

Muswell Hill Primary School

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Academic Year
2020-21



It is very nearly December, see below for information on our festive events at Muswell Hill Primary School, then scroll down for more news.

December Events @ MHPS

NB: Walking to Lapland update – shared with the children at lunch each Friday. Thanks PSA

1st December Trees arrive
(Please join us in creating messages of celebration and goodwill, to hang on our railings near the school entrances)

4th December BHM poetry screening

To put a spotlight on the celebration of Black History Month every class chose a visionary black person to learn about. They turned their knowledge into a piece of performance poetry. The film is a shared recording of all the children's work. It will be on SeeSaw for all the community to view from home.

11th December Xmas Panto &
Christmas Jumper Day – more info to come
from the Right Respecting School Council about
how we can collect food for the food bank.



14/15th December Children's Xmas Lunch

(NB: the deadline for confirming your booking for a lunch is extended until Monday 30th November. As is traditional, the children can dress up (no props please) and will be served lunch by their class teacher and SLT in the halls, over one of the two days.)

18th December

Winter Festival of Light Screening

Think Xmas Show meets the Carol Concert!

We will be showing the whole school the film at the same time. We will share the link with you all, so you can watch it with us, or re-watch with your family when they come home for the holidays.

Children will require a personal party-treat packed lunch to have over the morning in school. Please contact us if you would prefer a school packed lunch. More details later.

SCHOOL WILL THEN CLOSE FOR EVERYONE. PICK UP TIMES TBC between 12.15 – 12.45.

Staff training day 4th January 21 so school closed for children. ALL children back Tuesday 5th January 21.



NB: see the PSA newsletter for more exciting updates on their incredible array of festive events.

Update on early dismissal on Friday afternoons

Thanks to everyone who completed the feedback survey and the ongoing support and appreciation you have shown in these unprecedented times.

For those of you who shared some of the difficulties you are having, I will be in touch in the coming weeks to offer some support and solutions.

At the Governing Body meeting on Wednesday evening it was unanimously agreed for the school to maintain its current plans until February half term.

After some discussion we have agreed to review again at the end of January to understand what has changed in terms of the pandemic, finances, and available teacher PPA coverage. Depending on the circumstances at the time, the governors will decide at that point whether to agree to revert to the traditional five days of teaching from half term or, if the circumstances haven't changed, to stay with the early dismissal until the Easter holidays (end of Spring Term). We hope this will give you enough notice with planning for childcare and work.

Whilst this might not be the outcome some of you were hoping for, given the context of our school with its organisation, staffing, needs and resources, this still remains the most effective way of leading and managing the school in the middle of a pandemic.

Many thanks
Mandi



Thank you so much to everyone who wore something spotty and contributed to Children in Need on Friday 13 November, we have now counted all the donations and we are delighted to tell you that **£884.80** was raised for the charity!

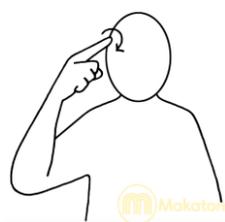
Makaton Sign of the Week

This week's sign is "THINK", see Izzy demonstrating at:

<https://youtu.be/XVSwb2M9wvE>



Think symbol



Think sign

Thanks from Mandi

Thank you so much for your wonderful wishes for a speedy recovery from shingles; I have been incredibly touched by lots of lovely messages and am so pleased to be part of the warm and thoughtful Muswell Hill Primary School community. Every message has really touched and cheered me, and I'm delighted to say that I am past the contagious stage and hope to be back at school next week.

Pabulum, our new catering company, starting in January 2021 introduce themselves

Honestly good food served at Muswell Hill Primary School



To find out more visit: pabulum-catering.co.uk Or email us on: info@pabulum-catering.co.uk

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HONESTLY GOOD FOOD

Pabulum are delighted to provide the catering services at Muswell Hill Primary School. Pabulum's Vision is to be at the forefront of improving the next generation's health and well-being, by shaping the food culture in education that inspires a passion and love of fresh food – without compromise.

We feel strongly about educating the younger generation on healthy eating by providing fresh and wholesome food, as it is through a balanced diet and healthy food choices that students can maintain higher classroom concentration levels. 94% of our food will be freshly prepared in Muswell Hill Primary School kitchen and 75% of the food is British and locally sourced.

At Muswell Hill Primary School we will have a dedicated Pabulum team led by an experienced Chef Manager.

Available every day at lunchtime and made fresh in our kitchen we will offer:

- A choice of meat/fish or vegan main meal
- Unlimited allergen free salad bar
- Jacket potato with a variety of fillings
- Two choices of unlimited freshly baked wholemeal bread
- Homemade dessert
- Fresh mixed fruit platter
- Homemade yoghurt or mousse

Our Pabulum dining experience gives every child time to enjoy our fresh food offer, whilst encouraging children to try delicious new dishes and rewarding them with a Healthy Bunch sticker or certificate.

Muswell Hill Primary's **DRAFT** menu, along with allergens, can be found on Pabulum's website at <https://www.pabulum-catering.co.uk/primary-school-meals/>

Pabulum goes beyond the fresh food dining experience; our initiatives engage and inspire to help develop a deeper appreciation of food through parents' evenings, playground taster sessions, food assemblies and cookery demonstrations.

To find out more about Pabulum, our suppliers or our company initiatives please check out our website at www.pabulum-catering.co.uk, or alternatively you can call us on 01252 819991.

We would love to hear your feedback, please contact info@pabulum-catering.co.uk

Golden Learners of the Week

RED CLASS – LUCY'S SHOUT OUTS

This week's Golden Learners are **Alfred** and **Kira**. They have really impressed us with their determination to write - they never give up, even when work is challenging. Kira has posted some lovely examples of work she has done at home on Tapestry too - a real treat for the teachers to see :))

RUBY CLASS – GRACE'S SHOUT OUTS

This week's Golden Learners are **Laurie** and **Matilda**. Both worked really hard on their numbers, we have been adding one more to an existing amount. Well done!

AMBER CLASS – ROISIN AND TOBY'S SHOUT OUT

Golden Learner for this week is **Freja**. Freja has impressed us with her amazing science facts and knowledge, which she is always happy to share with the class. Also, her continued focus and enthusiasm during every lesson.

ORANGE CLASS – JENI'S SHOUT OUT

My Golden Learner this week is **Laura**. She is learning to revise and edit her work to improve it or correct small mistakes. It takes great patience to read back through work to make corrections and she is learning this valuable skill.

YELLOW CLASS – GEOFF'S SHOUT OUT

The Golden Learner in Yellow Class this week is **Akos**. Akos has shown excellent listening and a real enthusiasm for writing this week. Well done Akos!

GOLD CLASS – NATHAN'S SHOUT OUTS

This week my Golden Learners are Gabriel and Crystal.

Gabriel worked really hard to adapt to a new strategy for adding 2-digit numbers, and he showed that he could help others to understand it as well.

Crystal has worked extremely hard on her phonics and reading for the last few weeks, and she can be very proud of herself. She is also showing more independence in her writing.

GREEN CLASS – KATH'S SHOUT OUTS

Georgia - For always planning her writing very carefully and thoughtfully before she begins. She rereads her work and is always determined to do her best and make improvements where she can. Well done Georgia!

Harvey - For being so diligent and hard working. He always rereads questions and texts in comprehension and maths work to make sure he is totally accurate in his answers. He shows an extremely mature attitude towards his work. Well done Harvey!

Lola Rose - For being so enthusiastic and determined to challenge herself in all areas. She reflects on her work so that she can really do her best and make improvements. She always takes a very active part in all lessons. Well done Lola!

EMERALD CLASS – LARA'S SHOUT OUTS

Emerald Class Golden Learners this week are:

Kayahan for his improved focus and for reflecting on his learning in order to do his best.

Evie for being absorbed in her learning. For trying her best and showing great enthusiasm in class.

BLUE CLASS – RITU'S SHOUT OUTS

Leah, Shir and **Julia** are this week's Golden Learners in Blue Class. They always show a huge amount of enthusiasm for learning and approach all subjects with energy and curiosity. This week they collectively excelled in Science while being leaf experts! They modelled excellent scientific enquiry, checked and reassessed their learning using guides and keys and also completed the challenge task sharing their knowledge with the whole class. Super scientists!

SAPPHIRE CLASS – SOPHIE'S and MISS FRYER'S SHOUT OUTS

Golden Learner for Sapphire Class this week is **Lorca**. This is for dedication and attitude to learning as a whole, also for the reflectiveness he has demonstrated when learning the tricky concept of calculating the perimeter of rectilinear shapes! He said how proud he was when completing his times table test this week and we are proud of you too! Well done Lorca!

Miss Fryer's shout out:

Farrah - You have been on fire in maths this week, metaphorically of course! Such a fantastic focus, always ready, always getting started straight away, you have really understood the work on perimeter. Well done.

INDIGO CLASS – HADLEY'S SHOUT OUT

The Golden Learner in Indigo this week is **Rei**, for learning to locate ALL the countries in Europe on a website I showed him, I like2learn.

COBALT CLASS – MEABH'S SHOUTS OUTS

This week's Golden Learner for reflectiveness is **Amelie**. We have been writing sci-fi stories in Year 5 and Amelie went back and did some great editing on her story. She looked for missing punctuation, capital letters and any omitted words. She also edited and improved the sentences in her story and added in extra detail to improve her story. Amelie has also taken on board everything that we learnt about and has applied to her own spooky story that she has been inspired to write. She has been reading instalments on her Seesaw account and it is clear that she has put a lot of effort into this and learnt from what we have done in class. Keep it up Amelie!

AMETHYST CLASS – ELENA’S SHOUT OUT

The Golden Learner in Amethyst class this week is **Blue**. Blue has impressed me so much with his daily active mile running and each morning, he has been coming into school with a huge smile on his face, which has made me smile. All of the adults in Amethyst class have been impressed with your hard work too Blue! Well done! You are a star! Elena.

VIOLET CLASS – MURIEL’S SHOUT OUT

A quiet confidence that will defy any glass ceiling.

Leadership skills that can go unmatched.

Exquisite writer - crafting tales for pleasure.

X marks the spot, yes **Alex** is the Golden Learner!

BEST WISHES FOR A PLEASANT AND RELAXING WEEKEND.