

October 2015

Amazing, Amazing Results Across Our School

Our official results have been recorded and published. We are very proud of the children across our school for achieving so highly in 2014/15. The key assessment windows are:

- 1) The end of Reception
- 2) The end of Year 2/Key Stage 1
- 3) The end of Year 6/Key Stage 2

We are absolutely delighted with our results which show overall improvement even when compared to the incredibly high standards set in 2013/14. We are particularly delighted to see the individual progress of children as well as their high attainment. We have signposted some of our proudest achievements which can be seen by clicking here:

<http://muswellhillprimary.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2015/10/Data-2015-v11.pdf>

The full table of achievement is available online or can be seen by clicking here:

http://muswellhillprimary.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2015/10/result_2015.pdf

SPA AGM 2015

Thank you to the entire SPA for a fantastically positive AGM on Thursday 15th October. The Assistant Headteachers led a presentation about their role and impacts over the past year since the reorganisational change to the teaching staff back in April 2014.

In addition, members of the SPA and Essi, one of our parents, put together a wonderful advert for our school which talks about how the children feel about school life. Please do take some time to view the video which is available on the website or by clicking this link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vJyPnrPsC8A>

Year 6 School Journey

The Year 6 Team led a really successful trip to the Isle of Wight. The children were impeccably behaved and had a fantastic trip away. The staff team sent regular updates which include photographs, podcasts and an online diary.

Please click the following link to view and listen:

<http://muswellhillprimary.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2015/10/IoW.pdf>

Abel and Cole

Muswell Hill Primary has been working in partnership with Abel and Cole. The scheme was aimed at parents and carers getting their weekly organic fresh fruit and vegetables at a slightly lower cost and the school taking a small percentage of the profits.

The school has raised nearly **£500** of income through the scheme over the past year. Many thanks to the parents and carers who ordered their weekly food shop in this way!

However, Abel and Cole have decided to end the scheme nationally. As a result, the option to buy your shopping in this way will be removed from Parent Pay after the Autumn Half Term break.

Safety at drop-off and pick-up

The Dukes Avenue entrance is particularly busy from 8:45am to 9:15am and then again from 3:15pm to 3:45pm.

This is partly due to the removal of the car park near Dukes Mews, behind the school.

Safety at these times of the day is of paramount importance. We ask that the following is considered:

- 1) Walking to school if you are able.
- 2) Please do not park on the corners of the nearby roads; it is impairing the vision of other road users and pedestrians.
- 3) Parking a little further from the school and walking a short distance to avoid congestion. Please do not park across local resident's driveways.
- 4) If you witness any traffic offences please report these to the police. The school has requested community police support at busy times but is unable to prosecute any alleged offences. If you see the law being broken please report this by dialling 101 or 999.

Home Learning

At Muswell Hill Primary School we are always trying to improve our communication. Homework, or Home Learning, has recently been enhanced further. Homework is given out across the school on a Friday and should be returned the following Wednesday.

Homework is set to support class work. So, different classes in the same year group may receive different work to do. The policy is written to ensure that the teachers have ownership of homework. This enables teachers to make a professional judgement as to how to support their in-class work and enhance progress for children.

In addition, teachers have been adding a few key lines to let parents and carers know what teaching and learning will look like in the subsequent week. On behalf of the teachers I would like to thank parents and governors who have commented so positively about this addition that can enable a degree of pre-teaching.

The full policy explains a lot more about home learning:

<http://muswellhillprimary.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2013/08/Home-Learning-Policy-20141.pdf>

End Of Year Expectations

Thank you for coming to curriculum mornings. These were a chance for the Teachers and Assistant Headteachers to explain the curriculum that the children will be following. Some helpful documents have been uploaded online:

- 1) An overview of the curriculum across the year groups can be found at:
<http://muswellhillprimary.co.uk/about-us/creativity/>
- 2) Each year group has been given 'End Of Year Expectations.' These are to support parents and carers to know what we are teaching and help to understand the keys to assessment. Please follow this link and scroll to the bottom of the page for more information:

<http://muswellhillprimary.co.uk/about-us/creativity/>

Going The Extra Mile

In an assembly the Headteacher challenged the children to go the extra mile in their homework, their class work or in another area of their life. The children responded in an exceptional way! Please see just a few examples of this:

<http://muswellhillprimary.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2015/10/Extra-Mile.pdf>

These are just a few examples of many! The rest will be shared in forthcoming assemblies.

Staff arrivals since September 2015

A few staff have started employment at our school recently to enhance our team even further:

- 1) **Sarah Gray – Welfare Officer and Admin Team:** Sarah was the Chair of Governors at our school for over 10 years. Sarah contributed an incredible amount during her time in this strategic role. Sarah saw the advertisement to work as part of the Admin Team and applied for the role. Sarah has been a great addition to the team!
- 2) **Miriam Bird – Learning Support Assistant Team:** As mentioned in the previous newsletter, we were looking to employ a new addition to the support staff team. Miriam is working predominantly in Year 6 and has settled straight into the staff team.

Sports and Muswell Hill Primary

In 2014/15 we enjoyed much success on the sports field. This included a huge range of sporting achievements that children can access. Our sports leaders, David Howes and Geoff Summers, are really looking forward to another successful year.

We have published a full breakdown of the tournaments entered and the tournament results. For more information please see:

<http://muswellhillprimary.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2015/10/8-Sporting-Events-Outside-of-School-Coverage-2014-to-15.pdf>

The figures overall show the following impact:



- Percentage of children in Year 6 who have represented the school at a sport in the borough 2014-15: **75%**
- Percentage of children who did not represent the school at a sport but did participate in Football Friday: **18%**
- Current percentage of children in Year 5 who have represented the school at a sport in the borough: **40%**

David Howes and Geoff Summers have enhanced the sports offer even further this year. We have paid to enter 2 additional football leagues where any child who wants to trial for the school team is guaranteed to play at some point during the 2015/16 academic year. The priority has gone to Year 6 children before they leave our school.

Football Champions Of Haringey Autumn 2015

Following on from the sporting successes seen in 2014/15, Graham Atkinson took a team of Year 5 and 6 boys to participate in a Local Authority tournament. Muswell Hill Primary won the competition and will now represent Haringey at the London Youth games 2016 at Crystal Palace.

Last year MHPS sent an unprecedented **5** teams to represent Haringey at the Youth Games. Congratulations to the football team for being the first to make it onto the coach this academic year!

For more information please see: <http://muswellhillprimary.co.uk/sports/>

Fireworks Night

MHPS fireworks night is on 4/11/15. For details of the event and how to purchase tickets please see the homepage of the school website or click the following link:

<http://muswellhillprimary.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2015/10/Fireworks-letter-2015-2.pdf>

On 5/11/15 Fortismere are holding their fireworks night. There are details of their event on our school website or you can click the following link and look for the appropriate banner:

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

The team at Fortismere warn that wearing wellies may be essential if you wish to stay clean and avoid the mud!

New Clubs at MHPS

Knitting Fever!

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Entrance: 26-28 Dukes Ave, N10

This is a new club that has been developed by Year 6 pupils with supervision from experienced knitter, Elaine Mason. For details please click this link:

<http://muswellhillprimary.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2015/10/Knitting-Fever-Final-2015.pdf>

Mandarin Club

Rhoda Pennington, a teacher at Highgate Primary and ex-parent, has been delivering Mandarin Club at lunchtimes. This has been hugely successful! The club is currently full but to add your child (Year 4 and 5 only) to the waiting list please contact the school office:

admin@muswell-hill.haringey.sch.uk

For further details of the club please click here:

<http://muswellhillprimary.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2015/09/Mandarin-and-Chinese-Culture-Club.pdf>

Great Assemblies!

Polly Faber, a parent and author, led an amazing assembly for the children at MHPS. This book launch was a huge success which we were lucky enough to be a part of. For photos and a look at the illustrations in Polly's new book please click the following link:

<http://muswellhillprimary.co.uk/gallery/polly-faber/>

MHPS signed up to 'Be The Best You Can Be.' This was a free project where an assembly was led by an Olympic athlete who was encouraging hard work and dedication in order to achieve goals. Year 5 then continued this project in the classroom. Our Olympian and world champion was Mike Mullen, an expert BMX rider. Mike led a really well-received presentation to inspire children to set and achieve their goals.

Please click the following link for an inspirational report from Hannah, Cobalt Class, and some photos of the events:

<http://muswellhillprimary.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2015/10/BMX.pdf>

Joe Friedman, an ex-parent and author came to speak to the KS2 children about his new book and the inspirations for his writing. This was a great assembly for the children.

Fundraising Project



Violet Class led a project to raise money for Save the Children. This project was specifically aimed at supporting Syrian refugees. The children put together an assembly and led a fair on Friday 16th October. The children raised over **£400!** Well done Violet Class (and their class teacher, Rhiannon!)

The assembly was led by the children and was incredibly well scripted and planned. Please take a minute to view Caleb, Edie and Amelia's work which was produced at home and with the full support of all their peers. Please click here:

https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1p7kPULBmW7qW9GWZezvq6A_vRtEa6xSZO_HYK_ugJcTA/present?slide=id.ge129c9804_1_1#slide=id.ge129c9804_1_1

Lost Property and Lunch Boxes

The lost property collection box is situated in each of the playgrounds. These are yellow containers. At the end of each half term, these are emptied and the contents are given to charity by depositing them into the TRAIID bin which is located opposite the school office. As we near the end of this half term, all lost property will be disposed of in this way. If your child is missing anything, please check the lost property bins before the end of the week.

All lunchboxes, which are stored in the KS2 playground in cages, will also be disposed of for hygiene reasons.

Dates For Your Diary

The calendar for parents is available online in order for parents/carers to plan ahead. Please see the website or click the following link:
<http://muswellhillprimary.co.uk/calendar/>

Here are some key forthcoming dates but please do keep an eye on the calendar for extra dates that may be added:

- 1) 23/10/15: Year 6 sharing assembly
- 2) 23/10/15: Lollipop: <http://muswellhillprimary.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2015/10/Lollipop-Big-Hero-6.pdf>

Please be aware that Big Hero has PG certification. By purchasing a ticket via ParentPay you are giving your permission for your child (ren) to watch this film.

- 3) 26-30th/10/15: **HALF TERM**
- 4) 4/11/15: Fireworks night at MHPS
- 5) 5/11/15: Fireworks night at Fortismere
- 6) 6/11/15: Y1 and Y2 Flu nasal spray (those with consent only)
- 7) 9/11/15: Individual parental consultations with the school Education Psychologist, Karen Hodes. First come, first served:

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<http://muswellhillprimary.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2015/10/Meeting-For-Parents-and-Carers-2015.pdf>

- 8) 10/11/15: Reception curriculum morning
- 9) 13/11/15: Fire Of London puppet show
- 10) 20/11/15: Year 3 bake sale
- 11) 27/11/15: Year 5 and 6 (some pupils) visit the Houses Of Parliament with VIP treatment from Catherine West MP!
- 12) 5/12/15: SPA Winter Fair
- 13) 7/12/15: Robin Hood production for whole school
- 14) 9/12/15: Children's Christmas lunch
- 15) 15/12/15: Christmas show: Further details to follow soon
- 16) 16/12/15: Christmas show: Further details to follow soon
- 17) 18/12/15: Carol Service – All welcome at Baptist Church, 11am
- 18) 18/12/15: END OF TERM.**

