



# Muswell Hill Primary School

## Newsletter No.20

### 26 February 2021

Academic Year  
2020-21



**Another busy week and we are fully re-opening on Monday 8 March! We are delighted that we will soon be able to welcome all the children back to school; lots of information about re-opening will be sent to you on Monday next week.**

### Engineers Week

The children have been creating the most amazing egg protectors this week as part of the school's participation in Engineers Week.

The week was founded by the National Society of Professional Engineers in 1951 and is dedicated to ensuring a diverse and well-educated future engineering workforce by increasing understanding of, and interest in, engineering and technology careers.

The children's mission was:

- to engineer an egg protector that would enable an egg to remain intact when dropped from a height
- to create a logo for their egg protector, and
- to research a famous engineer.

The ingenuity and inventiveness of the children was inspiring, and we will post some of the work on the Muswell Hill Masterpieces website for you to see in due course.

<https://mhpsmasterpieces.wordpress.com/>

### Blended/Remote Learning and Anti-bullying Policy Reviews

**Anti-bullying** - following the consultation with parents/carers last November, the school has been working on our revised Anti-bullying policy during December and January. Thank you to everyone who took part in the consultation and contributed their views and suggestions, we are grateful for your input. The final document has been approved by the governors and we will be sharing it with you after we fully reopen.

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**Blended/Remote Learning** – thank you again for your feedback and suggestions. As you know (Newsletter No.18 - 5 February 2021) we started making some adjustments to our practices this week. Sarah Lima, our Blended/Remote Learning Link governor, is summarising the feedback and will be writing to you next week. The updated policy will be published on the website shortly afterwards.

### Also, in this newsletter:

**Toby's Art Exhibition page; Makaton Sign of the Week; Haringey and Enfield Police Newsletter; Parent Consultations - update; Date reminders/updates, and Golden Learners of the Week.**

# Toby's Art Exhibition page

This week, some amazing "animal eyes" from a Year 2 project.



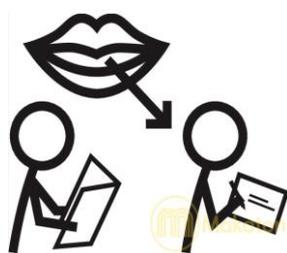
## Makaton Sign of the Week

Here is the YouTube link for the MAKATON Sign of the Week video. The signs are "English" and "Maths".

<https://youtu.be/LSfmNPpt0Sk>



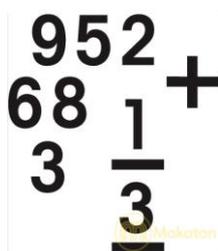
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English symbol



Maths sign



Maths symbol

## Enfield and Haringey Police – BCU Commander Newsletter

The latest BCU Commander newsletter from the Metropolitan Police is attached with this Newsletter – it gives police updates for the area.

## Parent Consultations

The dates for parent consultations between 23 and 30 March are still being finalised with our teachers. Each class teacher will be available after school (exact timings to be confirmed) on two alternative dates during that period for a consultation about your child's learning.

Annette will send an email to all parents/carers with the booking link on Wednesday 10 March at 5pm. The link will close on Tuesday 23 March at 11.00am so please remember to book your appointment before then.

Please remember to update your contact details if any have changed. Thank you.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES – UPDATES AND REMINDERS

Monday 8 March	School reopens to all children
Wednesday 31 March	TAD (Staff Training Day – no children at school)
Thursday 1 April	Children break up for the Easter Break (so effectively the children break up at the end of the school day on Tuesday 30 March)
Monday 19 April	Children return to school for the Summer Term
Monday 3 May	Spring Bank Holiday – school closed
Friday 28 May	Last day of school before half term – children break up at the end of the school day
Monday 31 May to Friday 4 June	Half term holiday (Monday 31 May is a Bank Holiday)
Monday 7 June	Children return to school after half term
Friday 23 July	Children break up for the Summer Holiday
Friday 3 September	Children back to school to start the new academic year 2021-22 (to be confirmed)

# Golden Learners of the Week

## Red Class – Lucy’s Shout Outs

This week Red Class has chosen two Golden Learners for their determination and positive attitude towards their learning. The week's Golden Learners are **Teddy** and **Eva** - we love seeing examples of all of your hard work on Tapestry - well done!

## Ruby Class – Grace’s Shouts Outs

My Golden Learners are **Georgia** and **Santiago**. You are such kind and friendly members of Ruby class who always try their best in everything they do. You should be very proud of all the progress you have made this half term. Keep up the great work and well done!

## Orange – Jeni’s Shout Out

**Aslan** is the Golden Learner from Orange Class this week. Aslan has shown great resilience and perseverance in his learning recently. Aslan has really picked up his motivation this week and has been working well at home. I was especially impressed with his egg drop challenge videos, as he persevered until he found a successful design.

## Amber – Toby and Roisin’s Shout Outs

Amber Class Golden Learner is **Isabella** for persevering with her handwriting, she should be proud of her excellent progress.

We also wanted to take this opportunity to give a shout out to the whole of Amber class who have been amazing. All your hard work and wonderful messages, your resilience and resourcefulness. You should all be so proud of yourselves and we can't wait to see you all back in school :)

## Yellow – Geoff’s Shout Out

The Golden Learner in Yellow Class this week is **Leonard**. Leonard has been working incredibly hard all half term. He always takes time to reflect upon his work and replies to feedback thoughtfully. I was particularly impressed with his egg drop challenge this week as it was especially creative. Well done Leonard!

## Gold – Nathan’s Shout Outs

My Golden Learner this week is **James**. James showed fantastic perseverance whilst making his egg protector. His first design did not manage to protect his egg, so he went back and made a new protector using different materials. His redesigned protector did a fantastic job of keeping his egg safe. Well done James.

## Green – Kath’s Shout Outs

Green Class Golden Learners this week are:

**Maya J** - For excellent engagement with Seesaw. She has been determined to complete work in every subject and share her knowledge and understanding with the class on Zoom, particularly in history, where

we are learning about the Shang Dynasty. She always plans and prepares carefully and is a highly reflective learner. Well done Maya!

**Isla** - For showing such lovely enthusiasm for her work, both in school and at home, and for being so determined to make progress in all areas but particularly in her writing. She is really showing a very mature and highly motivated attitude towards her learning. Well done Isla!

### **Emerald – Lara’s Shout Outs**

Emerald Class Golden Learners this week are:

**Kian** for his wonderful engineer research. Kian has been amazing on Seesaw and always tries his hardest in every activity. Well done Kian!

**Mimi** for her excellent egg drop video and plan! Mimi has worked extremely hard and has had some very creative ideas. Well done Mimi!

### **Blue – Ritu’s Shout Outs**

This week’s Golden Learners in Blue Class are **Delphi, Grace, Harry, Milena** and **Xander**! Amongst them, they have shown excellent engineering skills in designing, building, making and evaluating.

**Delphi** - Instead of simply designing her drawbridge, she created it out of Lego and engineered a drawbridge she could lower and raise efficiently. Well done.

**Grace** approached her logo coding session with great enthusiasm. She was able to accurately engineer coding blocks to animate a set logo. Good job!

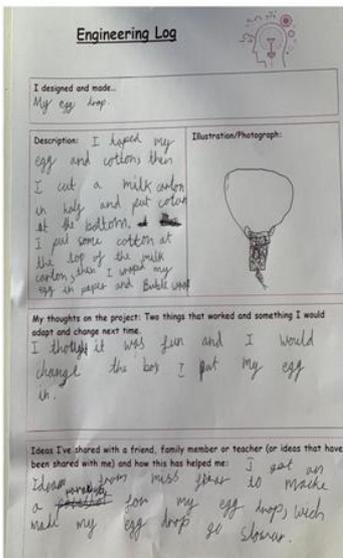
**Harry** talked passionately about his own design for a Mars Rover and what materials he would use to engineer it in real life should NASA call upon him to help with their mission. Good designing skills!

**Milena** designed and participated in the Egg-Drop challenge. Though her egg carrier did not protect the egg from cracking, she made excellent evaluations for what could be improved and how she would adapt to make it better. Great thinking!

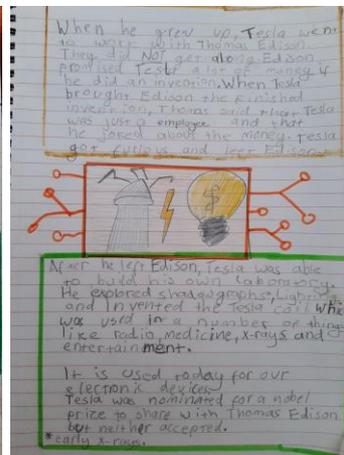
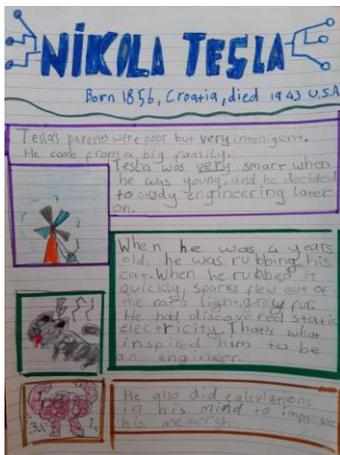
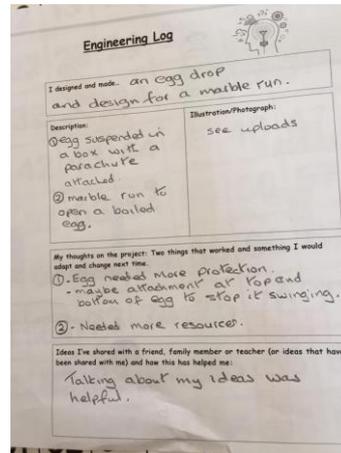
**Xander**, throughout the week, has shown a range of excellent engineering skills across a variety of tasks. I was particularly impressed with his resilience to keep trying again and again when his self-created marble run wouldn’t work exactly as he had planned. Very well done.

### **Sapphire – Sophie’s Shout Outs**

My Golden Learners for Sapphire this week are the budding engineers to be, **Alex** and **Howie**! Not only have they impressed me (as all of Sapphire class have) with their enthusiasm for both our Egg Drop and Marble Run challenges but Alex and Howie have gone above and beyond to engage in the process over our Zooms, carefully explaining the way they planned and thought out their investigations. Howie did his Egg drop in three stages to assess which materials provided the best protection by process of elimination and Alex brainstormed a marble run which could pour milk into a cup of tea or coffee - inspired!



Congratulations to these two bright sparks and to the rest of Sapphire who have done some beautiful research posters on their chosen Engineers and also reflected so maturely in their end of the week logs - you can see examples from Sara, Izzy, Jake and Filippos :)



### Miss Fryer's Brilliant Blue Bubble Shout Out

My Golden Learner this week is **Lowen**. He became our teacher during maths explaining how to share equally in division and how to exchange tens in order to do so. A fantastic help.

I would also like to give a shout out to all of my group for their dedication in building an egg protector. We had quite a short time frame, but everyone succeeded in completing their egg protector. In DT the time factor is an important consideration. Extra shout out to **Lorca** for his innovative balloon design, and it worked too!

### Indigo – Hadley's Shout Outs

**Joe** deserves this award for producing heaps of excellent work across the curriculum whether he has been at home or in school during the lockdown period. Joe is an outstanding footballer and his approach to maths, for example, reminds me of his attitude on the pitch: he shows intense focus and if he loses the ball or gets a maths question wrong, you know the opposition are going to pay or he will learn from his mistake.

**Leila** has produced outstanding work across the curriculum every day during lockdown and this week has been no exception. She has been sending videos of herself reading expressively every day which she does not HAVE to do but clearly enjoys, and the entertaining film she made this week demonstrating the success

of her brilliantly engineered egg-protector was one of many which have shown the delight she takes in learning.

Finally, another shout-out to **everyone in Indigo** for making our class the best any teacher could wish for. Conversations on both zooms today revealed how much children have been missing their friends at school, yet they have shown high levels of independence and produced mountains of amazing work. One more week!

### **Cobalt – Elena’s Shout Outs**

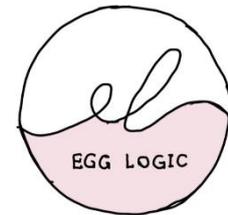
The Golden Learners in Cobalt class this week are:

**Alon** for getting stuck into Engineering Week and creating a successful egg protector in the egg drop challenge. He really thought about what materials he could use to ensure his egg survived a big drop! Well done for showing such enthusiasm Alon!

**Evie** for developing such a resilient and positive approach to her remote learning. I have been so impressed with Evie's work recently, demonstrating a real determined attitude with each piece of work and always bringing humour and a huge smile to our class zooms is an added bonus! Well done Evie.

### **Violet – Muriel’s Shout Out**

Creative, cheerful and a joy to be around  
Leaves a footprint or mark on any space she enters  
Always making the most out of online learning  
Resilient, understanding and a great friend  
Amazing engineering skills shown throughout the week.



Clara, we loved your logo and thought process during the egg drop challenge - a well-deserved Golden Learner!

### **Amethyst – Joseph’s Shout Out**

This week's Golden Learner in Amethyst is **Lyra**. Lyra not only designed one outstanding egg protector at home but engineered a second successful device at school! Furthermore, Lyra has produced so much work this week: she went back and re-did lots of tasks after the sound failed to work on the first attempt! An egg-cellent week, Lyra.

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