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'Farewell but not goodbye'- Elena is leaving MHPS

With a heavy heart but also with excitement for a new chapter, Elena will be leaving us at the end of term. She has completed eight years at Muswell Hill and is ready for a new challenge as Assistant Headteacher in another school.



Elena joined the new leadership team in September 2019 as Acting Assistant Head and has experienced quite a lot of 'crisis management' during the past 18 months in role and apparently has loved it, so now she moves on to expand her senior leadership experience.

All new staff and visitors talk about that special feeling you get when coming into MHPS. Elena, has been part of creating this. She is an incredibly committed professional, a fantastic colleague and an excellent teacher. She has been a great asset to the school and will be sorely missed by everyone. A HUGE thank you to Elena.

We have appointed a wonderful new teacher called Bee, who will be introduced to the children of Cobalt Class next Friday and then we will introduce her to you! Elena will be talking to the children on Monday about her departure and telling them about Bee.

Many thanks,
Mandi

This week we celebrated World Book Day – 5 March 2021

To celebrate World Book Day 2021 the following short film from the Muswell Hill Production Team was posted on Seesaw by the Assistant Headteachers.

https://youtu.be/Y_hsmV_XI4U

Children both at school and at home dressed up as their favourite book characters in the most amazing costumes and we hope that your child will be able to spend their £1 book token on one of the great titles – more information here:

<https://www.worldbookday.com/>

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We're ready for you and look forward to seeing you on Monday!

We've lots of interesting events next week:

Anne Frank Commemoration

Nathan, Gold Class teacher, will be delivering age-appropriate assemblies this week to KS1 and KS2 children to commemorate 75 years since the death of Anne Frank. He will speak a little about her life and the life of refugees today.

"In spite of everything, I still believe that people are really good at heart."



Science Week

Following swiftly on the heels of Engineers Week it is **Science Week** next week. The theme of the week is **Innovating for the Future** and the whole school will be finding out more about flight. The week will start with an introductory recorded assembly and there are lots of exciting things for the children to engage with next week.



International Women's Month

Hopefully, you are already aware that March is International Women's Month! The theme this year is **Choose to Challenge**.

The children will watch a YouTube assembly next week to celebrate International Women's Day which falls on Monday 8 March – Muriel, Amethyst Class teacher, will be sharing a story based on a female scientist to tie in with Science Week.

On Friday the following week we will celebrate Comic Relief's

Red Nose Day



It would be lovely if the children could dress up in red on the day and bring in a donation to the Comic Relief charity which is raising money to help provide safety to families who need support, tackle mental health stigma, take action against domestic abuse, and help to give children a brighter future – both here in the UK and worldwide. Liz will send out more information nearer the day.

When coming back on Monday please remember:

- We are a nut-free school so please don't bring anything that has any nuts or peanut ingredients into the school in healthy packed lunches.
- Please socially distance when queuing to drop off or pick up your children and as a courtesy to others please wear a face covering.
- Please bring in named water bottles for the children which will be brought back each day for cleaning.
- Please put names in clothing so we have some hope of returning them to the children if they get left around the grounds.

For the government guidance for parents follow this link:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak>

Whilst we are really looking forward to seeing the children on Monday, we ask you please to constantly err on the side of caution if your children are feeling under the weather, and don't bring them to school. We have families whose children won't be back on Monday as they are self-isolating because of positive test results in the household. The virus is still very much in the local community.

As always, we are so grateful for your cooperation and understanding in these matters, have a lovely weekend.

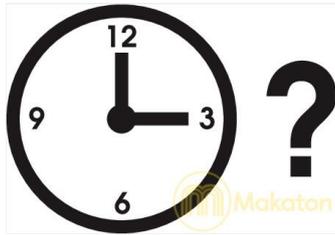
Makaton Sign of the Week

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

<https://youtu.be/WtDLnGvJI-0>



When sign



When symbol



Who sign



Who symbol

Forest School restarts for Year 2

We are really delighted that the new Year 2 Forest School groups will start on Monday 15 March.

The group will run for two hours on Monday afternoons, all children in Year 2 will have the opportunity to be a part of the group throughout the rest of the academic year.



Golden Learners of the Week

Red Class – Lucy's Shout Outs

This week's Golden Learners in Red Class have shown perseverance and creativity in their designs for Engineering week! Well done **Alexandra** and **Harvey** - we look forward to seeing more of your creations next week in school!

Ruby Class – Grace's Shouts Outs

Another wonderful week from Ruby class. My Golden Learners are **Ioannis** and **Elena**. They are always so happy and smiley on zoom and always try their best in everything they do. Elena makes everyone laugh with her fantastic sense of humour and Ioannis is a sensible, reliable and kind member of Ruby class. You have all been FABULOUS and I can't wait to see you all on Monday!

Orange – Jeni’s Shout Out

Orange Class Golden Learner this week is **Federico**! He has shown such amazing maturity and resilience the last few months and always approaches his learning with enthusiasm. Well done Federico, you are a superstar!

Amber – Toby and Roisin’s Shout Outs

Amber Class Golden Learner this week is **Alfie**. He has consistently worked hard and with great determination, particularly when completing all his tricky online Maths learning. Well done Alfie!

Yellow – Geoff’s Shout Out

The Golden Learner in Yellow Class this week is... everyone in Yellow Class! I am incredibly proud of the ways in which everyone has dealt with this unusual time. It has been lovely to see all of the learning that has taken place at home and at school over the last few weeks and I look forward to seeing all of your faces again on Monday. Well done Yellow Class!

Gold – Nathan’s Shout Outs

My Golden Learner this week is **Tilila**. Tilila has always put in so much effort with her home learning. This week, she wrote a fantastic factual report about the alien from Beegu. She thought of lots of very imaginative details and set her work out very clearly. Well done everyone in Gold Class for all of your efforts over the last few months. I can't wait to see you all next week!

Green – Kath’s Shout Outs

Green Golden Learners this week are:

Mikey - For fantastic engagement with Seesaw and for making every effort to complete all his lessons and activities. He has really challenged himself to produce his best work and make lots of progress during lockdown. Really amazing. We are all so proud of you. Well done Mikey!

Niamh - For fabulous engagement with Seesaw and for always going the extra mile to produce her best work. She evaluates and improves as she goes along and plans her work very carefully. She always shows a wonderful enthusiasm for learning and discovering new things. Well done Niamh!

Emerald – Lara’s Shout Outs

This week **EVERYONE** in Emerald Class is a Golden Learner. I am so proud of you all – you have all engaged with remote learning and have shown huge amounts of resilience and determination. Well done all of you and I am looking forward to seeing you all on Monday!

Blue – Ritu’s Shout Outs

This week I have chosen three children who could be chosen every week! For me, they really stood out in remote learning, always going the extra mile and producing work of an exceptionally high standard whether it was Writing, Science or Art.

A gigantic well done to **Violet, Julia** and **Amalia** who have produced the most fabulous, well-thought out, creative and well-presented pieces of work over the last eight weeks.

Can't wait to see you all in school on Monday! :)

Sapphire – Sophie’s Shout Outs

Golden Learners from Sapphire this week:

Noya, for the sense of independence and positivity she has brought to our grammar work and the beginning of a topic on Fractions this week - Noya has been working hard to self-edit and correct spellings, add commas where needed and use a wider variety of powerful and descriptive language features and has been taking greater care to reflect and explain her reasoning in Maths too! My second Golden Learner is **Louis**, for his passion and enthusiasm across the board this week, from World Book Day Activities, Zoom quizzes to Posters in RE and History and animations on Scratch - he has succeeded in them all! Well done both of you and a HUGE round of applause for all parents, carers and children in Sapphire Class - I can't wait to warmly welcome you back on Monday! 😊

Indigo – Hadley’s Shout Outs

Golden Learners for Indigo this week are:

Eloise for expressing so much enthusiasm for learning, often sending messages saying how much she enjoyed a lesson. She also asked for help when she got really stuck, showing a commendable and positive desire to learn.

Berk for working so hard during lockdown and being willing to respond to marking and improve his work, I know Berk really missed being in school with friends, but he can be proud of what he has produced at home.

Finally, to **all of Indigo Class**: we made it and I can't wait to see you all on Monday. To quote Michael Rosen 'We couldn't go over it, we couldn't go under it. We had to go through it. And we did!'

Cobalt – Elena’s Shout Outs

The Golden Learners this week in Cobalt class are:

Tiare for her effort and conscientious approach to her maths learning. She is always the first to post her maths work to Seesaw each morning and will always go back and correct any errors after receiving feedback. Well done Tiare, I am very proud of you!

Ziggy for impressing me with his brilliant digital skills during this past term of remote learning. His computer aided designs have been eye catching and a joy to see. He is also such an inquisitive learner, always asking interesting questions to move his learning on. Well done Ziggy, I am proud of you!

Violet – Muriel’s Shout Out

Everyday gives 100% to her learning

Yes you can attitude

Loyal friend to all

Unwavering spirit that is admirable

Learning on Seesaw has been phenomenal

Eylul, you're our well-deserved Golden Learner this week.

Amethyst – Joseph’s Shout Out

This week's Golden Learner in Amethyst is Ahan. Ahi is a wonderful child: kind, thoughtful and hard working. He has impressed me throughout the year with his fantastic work and his remote learning has been no different. I loved reading his funny play script in English, playing his amazing scratch games and listening to his fantastic guitar playing. The award goes to Ahi this week though for his kindness. In a zoom game with the class, Ahi made sure that everything was fair and everyone was given a chance. Well done, Ahi.