

Muswell Hill Primary School



Newsletter 5

First of all welcome back, we hope you had a great half term. Read on for the latest news.

JUNE 2016

Latest on the Astro-turf pitch

We are delighted to tell you that we now have £19 678.64 towards achieving our goal of raising £30 495.15 to pay for the Astro-turf pitch in the KS2 playground. We're nearly two-thirds of the way there!

We are hoping that a final push will enable us to reach our target before we break up.

If you would like to donate to this project please visit [Parent Pay](#).



Huge thanks to the SPA

The SPA have been working tirelessly to raise funds for the school (some of which will go towards the Astro-turf pitch).



Sponsored Walk – parents, carers and children walked around a dry, but not very sunny, Highgate Woods and raised £3000!!!! Huge thanks to all who organised and took part in this event; wear those caps with pride! We are really grateful to you all.

Jumble /Bike Sale - this was great success too and we know how much donating/sorting went on to make it possible. Again, we are incredibly grateful to everyone involved in the organisation of this event and to all those who came and spent their money on some fantastic bargains. Also, many thanks to the children who staffed the cake/drinks stall – you did an excellent job and it is very much appreciated.



Planet International donated a Mini iPad for the raffle and helped with sponsorship for this event; it is gifts of this nature that add the extra WOW factor to any event so many thanks to Planet International.



Help us rub out some debts!

Substantial amounts of money are still owed for various events on Parent Pay – may we encourage you to log on to Parent Pay and check to see if you have missed payment for anything? If you have, **please** make a full payment as soon as possible. With budget cuts this year we have to be extra careful and vigilant in order to avoid a possible deficit budget in the future. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Aye-Aye what's all this then?

We have made a book of all the 'My Favourite Animal' poems submitted by the children for the last Headteacher and Chair of Governors Challenge. This fantastic read will be available to buy for £3.00 at the Summer Fair on Saturday 18

June 2016. There are limited numbers available at the moment but if demand exceeds supply we will arrange to have some more produced. Look out for them at the fair –



they will make great presents!

Moon Walk

Two members of our school staff – Jackie Myles (Year 4 class teacher) and Sarah Gray (School Office) took part in the Moon Walk (a walking marathon which took place overnight on 14/15 May) to raise money for breast cancer charities. They walked as part of a team in memory of an ex-Muswell Hill Primary School mum and for all those people who may be affected by breast

cancer both now and in the future.

Sarah and Jackie are really grateful to everyone who sponsored them and helped contribute to a current team total of over £7,000. There is still time to sponsor retrospectively if anyone is interested and more can be found out by clicking on the following link:

<https://moonwalklondon2016.everydayhero.com/uk/walk-tall/members>



Some extra-curricular activities that the children have been doing

Stomp Workshops for all children run by a former Rambert ballet trained/STOMP performer

Design and Technology Week with activities for all classes – see some of the work and a video in the Reception area

Science Week with workshops from James Boffin, Secret Science Agent and Isis, a science specialist

Book signings with Michael Rosen and Polly Faber

Children from the school choir will be going to the Albert Hall on 27 June to sing with nearly 2000 other children and young people from Haringey schools - they will perform two exciting new pieces alongside a visiting ensemble from Lima, Peru.



SATS

As ever your children in Year 6 and Year 2 were really impressive during their SATS and were a real credit to all their parents and carers. Well done to all of our children.

Headteachers and Senior Leaders both locally and nationally have expressed concern over the latest testing and assessment agenda. Our Senior Leadership Team are also concerned by the latest changes to assessment.

We passionately believe that assessment needs to take well-being and children's happiness into consideration. We are a creative school with highly creative pupils.

We will continue to teach a broad and balanced curriculum at Muswell Hill Primary. Our staff love to do this! Most recently we have enjoyed Design and Technology Week and Science Week. We want our children to be ready for secondary school and we are proud to deliver a rich and varied curriculum.

I would like to personally thank parents and carers who have written to the staff to say that their children enjoyed SATS week! For those who may not know, we served up yoga, sport and lashings of creativity around these statutory assessments. One parent letter said:

"Walking into a classroom to the sound of 'Here Comes the Sun', a table filled with croissants -and kids and teachers smiling on a SATs morning - was just brilliant today! "

"My child is still smiling and can't wait to get into school to see her mates at the SATs breakfast club - you can't ask for much more than that this week!"

Thank you again for all your support.

Latest Sports News

Please make a note of the school Sports Days in the list on the next page.

Children have recently participated in Haringey arranged events:

Tri-golf (6 events – 4 minutes each involving putting and chipping) an inter-school competition held at Durnsford Park – Year 6 mixed team of 10 - girls and boys – finished as 'Runners Up', well done!

Tennis – Year 3 and 4 mixed team (2 girls/2 girls) - now down to the last four teams, exciting times ahead!

Football, Cricket and Netball teams are currently competing or about to compete—we'll keep you posted with the results in due course.





Please take a look at the list below and add, as appropriate, to your diaries.

Friday 17 June	Year 3 Sharing Assembly 9.15am KS2 Hall
Saturday 18 June	SUMMER FAIR 12.00 -3.00pm
Thursday 23 June	Whole School Photos - class colours t-shirts please
Monday 27 June	KS1 Sports Day -1.45pm KS2 Playground
Tuesday 28 June	Gold Class Sharing Assembly - 9.15am KS1 Hall
Thursday 30 June	Years 3 to 6 E-safety meetings 9.00am and 5.15pm
Tuesday 5 July	Yellow Class Sharing Assembly 9.15am KS1 Hall Alice in Wonderland in-school show (for children only)
Wednesday 6 July	KS2 Sports Day 10.00am Durnsford Park
Tuesday 12 July	Orange Class Sharing Assembly 9.15am KS1 Hall
Wednesday 13 July	Orchestra Concert 9.30am KS2 Hall
Thursday 21 July	End of term