

Muswell Hill Primary School

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## Attendance and Punctuality

The school attendance from September 2013 to present is now **96.11%**. Thank you for continuing to bring the children into school punctually and supporting school attendance. The class with the highest attendance from September 2013 to July 4<sup>th</sup> 2013 will be provided with an extra school trip free of charge. This will be a tour of the Emirates Stadium where the children will be able to go into the Director's box, sit on the manager's pitch-side seat and see the trophy room as a part of a full tour. Please see the home page of the website for details. Currently, at the time of writing, the top 3 classes are:

- 1) Ruby – 97.02%
- 2) Orange – 96.67%
- 3) Cobalt – 96.59%

Keep up the great attendance – whichever class has the highest attendance on July 4<sup>th</sup> 2014 will be selected to go on this trip.

I would like to thank parents and carers for adhering to the system that we have at school for entering the building. It is important that all parents/carers speak with the school office if there are any concerns or if you need to pass a message to your child. The only entrance to the school is via the office so that all visitors can be signed in.

**Please note that the school is closed to pupils on June 2<sup>nd</sup> and June 3<sup>rd</sup> as these are the final two training days for the staff. This information is on the school calendar:**

<http://muswellhillprimary.co.uk/calendar/>

**The last day of term is July 22<sup>nd</sup> 2014.**

**Please note that in the Autumn Term there will also be training days for staff on September 1<sup>st</sup> and September 2<sup>nd</sup>. I hope this information supports you in planning for the summer break.**

## Pupils at Muswell Hill Primary

Our pupils excel out of school as well as from 8:55am to 3:30pm. Here are examples of a few pupils who have been very busy since my last newsletter.

Congratulations to Tara in Cobalt Class who swam 1.5km and raised over £350 for charity. Tara trained for months to complete this outstanding achievement!

I would like to thank pupils in Cobalt Class for writing some excellent responses to an optional narrative homework task that was set for them: <http://muswellhillprimary.co.uk/classes/cobalt/>

Kate and a few friends in Indigo Class have been extremely busy raising money for our partner school in Ghana. Kate, Milica and Callista baked cakes, concocted home-made lemonade and bracelets and raised £100 for the Haatso Calvary School, Accra, Ghana.



This took a lot of planning and entrepreneurial spirit. Emma Hegazy will be delighted! Thank you.

Please let me know if you have a similar story so it can be inserted into the next newsletter.

## Our Environment

The school has been working hard to secure a landscape architect to provide drawings and costs for planned improvements to the playgrounds and EYFS outdoor area. We have now commissioned a consultant to lead the process for us so that we can be clear about improvements that need to happen in the short-term and the long-term. I will provide more details on this in subsequent newsletters and keep you informed on the plans for outdoor learning space.

The school has begun a competition named 'Where Are The Most Creative Corners in Muswell Hill Primary School?' Each class has £100 to use as they like to take further ownership of their environment and make their classroom even more creative! There have been one or two changes to this initiative – please see the details on the home page of the website:

<http://muswellhillprimary.co.uk/>

## Getting Involved

The Parent and Governor Book Club has started. The group meet each month during the afternoon in the outdoor classroom in the KS2 playground at Muswell Hill Primary School. The group have selected books and now meet regularly each month to discuss the texts. If you would like any further details or would like to join the club please contact Burcu: [burcucon@hotmail.com](mailto:burcucon@hotmail.com)

Each Sunday there is Parent, Staff and Governor Football at the Power League on Colney Hatch Lane. There are regularly 10 participants who attend this and everyone is welcome! The idea is to meet others in the school community. If you would like to join the email list please email Tarun: [tarun@chadha.org.uk](mailto:tarun@chadha.org.uk)

## Lost Property and Lunch Boxes

The lost property collection box is situated in each of the playgrounds. These are yellow containers. At the end of each half term, these are emptied and the contents are given to charity by depositing them into the TRAIID bin which is located opposite the school office.

All lunchboxes, which are stored in the KS2 playground in cages will also be disposed of, due to hygiene reasons, during week commencing 26<sup>th</sup> May 2014.

## Achievements

We have been very busy maintaining our sporting reputation in the borough. Each time there is a competition we ask the teacher attending or the pupils to write a brief report. These can be found on the website: <http://muswellhillprimary.co.uk/sports/> and always go into the 'latest news' section.

Recently there have been a range of tournaments: quicksticks hockey, basketball, cross-country and, most recently, netball. I would like to thank the teachers for taking the pupils and being so enthusiastic whether we win, lose or draw. I would also like to thank the pupils for always representing the school magnificently and always winning graciously or being truly noble in defeat. You are a credit to our school and we are very proud of you.

## Community News

CrossSafeN10 are a group from the local Community who have been campaigning for improvements in the local area. I include an update on their progress since the last newsletter when we asked parents and carers to sign the petition if they wished to. Our school Governor, Sheila Watson, has written the following update:

*'We just wanted to update you on recent progress of the CrossSafeN10 group for safety improvements on the junction of Alexandra Park Road, Pages Lane and Colney Hatch Lane. We attended and spoke at a recent Area Forum meeting, and are delighted to report that as a result of this and of the petition which many of you signed, not only did Haringey Council and TfL commit to work together on a comprehensive junction review, but we got a date for when it will be completed - Autumn of this year! We also got some immediate improvements to the junction in the form of improved signage and lighting on Colney Hatch Lane, and repairs to the road and railings. Thanks for all of your support - we aren't there yet, and we will keep up the pressure for more extensive improvements in order to secure the safety of all those - particularly children - who use these busy junctions.'*

*Sheila, Rachael, Svetlana and Mel.'*

## Art Week

Muswell Hill Primary School is set to be an explosion of colour and creativity when it holds its first art week from 19th May followed by an art exhibition on Friday 6 June 2014. With a Brazilian carnival theme, the children will be turning their hands to making carnival masks, musical instruments, outdoor sketching, tin foil sculptures and much, much more.

I would like to thank Toby Harrison, our Art Subject Leader, for working incredibly hard to get this exciting week planned. The children and staff are very excited at having a designated week to show our creativity. There will be more detail to follow. I would also like to thank parents/carers and staff who have supported Toby in preparation for this.

## Dates for the diary

Please note that the school calendar contains key dates for Parents and Carers for the Summer Term:

12-15 MAY	KS2 SATS	Yr6
19-23 MAY	ART WEEK	
<b>26-30 MAY</b>	<b>HALF TERM</b>	
1 & 2 JUNE	TAD	No School for Pupils
6 JUNE	ART EXHIBITION	2-4pm & 7-9pm
10 JUNE	CLASS PHOTOGRAPHS	
21 JUNE	SUMMER FAIR	12-3pm
27 JUNE	KS2 SPORTS DAY	9-11:30am Fortismere School
4 JULY	PENNY COMPETITION	SPA
8 JULY	KS1 SPORTS DAY	9-11:30AM
<b>22 JULY</b>	<b>LAST DAY OF TERM</b>	

The children will return to school on **Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September** at 8:55am