



# Muswell Hill Primary School

## Newsletter No.23

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**Lots of writing in this week's newsletter, sorry! Do please read – there is some important information in here.**

### Goodbye Doy and Elena

As you know from previous newsletters both **Elena** and **Doy** – valued members of our senior leadership team - are leaving us. We wish them both all the luck in the world – we will miss them enormously.

Fortunately for us, Doy will be around after Easter to ensure an effective handover and to do some tutoring for us, so it's just "au revoir" at the moment.

### New Summer Menus from our catering company - Pabulum

Attached with this newsletter are the new summer menus which will be offered all through the Summer Term and for the first half of the Autumn Term.

These have been created after consultation with the children – considering both new ideas and feedback on the what the children have enjoyed and what they have not liked so much!

Meals are £2.60 a day in KS2 and are free to children in KS1 (Reception, Years 1 and 2) as part of the universal entitlement. If your child would like to try school meals, we do ask you to commit for a 3-week cycle – just let Elaine in the office know on [admin@muswell-hill.haringey.sch.uk](mailto:admin@muswell-hill.haringey.sch.uk)

Thank you.

### Welcome

After Easter we are delighted to be welcoming back both **Katie** and **Toby** who we have all missed hugely. We will also be giving a warm welcome to **Bee**, Class Teacher for Cobalt and our new SENDCO and Assistant Headteacher for Inclusion – **Emma**.

### Thank you so much

Thank you so much to **Demi**, **Marian** and **Taj** who have been supporting us throughout lockdown till now. They have all worked so hard supporting the children and have done some amazing work. You have been great colleagues and we know you will be missed by the children as well as by us.

Thanks also to **Nezrin** and **Sarah** who have been teaching since the school fully re-opened and have also worked tirelessly for the children and been brilliant colleagues.

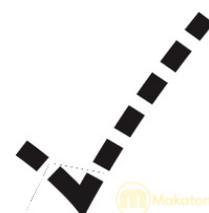
### Makaton Sign of the Week

Here is the YouTube link for the MAKATON Sign of the Week video. The sign is "nice".

<https://youtu.be/-i2ANfQLc4c>



"Nice" sign



"Nice" symbol

### Also, in the newsletter:

**Covid-19, MASC and Breakfast Club updates; PSA news; Met Police Newsletter; Holiday activity; Dates for your diaries; Blue Class learning and Haringey Violence against Women information.**

## Latest COVID-19 Updates

The government has updated their guidance for parents/carers on what you need to know about schools, please see link below:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak/what-parents-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-covid-19>

Whilst the guidance has not changed dramatically, there are changes around wraparound childcare, extra-curricular and out-of-school activities. Follow this link for the full guidance:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak/what-parents-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-covid-19>

Previously provision could only be offered to vulnerable children or those whose parents needed it to work, attend hospital appointments or study for qualifications. From 29 March, activities that take place wholly outside can be offered without restriction, although indoor activities can only be offered as before. It is the Government's intention to allow provision to be offered without restriction no earlier than 12 April. (For full details please read the instructions carefully, this is a generalised summary.)

If your child is in one of the eligible groups and attends an out-of-school setting, the Government is encouraging parents/carers to minimise the risk of spreading coronavirus by:

- sending them to a provider that has coronavirus (COVID-19) protective measures in place
- limiting the number of settings your child attends, ideally using one out-of-school setting in addition to school, as far as possible
- working with providers to try to ensure your child is grouped with children from their same school day bubble, and where this is not possible, ensuring they are grouped with other children from their school or with any siblings from the same household
- taking practical steps to reduce the risk of your child coming in close contact with someone who has the virus, such as encouraging your child to walk or cycle to the setting, or having them dropped off by a member of your household in your private car rather than taking public transport
- discouraging your child from mixing with different peer groups outside of the specific activity or group setting.

**Please bear this guidance in mind during the Easter holidays. We are conscious that more mixing and additional contact will inevitably increase the risk of transmission and we would appreciate everyone's cooperation in mitigating that risk to avoid classes/bubbles having to close in the summer term. We are loving having all the children here and want to keep it that way.**

**Thanks as always for your understanding and support.**

**Guidance around HANDS, FACE, SPACE and FRESH AIR remain the same.**

### **Parents/carers of primary school children who are asymptotically testing**

If the adults or secondary school children in your household are part of the asymptomatic testing programme using lateral flow devices, the Government is emphasising the importance of continuing to test at home twice a week throughout the Easter holidays and into the summer term.

## **Children developing symptoms or getting a positive test result during the holiday**

For the purposes of contact tracing, parents and carers need only inform the school of a positive case if the symptoms developed before Wednesday 7 April, please use the school office email. If symptoms develop after then, you do not need to inform the school.

Where children test positive for coronavirus (COVID-19) during the holidays, parents/carers should inform the school if they will be self-isolating. Please do so on the Sunday (18<sup>th</sup> April) before term starts again on Monday 19 April. Thank you.

## **Good news following guidance changes from the school's perspective**

- We will gradually reintroduce football. This will be only at lunchtime initially and will be supervised by a sports coach.
- Joseph is going to run a **Football Friday** tournament next half term. We will be sticking to year group bubbles. Joseph will advertise it and get the children involved putting teams together in Week 1. The tournament will start in Week 2. Year 4 and Year 5s will start during their lunchtime slot. Year 6s will be invited to be side-line coaches. There will be a tournament for Year 3 and Year 6s tournament in the second half of the summer term.
- There will be some school competition sports in May.
- Year 5 are going to return to swimming after half term. One class will attend each half term. Indigo Class will attend for Summer 1 followed by Cobalt Class on a Friday afternoon. Joseph will be in touch after Easter.

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## **Breakfast Club and MASC (After-school club)**

Breakfast Club and MASC will run for the first week back after the Easter holidays (week beginning 19 April) as they have done for the past two weeks. The week after (beginning 26 April) we are aiming to revert to the Year Group bubble pattern so we can accommodate more families. Watch out for updates from Darrell and Elaine.

**For families planning for the second half of the Summer Term and for the next school year – please apply for Breakfast Club and/or MASC places now.**

### **Policy reminder:**

As outlined last June, all parents/carers who want a place for their child(ren) should apply or re-apply for a place; all places will be re-allocated each year. Parents/carers will be notified of the result of their application by the end of June, allowing them two months to find alternative provision if their application for a place at either Breakfast Club or MASC is unsuccessful. The place at the provision will be retained for a year before the process of re-applying/making new applications takes place again next May/June 2022.

## Thank you, thank you!! Parent Staff Association/PSA news

### PSA make £11,000 donation to school Covid Fund

The PSA are delighted to announce that as a result of your fabulous support we will be giving the school £11,000 for the ongoing cost of keeping our children, and the amazing staff, safe during the pandemic. It goes without saying that putting these crucial measures in place has been hugely costly for the school and we are pleased to be able to help.

So, a massive thank you to everyone who has supported the PSA and our fundraising efforts. This has only been possible because of your JustGiving donations and the money raised during our hugely successful 12 Days of Christmas.

### New school sponsor

Our sponsorship deal with Plus Rooms is now coming to an end. We are very grateful to them for their support which has benefitted the school by over £7,000 during the two-year period. Plus Rooms have decided that they will not be sponsoring the school for another year - presumably there are only so many loft conversions you can get in a small catchment area ;o)! We have already been approached by another keen sponsor but wanted to give a shout-out in case you, or anyone you know, might be interested in being the main school sponsor. If so, please send the PSA an email by 7 April 2021.

We hope you all enjoy the school holidays, the sunshine and the long-awaited easing of restrictions. We will be back in touch next term to update you on what we hope will be an exciting end of school year event (fingers firmly crossed!)

Kind regards,

The PSA

**Parent Staff Association**

**Muswell Hill Primary School**

E-mail: [mhps.psa@gmail.com](mailto:mhps.psa@gmail.com)

Website: <https://sites.google.com/view/mhps-psa/>

Overall sponsor for 2020: PLUSROOMS <https://plusrooms.co.uk/kitchen-extensions-london/>

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## Muswell Hill Ward – Safer Neighbourhoods Newsletter

Attached with this newsletter is the Muswell Hill Safer Neighbours Newsletter for this area from the Enfield and Haringey Police.

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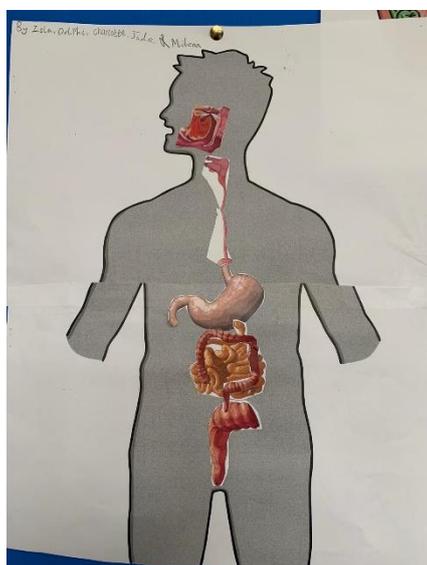
## Holiday Activity

Perform, a company who have in the past run workshops at school, will be running holiday courses over the Easter Holidays for 4 to 10-year-olds. Based on *Beauty and the Beast*, these are fun drama, dance and singing courses which will run from 10am-3pm each day. You can read more about them here:

<https://www.perform.org.uk/classes-courses/holiday-courses/beautyandthebeast>

# Dates for your diaries

<b>Mon 19 April</b>	<b>Children back to school at normal staggered start time please</b>
<b>Thurs 22 April</b>	<b>9.30am Year 6 parent meeting via zoom – Isle of Wight School Journey</b>
<b>Tues 4 May &amp; Fri 7 May</b>	<b>RHSE Parent Workshops with Joseph via zoom</b>
<b>Tues 25 May</b>	<b>Year 4 Class Ensemble – A celebration of their learning and the curriculum</b>
<b>Wed 26 May</b>	<b>Year 5 Class Ensemble – A celebration of their learning and the curriculum</b>
<b>Thurs 27 May</b>	<b>Year 3 Class Ensemble – A celebration of their learning and the curriculum</b>
<b>Fri 11 June</b>	<b>Year 2 Class Ensemble – A celebration of their learning and the curriculum</b>
<b>Tues 15 June</b>	<b>Year 1 Class Ensemble – A celebration of their learning and the curriculum</b>
<b>Thurs 17 June</b>	<b>Reception Class Ensemble – A celebration of their learning and the curriculum</b>
<b>Thurs 1 July</b>	<b>Muswell Hill Big Day Out – Let's Go Tokyo Olympic Sports Day – tbc</b>
<b>Sat 3 July</b>	<b>PSA Summer Fair – fingers and toes crossed</b>
<b>Mon 19 &amp; Tues 20 July</b>	<b>Year 6 Production</b>
<b>Mon 19 Jul</b>	<b>Children's reports to be sent to parents/carers</b>
<b>Wed 21 July</b>	<b>Open House Happy Hour – 'Talk about my learning' child-led</b>
<b>Thurs 22 July</b>	<b>Year 6 Graduation Assembly 2.00pm</b>
<b>Fri 23 July</b>	<b>Reception Graduation Assembly 11.30am</b>
<b>Fri 23 July</b>	<b>School breaks up for summer 1.00pm collection</b>



## Blue Class Learning

Blue Class have been working on their new Science topic - Digestion. We have been learning about the organs which help with this process and investigating what happens to food once in the human body. Some children even made-up songs and mnemonics to remember the order in which it all takes place!

## Haringey Council Information - VAWG

The tragic murder of Sarah Everard has highlighted the pervasive issue of Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) in the UK. It is estimated that approximately 1 in 3 women experience some form of Violence Against Women and Girls in their lifetimes. Haringey Council's Violence Against Women and Girls team works together with strategic partners to tackle this issue and improve outcomes for women and girls.

If you are experiencing any form of Violence Against Women and Girls, there are support services locally and nationally which can help you. You can find a list of these services, as well as an explanation of the different types of Violence Against Women and Girls on our webpages:

- VAWG Support Services: [Organisations offering support | Haringey Council](#)
  - North London Rape Crisis: This is a free, anonymous service available to women and girls aged 13+ who have experienced any form of sexual violence at any time: recent or non-recent.
    - 0808 801 0305
    - Link for more information: [Solace Rape Crisis | Solace \(solacewomensaid.org\)](#)
  - Victim Support: VS offer a helpline for free and confidential support for all genders if you've been affected by crime regardless of whether the crime has been reported or how long ago it has happened
    - 0808 168 9111
    - Link for more information: [Victim Support |](#)

If you are not currently in need of a VAWG support service but you feel affected by this situation you can access the following services for emotional support:

- Good Thinking- [Good Thinking - NHS approved wellbeing service | Good Thinking \(good-thinking.uk\)](#)
- Kooth - Free, safe and anonymous online support for young people aged 11-25 [Home - Kooth](#)

If you'd like to read more about the different types of VAWG and Haringey Council's approach for tackling VAWG, please visit our webpages below:

- [What is VAWG? | Haringey Council](#)
- [Download the VAWG Strategy \(PDF, 2MB\)](#)

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**We look forward to welcoming the children back on Monday 19 April at their usual staggered starting times.**

**We wish you all a restful Spring Break and, for those of you who celebrate Easter, a very happy and joyful Easter.**

