen
- We walk carefully through the school
- We are polite to everyone

Golden Tickets are given by the staff based on children following the Golden Rule for the week. Assemblies on Fridays will involve a celebration of the class with the most Golden Tickets.

The Golden Rule for the week and the Theme for the Week are displayed on the school website each week. Please follow this link: <http://muswellhillprimary.co.uk/>



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Friday assemblies will also involve our teaching staff awarding a certificate to one child per class for great work or for meeting the Golden Rules.

French Club

Les étoiles filantes.

A brand new 30 minute French group every Thursday lunchtime time during term time in the clubhouse!

Spaces are very limited so please book now.

All bookings (by the 27th of March) and enquiries to sylvieturner@hotmail.com

Group leader Sylvie Turner, bilingual Muswell Hill Primary School mother says, “research shows that the younger we learn a language the easier it is to grasp, and that learning a second language helps general cognitive skills. Les étoiles filantes will be a fun and relaxed way to improve your child's French abilities.”

Sylvie Turner

World Book Day

On Friday the 6th March, we celebrated World Book Day. The children and staff enjoyed dressing up as their favourite book characters, there were some fantastic costumes. We had a special assembly in which pupils who were selected from their classes shared their performance poetry. There was a very entertaining selection of humorous and classical poetry, all performed with great confidence and energy to a very happy audience. The children had the opportunity to work with a person from a different class to make their own picture book, this was a lovely activity which we hope will inspire the children and encourage them all to be great readers and super story writers.

Please follow this link for more a few photos of the event:

<http://muswellhillprimary.co.uk/gallery/world-book-day-2/>

Roz Szecowka – Literacy Subject Leader

Michael Rosen – Supporting the Early Years Outdoor Area Project

As you know, we are transforming the Early Years outdoor space. For details of the plans please see the following link: <http://muswellhillprimary.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2015/02/Muswell-Hill-EYFS-LAYOUT.pdf>

The first phase of the project has been paid for. However, the second phase requires £17,000 to complete. If you would like to donate to this project please see the link that is now ‘live’ on your Parent Pay account.

Michael Rosen has offered to lead a fundraising event with all proceeds going towards the shortfall required.

On **Thursday 16th April**, Michael be will be reading some of his poetry to the children in assemblies. After each assembly (one for Reception and KS1 and a separate one for KS2) Michael has offered to hand-write some short poems and sign them for the children. The poems will cost £5 each. We will write to remind parents/carers and children nearer to the time.

We are very grateful to Michael for supporting our project.



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J4 Media – The Buzz Issue 2

Have you seen The Buzz magazine yet? It's a great way for children to access lots of National Curriculum content in a palatable and user-friendly magazine format. The idea is that they read the magazine because it's fun, engaging and speaks to them in a way that they respond to – just don't tell them that they're learning something along the way! Issue 2 is currently available to buy via Parentpay. And if you'd like to flick through a copy, you'll find one in the link building, outside the school office.

For more information please follow this link: <http://muswellhillprimary.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2015/03/MHPS-The-Buzz-issue-2-letter-to-parents-.pdf>

Multisport Opportunities – Easter Holiday

Hello everyone,

We are proud to be working in partnership with Muswell Hill Primary School to bring you an exciting new Multi-Sport Camp during the coming Easter holidays! Whether it's improving basic hand/eye coordination or helping raise their game to make a school tournament squad, we will be here to cater for the ability levels of all children. Oh and most importantly...WE GUARANTEE FUN!

Join us for:

TENNIS/TAG RUGBY/CRICKET/DODGE BALL/ULTIMATE FRISBEE/HOCKEY/TABLE TENNIS/BASKETBALL/ATHLETICS/GOLF/NETBALL

Plus, in-between all that we'll even be teaching better nutrition habits with our sports specific ELA (Eat-Like-Athlete) lunchtimes!

Riaan Kelly

Head Coach

To enquire about the sports camp please contact Riaan directly: riaan@kickaboutfc.com

Please see the following link for further details: http://muswellhillprimary.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2015/03/multisport_intro.pdf

The school office will not be able to answer questions about this Multisport opportunity.

Abel and Cole Fundraising

Please remember that Muswell Hill Primary supplies organic fruit and vegetables for parents to collect from the school office. Please see your Parent Pay account for details of what is on offer and when you are able to collect your ordered produce. Many thanks to all those who have been using this system – so far we have raised nearly **£200!**



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Red Nose Day Friday 13th March 2015

We had an amazingly successful day last Friday.

The children, staff and parents raised over £1,500 (on the last count) for Comic Relief. We are hoping that once other monies come in (sponsorship and raffles etc) that this total will be more like £2,000. The government has promised to double any amount raised so this is an amazing total. It was all great fun and we had a wonderful assembly with dancing, singing and Michael Rosen giving prizes for 'funny faces'! There were cake, biscuit, fruit and vegetable stalls to support the good cause. Sapphire class alone (due to a homework challenge) raised over £600. There were plenty of individuals who managed to raise over £100 each –They include Mabel Matejczyk, Louis Tickner, Rosie Solomons, Evie McCorry and Mila Bogdanovic.

Well done to all and thank you once again for your support and generosity.

Helen Hattersley (Deputy Headteacher)

Important Dates

05.03.15 Orchestra Concert KS2 Hall 9:30am
24 & 26.03.15 Parents Evening Meetings 4-6pm
27.03.15 End of Spring Term
13.04.15 Start of Summer Term
16.04.15 Michael Rosen Poetry Sale
24.04.15 Y4 Sharing Assembly
28.04.15 Ruby Sharing Assembly
01.05.15 Y3 Sharing Assembly
05.05.15 Red Sharing Assembly
18-22.5.15 Art Week
25-29.05.15 HALF TERM
01.06.15 TAD - No School for pupils
02.06.15 Start of 2nd half term

