

The Governor

July 2014

Welcome to the final newsletter from your Governors this school year.

A reminder... The Governing Body currently comprises sixteen people who represent the local authority, our community, parents at the school and all levels of the staff.

<p>Staff Governors (4) James Wiltshire (Head Teacher) Annette Atkinson (support) (13-11-2015) Suzy Fotheringham (teacher) (1-12-2017) Hannah Boardman (teacher) (23-06-2018)</p>	<p>Parent Governors (6) Simon Wantman (06-12-2015) <i>[Ellis and Lily in Green and Orange Classes]</i> Darren Spence (06-12-2015) <i>[Kate in Indigo Class]</i> Nikki Blain (17-12-2016) <i>[Lola in Gold Class]</i> Dan Salem (10-03-2018) <i>[Marnie in Blue Class]</i> Jessica Rosenfield (10-03-2018) <i>[Natasha and Rafael in Red and Yellow Classes]</i> (Date = end of term as Governor)</p>
<p>Local Authority Governors (3) Victoria Powell (09-09-2016) Michael Cunningham (19-11-2016) Carey Miller (13-03-2018)</p>	
<p>Community Governors (4) Nilesh Goswani (15-05-2015) Sheila Watson (01-12-2016) Iain Kennedy (22-06-2017) (Vice Chair) Sarah Gray (29-06-2018) (Chair)</p>	

Our latest meeting ...

The last meeting was held on 30th June and the following areas were discussed:

1. The results from the **audit** of our financial procedures and processes. This was very positive both technically and from the welcome that the auditors received. In fact they left us a nice note on the website!
2. **Attendance.** As many of you know we revised our attendance policy and introduced a new process for requesting time away from school. This has resulted in an increase in attendance rates from 94.95% to 96.27%. This is a great result and to put it into context the change is equivalent to more than 2.5 days per child, so more than 1000 extra teaching days in total. Many, many thanks to all parents for their help in driving this improvement.
3. **P4C** [also known as philosophy for children]. This is a new teaching initiative which teaches children about questions which have no right or wrong answers. It encourages them to debate and think more deeply and creatively about some interesting questions. Our teachers have now been trained and lessons will start in the new academic term.
4. As this was the last full Governing Body meeting before the end of the school year we took the time to **thank** James for the contribution he has made in his first school year at Muswell Hill Primary School. The governors thanked him and indeed all members of staff for their efforts this year. A significant amount of work has been done and we are all looking forward to next year with relish.

KS2 Provisional SATS results 2014 ...

We recently received our provisional KS2 SATS result and would like to congratulate the teachers and the children for their achievement this year. We should also remember that results are a reflection of many years of high-quality teaching and learning not just this year. In fact not only do we compare the results from this year 6 group with those of previous years but we also look at how the attainment of this year 6 group compares to the KS1 results that they delivered when they were in year 2. This analysis shows continued positive progress which is a great result for the whole school.

At this stage the results are still provisional and the Senior Leadership Team is reviewing individual results to ensure accuracy. We will comment further on the final, verified figures in the Autumn Term alongside results from KS1 and indeed the Early Years results.

We have managed to gain 97% in L4+ at reading and have maintained our 75% L5+ from last year. In writing, the results have increased in L4+, L5+

and L6. The mathematics results look extremely positive with 27% of pupils achieving L6!

It is worth reminding ourselves that L4 is in line with the National Average for year 6. L6 is the equivalent to the expected national average for year 8 children.

Subject	Levels	2013	2014
Reading	L4+	95%	97%
	L5+	75%	75%
	L6	3%	2%
Writing	L4+	92%	93%
	L5+	54%	59%
	L6	3%	8%
Mathematics	L4+	90%	88%
	L5+	61%	63%
	L6	24%	27%

Meet the Head ...

Just a reminder that James has set aside a few days to meet with you all in order that you can hear from him about plans for the new school year and he can hear your views on the school too.

Parents of Year 5 and 6 children - Wednesday 24 th September	9:00am - 9:45am or 3:45pm - 4:30pm
Parents of Year 3 and 4 children - Thursday 25 th September	time as above
Parents of Year 1 and 2 children – Friday 26 th September	time as above

Reception parents will be given the opportunity to meet with James when their children start in reception.

Finally ...

A reminder that we break up tomorrow: **Tuesday 22nd July.**

Year 6 children should be collected in the usual way at **12pm.**

All other children should be collected in the usual way at **2pm when the school will close.**

Thank you to all staff at Muswell Hill Primary School for their hard work this year and of course to the children and parents. We wish you a very happy summer holiday and look forward to welcoming you back for the new school year on **Wednesday 3rd September at 8.55am.**