



Muswell Hill Primary School

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Panto and Christmas Jumper Day - Friday 11 December – donations to our local food bank gratefully received

For Children in Need this year we raised a fantastic £884.80! Thank you to everyone who contributed.

Our next endeavour is to support our local community.

On Christmas Jumper Day, 11th December, we will be collecting food and non-perishable items for the local Muswell Hill foodbank. Children will watch a short video introducing the work of the foodbank and our School Councillors will be having a zoom meeting with the charity on Tuesday to find out about what they do for the local community.

On the morning of Friday 11th December, we will leave containers at each gate, KS1 and KS2, for you to deposit any items you would like to contribute and the foodbank will collect and distribute them throughout the festive period.

Products could include:

Non-food items

Toiletries – deodorant, toilet paper, shower gel, shaving gel, shampoo, soap, toothbrushes, tooth-paste, hand wipes

Household items – laundry liquid detergent, laundry powder, washing up liquid

Feminine products – sanitary towels and tampons

Baby supplies – nappies, baby wipes and baby food

Face masks and hand sanitiser

Food items

Cereal, soup, pasta, rice, tinned tomatoes, lentils, pulses, beans, tinned meat, tinned vegetables, tea/coffee, tinned fruit, biscuits, UHT milk, fruit juice.

Thank you for your continued support in all our fundraising events.

Don't miss the Muswell Hill Primary School Wellbeing Newsletter that is being sent with this newsletter. The PSA newsletter will follow shortly.

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New Act Early website launched

Counter Terrorism Policing have launched a new safeguarding website www.actearly.uk.

The website aims to increase awareness with concerned family and friends of where to go for further information and support if they are worried about someone who seems to be drawn into terrorism. Advice can be found on spotting the signs, the support available and example case studies. This is to encourage friends and families to share concerns about loved ones via the dedicated **helpline** staffed by police Prevent officers.

The **helpline** is now live on **0800 011 3764**.

Family and friends know when something is not right. It can feel scary to think someone close could be heading down a path towards extremism. However, it is family and friends who are best placed to spot concerning behaviour at an early stage and can help the person they care about get the support they may need to move away from extremism.

Working together in partnership within a multi-agency space allows for a bespoke package of support to be set in motion. We want people to trust their instincts, ACT EARLY and share those concerns.

Visit www.actearly.uk for more information.

Good luck to Felix and Max in London chess finals



Yr2 Max and Yr 5 Felix have a couple of busy chess weekends ahead of them.

Both youngsters have qualified for the U10 London Junior Chess Championship Finals taking place online on Sunday. The following weekend, Max is competing among his own age group (U8 Final) and Felix in the older age section (U12 Final).



Kamlesh Karia who runs the school chess club said, 'Felix and Max have done amazingly well to reach the prestigious London Finals.'

'They came through tough qualifying tournaments with over 150 children competing. We are so proud of them and wish them luck in the Finals.'

Good luck Felix and Max, we are really looking forward to hearing how you get on.



Thank you for your support and understanding in ensuring that we all follow the Hands, Face, Space guidance. Please also follow the one-way systems at the entrances to school at pick up and drop off.

Reminder of some term dates

Monday 4 January 2021	Teacher Training Day (TAD) – children do not come into school
Tuesday 5 January 2021	Term starts for the children
Friday 12 February 2021	Teacher Training Day (TAD) – children do not come into school
Half-term Holiday	Monday 15 February 2021 - Friday 19 February 2021
Monday 22 February 2021	Children back for second half of term
Friday 12 March 2021	Possible Teacher Training Day (to be confirmed)
School Holiday	Thursday 1 April 2021 - Friday 16 April 2021
Monday 19 April 2021	Start of Summer Term
Half Term Holiday	Monday 31 May 2021 - Friday 4 June 2021
Monday 7 June 2021	Children back for the second half of term
Friday 23 July 2021	1.00pm the school will close for the Summer Holiday

Enjoy some charcoal drawings by Year 2 children



Another reminder not to miss our Muswell Hill Primary Wellbeing Newsletter which is attached with this newsletter – please take time to read it to find out what we are doing at school to help everyone’s wellbeing.

The latest PSA Newsletter will follow soon, make sure you read it for all the latest news on the Twelve Days of Christmas events, and more.

Talking to young people about social media

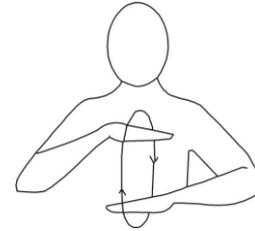
You might find this podcast by social media educator Rubbi Bhogal-Wood of interest. Rubbi explains her approach to working with young people to help them navigate social media with clarity, intention and purpose. The podcast reflects on why it can be hard for teachers and parents to support young people when we have our own issues with social media, and the technology evolves so rapidly.

https://thekeysupport.com/insights/2020/11/5/key-voices-89-talking-to-young-people-about-social-media-with-rubbi-bhogal-wood?utm_source=SFMC&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=

Makaton Sign of the Week

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

<https://youtu.be/wV0jBvSSMT0>



Makaton sign for calm



Makaton symbol for calm



Don't forget you can leave your views on the school by following this link to the OFSTED Parent View website:

<https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/>

Further to Mandi's letter about Xmas cards, it would be great if you could tie your messages of community unity and goodwill to the school railings over the coming week.





Golden Learners of the Week

RED CLASS – LUCY'S SHOUT OUTS

Red Class Golden Learners this week are **Eren** and **Isabel**. They always follow the school's Golden Values. Well done Eren and Isabel :)

RUBY CLASS – GRACE'S SHOUT OUTS

Our Golden Learners in Ruby Class are **Gustave** and **Malika**. They both wrote a lovely letter to Santa this week. Well done!

AMBER CLASS – ROISIN AND TOBY'S SHOUT OUT

Golden Learner this week is **Ila** for always being so keen and enthusiastic and for sharing her wonderful musical knowledge about Vivaldi with the whole class. She also made up a lovely song about her classmates and teachers.

ORANGE CLASS – JENI'S SHOUT OUT

My Golden Learner this week is **Dimitris**. He always works hard in all our lessons and is very observant, meaning he can notice patterns in his learning and deepen his knowledge.

YELLOW CLASS – GEOFF'S SHOUT OUT

The Golden Learner for Yellow Class is **Cyma**. Cyma always shows extraordinary enthusiasm to learn and brings bundles of positive energy to Year 2 every day. Well done Cyma!

GOLD CLASS – NATHAN'S SHOUT OUTS

This week's Golden Learners are **Hari** and **Rosa**. They both really impressed me with their writing. Not only were they very absorbed in their work, but they were also looking for opportunities to make improvements to their writing. We often talk about needing to go back to check and improve our writing, so I was very happy to see Hari and Rosa do this by themselves.

GREEN CLASS – KATH'S SHOUT OUTS

Green Class Golden learners are:

Florence - For her reflection and determination in Maths this week. She carefully looked at the mistakes she made first time around and learnt so much from them. This helped her to succeed and grasp the concept. Brilliant. Well done Florence!

Spencer - He reflected so well on his Maths work this week. He learnt brilliantly from his mistakes and kept on persevering. He never gave up and was not deterred by difficulty. Fabulous. Well done Spencer!

EMERALD CLASS – LARA'S SHOUT OUTS

My Golden Learners this week are:

Thora for her wonderful manners, positive attitude and for being a brilliant role model in our class. Well done Thora!

Leon for his fantastic retelling of our class text 'Storm'. Leon was completely absorbed in his learning and we are very proud!

BLUE CLASS – ROSIE'S SHOUT OUTS

Amalia - For a very mature and dedicated approach to her learning. You are a wonderful role model for your class Amalia, thank you!

Thomas - For showing excellent reflectiveness when reviewing his Maths work and making it the best it can be. Well done Thomas!

SAPPHIRE CLASS – SOPHIE'S SHOUT OUTS

My Golden Learners for this week are **Aliya** and **Izzy** for wonderful teamwork, a fantastic effort on their letters to David from Christophe's story and for their balanced and informed Peer Reviews afterwards. They understood the success criteria brilliantly to provide What Went Well's, Even Better Ifs and Next Steps - well done Aliya and Izzy!

INDIGO CLASS – HADLEY'S SHOUT OUT

Indigo's Golden Learner for this week is **Hana**. This is for perseverance in learning to locate every country in Europe on ilike2learn this week and for her consistently excellent homework on Seesaw.

COBALT CLASS – MEABH'S SHOUT OUT

This week Cobalt's Golden Learner is **Aidan**. During a Science lesson this week, we were drawing bar charts to represent the data that we had gathered in an experiment. Aidan drew his chart but realised that he had started to label his vertical axis from the top and work down towards zero. He then found that his intervals were not equal on his chart. Aidan talked through what he would do differently next time so that this wouldn't happen again. He used his revising and planning skills and said he would change how he drew the chart, next time starting at zero and counting up to ensure that his chart had equal intervals. Aidan then started to draw a second chart, implementing his changes. Great reflection skills Aidan!

AMETHYST CLASS – ELENA'S SHOUT OUT

The Golden Learner in Amethyst class this week is **Summer**. Summer has impressed me with her fantastic work on multiplying and dividing fractions. Her confidence and enthusiasm in Maths this week has been such a joy to see. Well done Summer you star!

VIOLET CLASS – MURIEL'S SHOUT OUT

Has shown that he is capable of great things this week.

Energy has been focused on his learning.

Noticing everything around.

Ready for action...

You can often spot him hanging off something.

Yes! **Henry** is our Golden Learner of the Week - well done.

