

Muswell Hill Primary School

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Teaching Staff 2015/16

Year Group	Current Class			New Class	Teacher
Reception Line Manager – Helen Hattersley (Deputy Headteacher)					
			Reception	Red	Lucy Sykes
			Reception	Ruby	Hannah Boardman
Assistant Headteacher for Year 1 and Year 2 – Rosie O'Donnell					
Reception	Red	→	Year 1	Orange	Roisin Barker (3 days) and Kath Edmundson (2)
Reception	Ruby	→	Year 1	Amber	Mimi Jhugroo
Year 1	Amber	→	Year 2	Gold	Suzy Fotheringham
Year 1	Orange	→	Year 2	Yellow	Megan Jones
Assistant Headteacher for Year 3 and Year 4 – Liz McMullen					
Year 2	Yellow	→	Year 3	Green	Elena Yiapanis
Year 2	Gold	→	Year 3	Emerald	Toby Harrison
Year 3	Emerald	→	Year 4	Blue	Audrey Shiouxios (4 days) and Roz Szecowka (1)
Year 3	Green	→	Year 4	Sapphire	Jackie Myles (3 days) and Rebecca Fryer (2.5)
Assistant Headteacher for Year 5 and Year 6 – David Howes					
Year 4	Sapphire	→	Year 5	Cobalt	Geoff Summers
Year 4	Blue	→	Year 5	Indigo	Adam Worsdale
Year 5	Indigo	→	Year 6	Amethyst	Ritu Ganguly-Khan
Year 5	Cobalt	→	Year 6	Violet	Rhiannon Rees

Staff Departures and Arrivals

Departures:

We will miss all of those leaving our staff community. Each one has contributed so much to the school and the children. Whilst we are sad to see them go we wish them well for the future!

Sabrina Azam, Year 3 Teacher – 1 day per week

I have had an incredible 15 years here at Muswell Hill Primary School but have recently relocated out of the London area. It has been a truly inspirational experience working with such creative and unique children. I feel fortunate to have been part of a great team that has supported me through my professional development. I would like to thank all the parents and carers who have worked with me to provide the best for their children. It's truly been a pleasure working here and I will miss it. I take with me many fond memories. Sabrina.

Joe Godfrey, Year 4 Class Teacher

Since joining the school in 2009 it's been my pleasure to spend my days with such wonderful and amazing children, who have enriched my life enormously. I would like to thank the parents of these children both for creating these people and for supporting their stubbly teacher. I'm going to greatly miss my fellow comrades and friends on the staff, whose intellect, experience and support is matched only by their gorgeousness. I have learned so much from them, and it is because of them I can call myself a teacher. As my little family unit expands (and starts crawling around), the flat, wide-open landscape of Essex beckons. I will miss everyone at Muswell Hill, but I look forward to hearing about all the exciting times ahead from the dear friends I leave behind. Joe.

Cate Jago, Year 6 Class Teacher

Unfortunately I have to relocate from London with my family due to a significant change to my husband's job. I will be moving out of London and sadly, it is too far to commute! I am so sad to leave Muswell Hill. It has been such a memorable year, starting with the Isle of Wight, and finishing with the Year 6 production. Every single person in the school has made me feel so welcome and the children's behaviour and attitude are an absolute credit to their parents and all the staff who teach and care for them. I shall miss you all, and wish you the very best of luck for the coming academic year. I hope to keep in touch and hear all about how the school and my lovely Amethyst class are progressing in their adventures at secondary school. Cate.

Joseph Noutch, Year 6 Learning Support Assistant

I am leaving Muswell Hill Primary to begin teacher-training with the Institute of Education. Thank you to all the staff, students and parents who have made my time here so enjoyable. I will miss everyone! Joseph.

Brigid Maher, Key Stage 2 Learning Support Assistant

I am leaving to go to Abu Dhabi and be a teacher! I have thoroughly enjoyed my time at Muswell Hill Primary and have really enjoyed getting to know the amazing children here. Thank you all for your support. Brigid.

Arrivals:

Adam Worsdale, Year 5 Class Teacher

Adam is really looking forward to starting at Muswell Hill Primary School. Adam has been working in Waltham Forest Local Authority recently.

Megan Jones, Year 2 Class Teacher

Megan is really looking forward to working alongside Suzy Fotheringham in Year 2 next year. Megan has been working in Cumbria Local Authority and is looking forward to returning to North London.

Denise Rana, Lunchtime Supervisor

Denise is going to be working with a Key Stage 2 Class. She is delighted to have been offered the role and can't wait for September to get started!

We also have new support assistants starting but the interviews are on Monday! We will announce further details in the first newsletter of the autumn term.

Performance Art and Art Week 2015

During Art Week 2015 we created a 'time lapse' of all of our children forming a rainbow. You may have seen this at the Art Exhibition. If you didn't manage to see this please click on the following link:

<http://muswellhillprimary.co.uk/gallery/performance-art-time-lapse/>

Art Week 2015 was hugely successful. Yvonne Chakraborty, a parent at MHPS and professional photographer, took some incredible shots of the week. I would like to thank Yvonne for giving so much of her time and expertise to support our school in this way. Please see the following link for examples of the photographs:

<http://muswellhillprimary.co.uk/gallery/art-exhibition-2015/>

The final day to purchase the Performance Art piece is **Monday 13th July**. At 4pm the reference to this will be removed from Parent Pay.

Here is a small sample of the final picture. A high-quality version is available to view in the school office.

If you have ordered a copy we will endeavour to get this to you before the end of the term (Friday 17th July.) However, getting the photos out to parents does depend on demand.



Please see the photo in the school office for a lot more clarity!

Our Children!

Children involved: Dora and Rafael

The following report has been written by Dora, Y6:

On the 15th of June, Ruben, Rafael, my Mum, my Dad and I went to Queens Tennis tournament to meet Rafael Nadal.

Ruben was treated to this because he used his wish given to him by a charity called Starlight who gives wishes to many children who have had, or have cancer.

He chose to meet Rafael Nadal, because after many months thinking about it he decided because of his connection speaking Spanish and the fact that he had been a role model to him for as many years as he can remember.

It was an incredible experience for us seeing him, as the closest that we had ever got to him before was on our TV screen. We think about it today that actually the first time we watched him was with our Dad when we were little and him saying to us, "... this one will be a good one, kids, I'm telling you". Ruben spoke to him in

Spanish and so did my Dad. Rafael was very kind by letting us take pictures and he signed our programmes.

If I haven't established yet, Rafael Nadal is a very famous tennis player. I'm looking forward to watching Wimbledon this year!

By Dora

Please see the sports page of the website for a photo of the special day:

<http://muswellhillprimary.co.uk/sports/>

Children Involved: Maggie and Grace

Maggie and Grace from Sapphire Class raised £80.00 at the Summer Fair for the World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF) from their stall selling makeup and hair accessories. Both children and parents would like to thank the SPA (Staff Parent Association) for supporting this venture!

Children Involved: Anna and Sienna

Anna and Sienna worked tirelessly to support the Frozen Ark Charity in February. The children awarded a cheque of over £400 to the charity in assembly recently. The local media caught up with this great story:

<http://muswellhillprimary.co.uk/school-office/media/>

Children Involved: Alessia and Noemi

Alessia and Noemi spent their weekend making loom bands to sell at the Summer Fair. All the money raised went to Cancer Research UK. The children would like to thank the SPA for supporting their ingenuity! The children raised a grand total of £32.45! We are so proud of Alessia and Noemi!

Children Involved: Annie, Julia and other Year 6 children

Annie and Julia baked lots of cookies during the week before the fair. They sold them for between 50p and £1 with all of the proceeds going to The Haringey Food Bank. The children raised over £70 for this worthwhile charity. Well done to all those involved – you are an asset to the school and your families.

Simon Mayo – Book Launch

Year 6 children had the privilege of attending Simon Mayo's local book launch at Muswell Hill Bookshop.

To read more about this story please click the following link:

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<http://muswellhillprimary.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2015/07/Simon-Mayo.pdf>

To view photographs of this event please click the following link:

<http://muswellhillprimary.co.uk/news/>

I would like to thank our parents for supporting us with projects like this. Rachael Booth-Clibborn uses her contacts continually to gain positive media coverage for the school. Rachael also liaises with others to help us gain high quality photographs. On behalf of the school and the children, thank you!

The photographs from the Simon Mayo event were taken by Melanie Ashbrook:

www.melanieashbrook.com

Extra Curricular Clubs – An update and something new!

Focus on: French Club

Les Étoiles Filantes Lunchtime French Group

Les Étoiles Filantes French group continues to be a popular lunchtime choice and the children's enthusiasm to learn a new language has been fantastic! This has really supported the work that is carried out in school and enhanced learning even further!

They have been learning to express likes and dislikes and to present something/someone. The focus has been on family members, fruit and days of the week.

The children (particularly the Juniors) have done a little written work and thought about how French pronunciation is different from English, taking note of accents and whether words are feminine or masculine.

However, the emphasis has been mostly on the spoken with lots of songs and games, ensuring that the lunchtime group remains fun as well as educational. With many pupils visiting France in the holidays there will be plenty of opportunity to practise their new language skills!

If you are interested in securing a place for your child in September please contact Sylvie Turner at:

sylvieturner@hotmail.com



Please contact as soon as possible as places are limited!

Something New - in conjunction with Highgate Primary School – Mandarin Club

Mandarin and Chinese Culture Club will offer an introduction to Mandarin Chinese through songs and activities. Whilst the focus will be on the spoken language, we will also learn how to read and write Chinese characters. In addition, club members will have the chance to explore aspects of Chinese culture, such as food, festivals and the arts.

Rhoda Pennington – Mandarin Teacher and Confucius Classroom Manager at Highgate Primary and Parent of Sarah (Year 6.)

Need to know information:

- 1) This club is being run **free of charge**. No contribution is asked for. We would like to thank Highgate Primary and Rhoda for this incredible generosity.
- 2) Every **Wednesday** from **12:20pm to 12:50pm** in the **Clubhouse**.
- 3) New **Year 4 and 5** children only (currently in Year 3 and 4.)
- 4) Bookings will be made on a **first-come-first-served** basis.
- 5) The first **15** bookings will be given a place. We will then use a waiting-list if a space does become available at a later date.
- 6) Please book by contacting the **school office**: office@muswell-hill.haringey.sch.uk

Sports at Muswell Hill Primary

I cannot begin to sum up the amount of success we have enjoyed on the Sports field! Mr Howes, our Assistant Headteacher and PE Leader, has overseen a haul of new trophies across many disciplines.

Please read the children's accounts for yourselves to find out a little more by clicking 'archive' on the following link:

<http://muswellhillprimary.co.uk/sports/>

Farming At MHPS!

We welcomed a number of farm animals to MHPS June 2015! Rosie O'Donnell, our Assistant Headteacher, led teacher training on this with the staff and booked the farm. Our teachers creatively taught Maths, English and other areas of our broad and balanced curriculum based on the topic of 'Farming.'

For photographs of the children learning about the animals and examples of their subsequent work please click on the following link:

<http://muswellhillprimary.co.uk/gallery/farm/>

Fundraising for the Early Years

On Saturday 4th July. Maya Magub, a parent and professional musician, organised and ran a beautiful concert of Vivaldi's Four Seasons. It was an honour to watch world-class performers playing this family concert especially for Muswell Hill Primary!

Further details about the day can be found by clicking on the following link:

<http://muswellhillprimary.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2015/06/July-4th-concert.pdf>

Maya and the musicians raised over £500 for the Early Years outdoor space project. We are very grateful for Maya's time.

To view photographs of the concert please click on the following link:

<http://muswellhillprimary.co.uk/gallery/violin-concert/>

You may have noticed that phase 2 of the project is now underway and will be completed, all being well, by September 2015.

Dates for the Diary

The entire staff team and I would like to wish all of our families a safe and happy summer break.

- Please remember to take any coats, PE kits, bags and personal belongings. Any lost property will be cleared and put into the TRAIID recycling box on 17.7.15. This is located outside the school office
- As previously communicated, please note that our school finishes at 12pm on Friday 17th July for Year 6. There is optional early collection for all other children at 2pm on Friday 17th July. If you would prefer not to take up this offer, school will close at 3:30pm. There is no After School Club provision on that day.

We look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Monday 7th September 2015.

Term Dates 2015-2016

Autumn Term 2015



	Starts	Ends	Term Days
TAD	Thursday 3 & Friday 4 September 2015		
Autumn 1	Monday 7 September 2015	Friday 23 October 2015	35
Holiday	Monday 26 October 2015	Friday 30 October 2015	
Autumn 2	Monday 2 November 2015	Friday 18 December 2015	35
Holiday	Monday 21 December 2015	Friday 1 January 2016	

Spring Term 2016

	Starts	Ends	Term Days
TAD	Monday 4 January 2016		
Spring 1	Tuesday 5 January 2016	Friday 12 February 2016	29
Holiday	Monday 15 February 2016	Friday 19 February 2016	
Spring 2	Monday 22 February 2016	Friday 18 March 2016	20
Holiday	Monday 21 March 2016	Friday 1 April 2016	

Summer Term 2016

	Starts	Ends	Term Days
TAD	Friday 29 April 2016		
Summer 1	Monday 4 April 2016	Friday 27 May 2016	38
Holiday	Monday 30 May 2016	Friday 3 June 2016	
TAD	Monday 6 June 2016		
Summer 2	Tuesday 7 June 2016	Thursday 21 July 2016	33
Holiday	Friday 22 July 2016	Friday 2 September 2016	



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Total			190 days

