



# Muswell Hill Primary School

## Newsletter No.22

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## Goodbye Doy, we're going to miss you

Our lovely SENDCO and Inclusion Manager, Doy, is leaving us, see letter below. This is a real loss for us, and we will all miss her enormously. Doy has been such a positive, collegiate member of the Muswell Hill family and we hope she departs knowing that she leaves Inclusion and SEN in a better place.

Dear Parents/Carers

I'm sad to let you know that, for personal reasons, I have made the decision to leave Muswell Hill Primary School and will finish my role at Easter. It's not a decision I have come to easily and will very much miss the staff and children here.

We have just recruited an experienced Inclusion Manager, who will continue to support Mandi and the Inclusion Team in implementing the school's SEND Policy and leading the strategic direction of Inclusion across the school. Please rest assured that there will be a full handover between myself and the new person in post, to ensure a robust and smooth transition.

Muswell Hill School is such a wonderful, warm community and I would like to thank you and your children for making me feel a part of that during my time here.

I wish you and your incredible children all the very best for the future.

Yours sincerely

Doy Owino-Townsend

As Doy says we have successfully appointed Emma, who will be our full-time Assistant Headteacher for Inclusion. Emma comes with a wealth of experience and we know she will fit in here at Muswell Hill Primary. We look forward to introducing her in person next term.



## Creating safe, calm, social, hopeful and in-control children following lockdown

We have attached a document we have been using in school and which you may find helpful as well.

## Other contents:

- Recent Learning
- Makaton Signs
- International Women's Day
- Remote Learning
- Governors Report
- School Lunches
- Social Distancing
- PSA update



It was lovely to see so many children dressed in red today and thank you for your donations to the Comic Relief Charity – we have raised over £400 for the charity so far. Thank you so much!

# Science Week, International Women’s Day and Anne Frank Commemoration Assembly

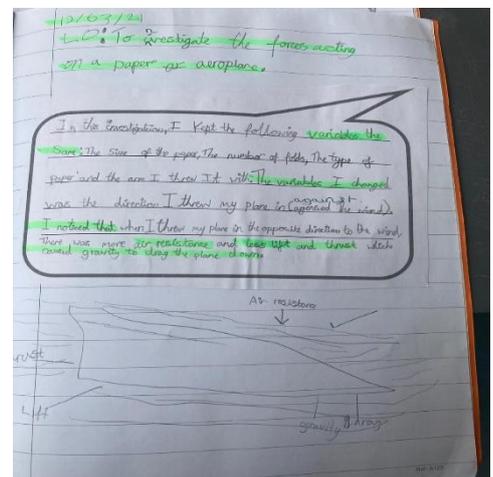
Thanks to the leaders and teachers in school, we’ve had two incredible weeks of learning where the five values of Muswell Hill Primary have been showcased extensively by the children. They showed genuine curiosity and creativity whilst studying flight in science, resilience when things didn’t go as planned and both respect and integrity in their interactions with their peers, listening carefully and giving considered and honest constructive feedback.

Making the Golden Learner Assembly video last week was a joy as I was able to see all the class work and variety of learning, whilst hearing from the teachers about the children embracing the five school values. The teachers have put the link to the assembly on SeeSaw so your children can share with you their Golden moment.

The children really enjoyed being able to see all the teachers in the school, like old times.

Best wishes, Mandi

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| <b>Respect</b>  | <b>Integrity</b>  | <b>Resilience</b>   | <b>Curiosity</b>   | <b>Creativity</b>   |
| (for yourself & each other)   | (acting with at all times)  | (sense of)  | (discovering the world around them)  | (exploring their learning journey)  |



## Governors’ review of the Remote/Blended Learning Policy

Also attached with this newsletter is the Governors’ review of this policy – with thanks again to the everyone who took part in this review. Special thanks also to the SLT and to Sarah Lima, our Remote Learning Governor, who read and analysed all the parent/carer and teacher responses, and then produced this report.

## Three Makaton Signs

Two YouTube links for Makaton signs this week. The first is "OK".

<https://youtu.be/LxV5UrHu9XA>



OK sign



OK symbol

The second link demonstrates "easy" and "difficult".

<https://youtu.be/RvdgoRgUMRM>



"Difficult" sign



"Difficult" symbol



"Easy" sign



"Easy" symbol

## School lunches

We are sure you will have heard from the children that the new menu is being very well received by the children who are predominantly loving it.

They are enjoying the freshly baked bread, home-made yogurt and meat-free Mondays and the numbers of children opting for school lunches are going up.

We will be consulting with the children and getting their ideas for preferences for the Tuesday and Thursday menus which we hope to make a bit different, topically themed and in the long term, linking to the curriculum we are studying.

## International Women's Day

Muriel's Assembly prompted some fascinating discussions across the school and some great learning.



## Social distancing outside school

We have had several complaints from local residents about parents and children congregating outside BOTH school entrances after school.

It appears that some parents/carers are not ensuring that they maintain social distancing measures following the collection of their children. Children are apparently running around near Muswell Hill bus stop and at the top of Dukes Mews/Muswell Hill, whilst parents/carers catch up.

Residents are very concerned that a serious accident is waiting to happen. We have been informed of three near misses recently. One resident was highly shaken-up after driving into park in their private space.

Please may we remind you to observe social distancing measures around the school and please ensure your children are supervised at all times.

## Update from the Parent Staff Association (PSA)

The PSA would like to share a little reminder about two fundraisers we are currently running.

The first is an opportunity for you to give us clothing items that you may have planned to donate to charity shops when they open. Over the coming Easter holidays, feel free to have a cathartic clear out and bring to us:

**When:** 8.30-10.30am, Monday 19th April (first day back)

**Where:** 40 Rosebery Road, N10 2LJ

**What:** In black/large fastened bags the following:

- Reusable clean and dry clothes both adult and children/baby items
- Reusable paired shoes and footwear
- Fashion accessories such as bags, belts, scarves, hats etc

Please do NOT include:

- Single shoes
- Mats/carpets
- Duvets/pillows/blankets/bedlinen
- Curtains
- Dirty, damp or soiled clothing

The second fundraiser is based around Smarties tubes. All children this week have hopefully been given a tube of Smarties via their class Reps. We would love for your child(ren) to enjoy the Smarties and then between now and the first week back after the holidays think of creative ways in which they can gather some coins from friends and family to donate to the school. This may be in the form of collecting donations, doing a sponsored 'something', by completing chores or anything else you choose! All monies collected will of course go towards our school's needs.

The first week back (19th - 23rd April), please either drop your completed tube along with dropping the clothing on the Monday morning at 40 Rosebery Road (as above) or, on the Tuesday - Friday, please feel free to pop it through the letterbox of 314 Dukes Mews between 8.30-9.00 before drop off. We know some of you have already dropped the tubes off at school, the school will keep them safe for us to collect in due course.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the PSA on [mhps.psa@gmail.com](mailto:mhps.psa@gmail.com).

Many thanks.

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