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Parent and Carer Survey

As you know, the leadership team was restructured in April 2014. The Senior Leadership Team at Muswell Hill Primary School is:

James Wiltshire – Headteacher
Helen Hattersley – Deputy Headteacher
Gillian Collin – SENDCO
David Howes – Assistant Headteacher -Year 6, 5 and 4
Liz McMullen – Assistant Headteacher - Year 3 and 2
Rosie O'Donnell – Assistant Headteacher – Year 1 and Reception

Just over 1 year on we would like to gain some feedback from parents and carers via a brief survey. The questions are largely based on those that were in the June 2013 survey. We have held regular 'Meet The Headteacher' meetings where parents have provided feedback on what is going well, what small changes would make a big difference and what school improvement changes are needed. These have formed a valuable part of our school improvement plans.

We would be grateful for as many responses as possible to the survey that is linked below. If you have more than one child at our school please feel free to complete one survey per child if you would like to. Once you have completed the questions there is an opportunity to write any additional comments.

The survey will be open from Tuesday 12th May to Tuesday 26th May. We will send you a reminder when the survey is due to close.

Many thanks for your time and your feedback:

https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/muswellhill_survey

Community Events and Getting Involved

70's ABBA Night!

A new event for the school community, courtesy of the SPA, created quite a stir! Saturday April 25th saw parents, carers and friends dressing in their best 70's outfits and dancing to the groovy beat of Abba Vision at the Earl Haigh Hall. Everyone entered into the spirit and had great fun. We raised £350 - requests have been made for an 80's night next year!



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Thank to all and in particular, thank you to Rachael Booth-Clibborn and Lynsey Mellows.

Lorraine Pond, SPA.

Sponsored Walk 2015

On Sunday the sun shone for the first Muswell Hill Primary sponsored walk. Close to 200 hundred children turned up with their parents to take part in a 4km walk from our school, along the Parkland walk and around Highgate woods. The atmosphere was amazing with everyone joining in wholeheartedly to the spirit of the event.

A sense of achievement at completing the walk was fantastic and all the children came back smiling to receive their well deserved wristbands.

Sponsorship money will be collected this week but early indications are that we will have met our target of raising enough money to buy the tablets for the school which is amazing news!

Bianca Michaels, SPA.

After School Clubs

Cookery Club Update

In after school cookery club this term the children have already been busy making and baking lasagne, cottage pie and fish cakes.

Green fingers at the ready! We'll also be growing our own herbs and vegetables to use in our salads and future recipes.

"Cook This!" will also be visiting Year 1 in June and giving all the children the opportunity to make some tasty African treats. This is linked to their topic.

If you have a keen cook at home who you think will enjoy being part of the Cookery club contact Elena.

elenakoumi@hotmail.com or 07971294871.

ICT Club Update – a lunchtime club

The ICT club has been going well for the first few weeks. The children have settled in well and have been learning how to use movie maker by inputting, video clips, images and music and also making sure they know how to use the program inside and out. In the following lessons we will be focusing on planning our own videos and then filming them and using movie maker to edit them.

Ben Morpurgo and Musawir Idrees – ICT Technicians.

To sign up in the future please email the school office: admin@muswell-hill.haringey.sch.uk



Sport at MHPS

I would like to thank Graham Atkinson for taking a team of Year 2 football players to a local tournament. Please see the report below from Graham:

This was our second year playing in the Belmont Football Tournament. This is a tournament for Year 2 pupils. We played three games initially and then played one extra:

- 1) We lost our first game 1-0.
- 2) We won our second game 3-0
- 3) We won our third game 1-0.

We played some very good football. In our first game it took the boys time to get used to playing as a team. I would say that they were a bit nervous but after that they settled down very well and played some great stuff!

So after we played our games we found out that all three teams had the same number of points and the same goal difference. This meant that we had a coin toss to decide who went through. Unfortunately we lost! We played our last game in the silver final and won 7-1.

The team were fantastic ambassadors for our school. I was proud of both their performance and their attitude.

The children involved were: Charlie, Rafael, Thomas, Joshua, Luca, Maxwell, Oscar, Lucas, Arda and Rufus.

Graham Atkinson.

You may also wish to read further reports of our children's participation in a recent cricket and tag rugby tournament. <http://muswellhillprimary.co.uk/sports/>

Riaan, our specialist sports coach, ran an Easter holiday camp for children recently. Riaan was delighted with the standard of the sports and the numbers of children that attended. This will be offered again in the Summer Holidays and if you would like to sign up please contact Riaan on: Riaan@kickaboutfc.com

To keep up-to-date with all of our sports information, please follow this link:

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Special Announcements

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Martha and Coco, two of our Year 5 pupils, were featured on the Paul O' Grady show recently. Our pupils are a part of a choir called 'Kaos' who were invited to the ITV show as a part of deaf awareness week. Please see the report below which has been written by Martha and Coco:

It was very exciting when we got the coach to the South Bank near the ITV studios. We had a rehearsal at the studio to practice the song we were performing. The song is called 'True Colours.' We also rehearsed getting on and off the stage! One hour later we got on the stage silently because the cameras were facing Paul O'Grady and he was interviewing two actors from Eastenders. We took our places on the stage and three members of our choir stood forward to be interviewed. They were explaining what Deaf Awareness week is all about. They also told the audience what we do at Kaos. We had a great experience and we even met the conductor from Harry Potter! He was nice and very funny!

By Martha and Coco – Year 5

In other news, Caleb, one our Year 5 pupils, has also been busy! In his own time, Caleb decided to support our Early Year outdoor area project and fundraised. He raised over £20! We would like to thank Caleb for his support, his ingenuity and his time.

The Early Years Outdoor Area and Premises

You may have seen that the Early Years Project is really progressing! If you have not had chance to look at the plans please follow the link below:

<http://muswellhillprimary.co.uk/about-us/early-years-project/>

The new Early Years area (Phase 1) has been completed and all the children in both Reception classes have been using it every day. The plans follow the designs that I outlined to you all at the last SPA AGM.

The site and its new equipment have been risk assessed and after a few teething problems (as there would be with bespoke designs) we are delighted with the area so far. It is based on a railway theme, as originally the school was a railway station, and if you have chance to visit the area you will see a platform, ticket machine and a specially made train for independent, imaginative play and creative thinking opportunities.

Many thanks to all those parents and carers who donated their time and money supporting us with this project.

Our particular thanks go to Michael Rosen who raised over £1000 for the cause. Michael hand wrote hundreds of poems for our children in return for £5 towards the cause.

We dedicate our glitter wall to him!

Phase 2 is really exciting with great imaginative play structures to use. The works are scheduled and planned for the summer holidays and we hope that all works will be completed by September 2015.



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Helen Hattersley – Deputy Headteacher.

Parent Donations

As mentioned above, many of our parents and carers made contributions to the Early Years Project. These contributions enabled us to agree to the continuation of Phase 2 in the summer holidays. The total amount raised in this way so far is a huge **£4517.20**. Thank you very, very much!

We are incredibly grateful for your support in this way. If you wish to make a contribution to the school for this or other school improvement projects you can do so via Parent Pay or by speaking to the school office.

Muswell Hill Primary School has now raised nearly £300 for the school by being involved in the Abel and Cole scheme. If you would like to order your organic fruit and vegetables from Abel and Cole, you may order via Parent Pay and collect your order from the school office. If you choose to shop in this way, you get produce cheaper and the school benefits too!

Nepal

We raised £560 from the cake sale, biscuit sales and donations from Amber class parents. That amount was doubled by UBS (where one of the Amber class mums works) as part of its matched-giving scheme for employees, and we also took advantage of gift aid - giving a grand total of £1260 raised for the victims of the Nepal earthquake.

Key Stage 2 SATS

This week the children in Year 6 have been working on their Key Stage 2 SATS. We are all so proud of their attitude, punctuality and incredible effort!

Parent Workshops

Our staff have been running Parent Workshops this term. We would all like to thank you for your positive feedback and for attending these sessions.

If you were not able to attend our presentations have been uploaded onto the school website. Please see the following links for details:

David Howes - E-safety:

<http://muswellhillprimary.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2015/04/E-safety-guide-for-parents.pdf>

Helen Hattersley, Lucy Sykes and Hannah Boardman – Phonics and Early Reading:

<http://muswellhillprimary.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2015/03/Phonics-presentation.pdf>

James Wiltshire and Jackie Myles – Mathematics:

<http://muswellhillprimary.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2015/05/MHPS-Maths-Presentation-2015.pdf>





There is a follow up Maths meeting for KS1 parents on Thursday 21st May from 9am to 10am in the KS1 hall. Further details will follow. The presentation is online; we are currently trying to upload the software to enable you to download the 'flashplayer' items that were demonstrated during the last session.

Finally, a reminder that there is a workshop on Tuesday 19th May at 9:10am. Georgia Pritchard, the school's Educational Psychologist, will be talking about the service and answering parent and carer questions. If you would like to attend please let the school office know so we can prepare for numbers.

Attendance and Punctuality

School starts at 8:55am and finishes at 3:30pm. It is very important that children arrive on time in order that they have a settled start to the day. We ask that children are not dropped off in the school playground before 8:45am. There is no adult supervision at this time and we want to ensure that the children are safe.

Our overall attendance is **96.34%**. This figure is calculated from September 2014 to present.

The highest attendance figures are as follows:

- 1) Violet Class – 97.23%
- 2) Green Class – 97.16%
- 3) Yellow Class – 97%

Important Dates

May 18-22	Art Week	
May 20	Guitar Concert	10:10am KS2 Hall
May 25-29	HALF TERM	
June 1	TAD	No School
June 5	Art Show	Details to follow
June 5	Year 5 Sharing Assembly	9:15am KS2 Hall
June 9	Class Photographs	
June 22	E-safety for Amethyst Class	2:15-3:15pm KS1 Hall
June 25	E-Safety for Violet Class	2:15-3:15pm KS1 Hall
June 25	New Reception Coffee Morning	9-10:30am KS1 Hall
	Governor Meeting Re: Consultation	8:00 – 9:00am
June 24	Reception & Year 1	
June 25	Year 2 & Year 3	
June 26	Year 4, 5 & 6	
June 30	'The Railway Children'	KS1 Hall
July 2	KS2 Sports Day	Details to follow
July 8	Orchestra Concert	9:15am KS2 Hall
July 9	KS1 Sports Day	Details to follow

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July 13 & 14 Year 6 Production
July 15 Open Afternoon
July 17 Leavers Assembly
LAST DAY

Details to follow
10:30am

