

The Governor

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Welcome back to a new school year at Muswell Hill Primary.

It's lovely to see the children looking happy, well rested and excited to be back with their friends. Well done to parents for making it through the long summer; some of you look equally excited to be dropping your children off...

A warm welcome to our new Reception children and families. The sun is shining (as I write this) and faces are smiling. Well done to our EYFS team for getting the classrooms into a viable teaching condition. It has not been without considerable effort.

I don't tend to write at the beginning of the year – sparing you all from my musings until the end of the summer term. However, I want to impart some additional information regarding our KS2 results.

As I've waxed lyrical about many times in the past, we are not a school that measures its success by results alone. We are most proud that our children are happy, confident individuals, with a thirst for learning. Social skills, relationship management and empathy are given equal emphasis to academic achievement.

However, I learned over the summer that Muswell Hill Primary scored overall 2nd highest in the Borough for achieving the expected standard in combined reading, writing, maths KS2 SATS. Well done to the children who have obtained these results. You should be exceptionally proud of yourselves. This is an extraordinary achievement, not simply in terms of the score alone, but in the manner in which this has been achieved.

At no time are our students hot-housed, pressurised or worked beyond ordinary school hours. One of our previous Y6 students, described SATS week as 'the best week of school so far'. Whether this was due to the croissants, yoga or the Beatles musical accompaniment, we'll never know, but it does demonstrate the unique approach our school takes to ensuring the welfare of the children in our care.

Whilst the Y6 team of Rhiannon, Ritu and David should take a bow and receive the cheers and applause of an adoring crowd, make no mistake that these results come as a result of a whole-school effort. Every member of staff should feel rightly proud of the environment, tone and mood of our school, which enables our students to achieve such high standards and accomplish so much.

Well done to you all.

I believe, from the bottom of my heart, that your leadership, teaching skills, lunch supervision, playground supervision, school maintenance, office support, kitchen work, IT support, sporting activities, music and drama make Muswell Hill Primary *the* best school in Haringey.

I am so proud to be part of it.

Have a great year people.

Simon Wantman
Chair of Governors
Muswell Hill Primary School