

Muswell Hill Primary
School

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Newsletter Number 6

OUR FINAL NEWSLETTER OF THE YEAR...

This is our last newsletter of the year! Time has gone so quickly; thank you to all the children and parents for working so hard. Have a great holiday and we look forward to welcoming you back on Tuesday 6th September at 8.55am.

EARLY YEARS—A GREAT FOUNDATION!

As our Reception children reach the end of their first year at Muswell Hill Primary it was wonderful to hear that ‘...the children were all engaged and excited by their learning, and were confidently sharing this with visitors’. This was the verdict of a Senior Advisory teacher from Haringey after fifteen Newly Qualified Early Years teachers and Local Authority advisors visited the Reception classes in June for training. The full report is on the website [HERE](#).

Congratulations to all of your children and the Early Years team on receiving such an excellent endorsement from re-



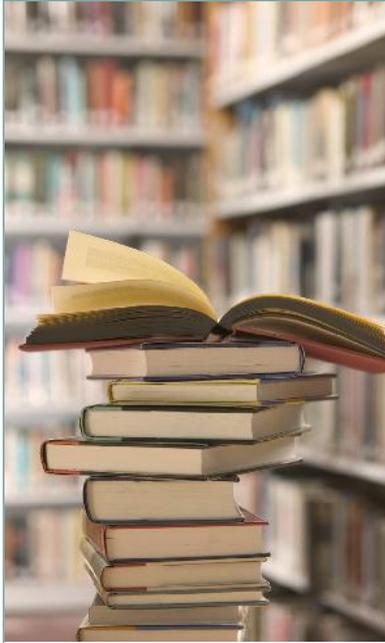
MUSWELL HILL CREATIVE

Violet Class student—
Olivia Partridge—wins
Midsummer Muswell art
competition with a
painting entitled ‘May
trees in moonlight on
Dukes Avenue’, well
done Olivia!

A WAKE UP CALL!

Rafael - in Year 3 -
meets our London
Mayor, Sadiq Khan, at a
Jewish Muslim iftar on
26 June. An experience
worth being woken up





PENNY FOR YOUR THOUGHTS...

The SPA arranged their ever popular penny competition again this year and on Friday 1 July 2016 all classes gathered for the 'grand counting' which caused much excitement in the KS2 playground. A total of £600.00 was raised. Huge congratulations to Amber Class and Blue Class who won the coveted trophies and many thanks to everyone who took part and collected such a fantastic amount of money.



STAFF LEAVERS - THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR ALL YOUR HARD WORK

Honey Denne: Honey has been a Learning Support Assistant at Muswell Hill Primary for 4 years. We wish Honey well as she begins work at The Avenue Pre-Prep School. Good luck, Honey.

Adam Worsdale: Adam is one of our Year 5 teachers. Adam is leaving to teach at North Harringay Primary School. Good luck, Adam.

Karen Stead: Karen has been our Music Teacher for approximately 18 months. We wish Karen well for her future.

Michael Vernau: Michael has been gardening and cleaning for Muswell Hill Primary for 18

years. All the best for the future, Michael.

Miriam Bird: Miriam has worked as a Learning Support Assistant this year. Miriam leaves to begin a course in Social Work. Best of luck, Miriam.

James Rantell: James has worked as an SMSA for 9 years. He also tutors children and leaves to continue that work. Best wishes for the future, James.

Damian Mason: Damian has only joined the team recently as an SMSA. Damian leaves us to begin Teacher Training. We wish you the very best of luck, Damian.

STAFF ARRIVALS—WELCOME!

Joseph Nouch: Joseph used to be a Learning Support Assistant at Muswell Hill Primary. Since then, Joseph has been teacher training, most recently at Highgate Primary. We look forward to welcoming Joseph back as a teacher. We are delighted to have you back, Joseph!

Joanne Cuffie: Joanne will be working as a new SMSA at our school. We look forward to welcoming Joanne to the team!

Freddie Sawyer: We are delighted to announce that Freddie Sawyer will be staying on as part of the staff team. Freddie has been working as a Learning Support Assistant in Year 1.

Emma Hegazy: We are delighted to welcome Emma back to Muswell Hill Primary. Emma left our school to teach in Ghana in 2013. She was instrumental in forging the link we have with our partner school in Accra. Emma will be covering teacher Planning, Preparation and Assessment (PPA) time.

With our Music provision ending, we have decided to expand our Creative Curriculum. At a time when schools are narrowing their curriculums to achieve results against increasingly tough assessments, we have decided to expand our broad and balanced curriculum. Emma will be teaching Creative Curriculum areas such as Geography, History, Design and Technology or Religious Education in a really creative and dynamic way.

Emma is thrilled to be returning to such an exciting post where she can teach through a project-based approach to learning and expand our creativity even further. Our teachers and Assistant Headteachers will talk more about Emma's role with the individual classes at Curriculum Open Mornings in the new academic year.

We are looking forward to continuing to have a great choir—we will write to parents very soon about that!

The sports provision will continue with Riaan and Chris.

TEACHING STAFF FOR 2016/2017



The teachers are looking forward to meeting their new classes on the morning of Monday 18 July.

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

OTHER NEWS...

Check out the informative 'Assessment and Reporting 2016' presentation which the Senior Leadership team delivered to parents in June and which has been put on the website [HERE](#) - this will give you a valuable insight into how KS1 and KS2 assessment has changed this year.

Also on the website is the presentation on e-safety which Mr Howes delivered to parents earlier this month—this is essential reading for all parents who have children eager to use the internet. Find it [HERE](#)

Flu immunisations will be offered to all children in years 1,2 and 3 in October—further details will be sent nearer the time.

GOODBYE TO OUR FRIENDS... OUR WONDERFUL YEAR 6 CHILDREN

The children will be performing a version of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory for their parents next week. Children from all other classes have also had the opportunity of enjoying the production.

Having seen glimpses of rehearsals in the hall—this looks like a FANTASTIC

show, an excellent culmination to a very busy year.

We will miss every single one of you and send you all good wishes for the future and for a very happy time at secondary school.



SPORTING SUPERSTARS

- In June, we sent the Year 5/6 Boys and Girls football teams to the Haringey Football Tournament. The Girls Team put in a good performance and made it as far as the Semi Finals while the Boys Team, with all their determination, managed to reach the end of the group stages.
- More recently, our Boys Team put in another strong effort, this time achieving a place in the semi finals while our Girls Team won all of their games in the group stages but unfortunately didn't quite make the Quarter Finals.
- This week, a team of Year 3 footballers attended a Kick-about Tournament in Durnsford Park, four schools were taking part. We sent two teams to compete; our B team won the competition, whilst the A Team lost out in the semi-final. Both teams were a mixture of children from Emerald and Green classes and played really well.
- The Year 6 Netball Team played in a tournament hosted by Highgate School where they finished 15th out of 21 schools.
- Finally, Year 4 Cricketers narrowly missed winning their tournament and achieved a well-deserved second place on a day hampered by rain.

SPOT THE DIFFERENCE?

Before



After



HOW TO DONATE

WE STILL NEED CONTRIBUTIONS TOWARDS THE ASTROTURF FOR THE KS2 FOOTBALL PITCH.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO DONATE THERE IS AN OPTION TO DO THIS ON PARENT PAY. PLEASE VISIT:

[HTTPS://
WWW.PARENTPAY.COM/](https://www.parentpay.com/)

THERE IS NO EXPECTATION TO DONATE UNLESS YOU WOULD LIKE TO.



OUR THANKS FOR MAKING THE DIFFERENCE!

The children have certainly noticed the difference in their playtimes. We would like to thank all those who contributed to the new KS1 and KS2 playground improvements.

One of the highlights of the year was after the children were given their safety briefing about using the new equipment. As the children approached the new equipment their faces were a picture. It made all the hard work worth it!

On behalf of the children, thank you to all those who donated their time, their money or both!

As usual, the Staff Parent Association (SPA) made a **massive** contribution to this project. We simply could not have done this without their help and support.

The SPA run hugely successful events because parents/carers, staff, governors and the community support these. Thank you for every raffle ticket, burger or glass of wine you have purchased—they all contribute to such great projects.



I would also like to thank parents and local businesses who made contributions via Parent Pay or in other forms. We received some **substantial** contributions which enabled us to make these changes swiftly. Thank you for your incredible generosity.

MAX AND SUDE'S AMERICAN THEMED LUNCH

One day Max and Sude arrived in the Headteacher's office with a presentation that rivalled the best 'Dragon's Den' idea. Persuasion was used and a message that James 'should not worry...' led to a further presentation to our catering company, ABM. A few weeks of planning later and the children across the school enjoyed a wonderful American themed lunchtime.

The children would like to thank Max and Sude for a great idea, a fun lunchtime and a real treat of an idea!



SAVE THE DATE

Thursday 21 July	Last day of term! Please note school closes at 1.30pm (Year 6 leave at 12.00)
Monday 5 Sept	Teacher Training Day (no school for the children)
Tuesday 6 Sept	First day of school for children (8.55am promptly please!)
Thursday 8 Sept	Reception children start
Friday 16 Sept	Year 3 Cycling Course (more information to follow)
Mon 26—Fri 30 Sept	Year 6 School Journey
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Friday 14 Oct	Individual Photographs being taken



CATCH OF THE DAY...THANK YOU, HARINGEY!

Please save **one** of these dates/time slots:

Thursday 13th October 2016 (8am-9am OR 5pm-6pm)

Friday 14 October 2016 (8am-9am OR 5pm-6pm)

The Headteacher and representatives from the Governing Body will be leading presentations on these days to share some VERY exciting news about investment into our school from Haringey Local Authority which will take place over the next two years. Please be aware that the content will be the same in each of the four presentations so you only need to find time to attend **one** of these sessions.

In the meantime, Haringey have agreed to begin some of the promised improvements almost immediately: our fire alarm will be replaced over the summer holiday period. In addition, we are getting ultra fast WIFI connected which means the funds raised from the sponsored walk in 2015 can finally be spent on iPads and used by our children! The Governing Body and Headteacher have spent many hours writing, meeting and presenting to ensure that this very sizable investment came to Muswell Hill Primary. As Headteacher, I would like to thank the Governing Body for their incredible contribution, support and leadership. Securing this help with capital works was very much a team effort but I feel I must credit the particular leadership of Iain Kennedy in this project, he has worked tirelessly and strategically.

Due to the fact that we put forward a very strong case we were delighted that Haringey Local Authority chose our school to receive such capital investment. Therefore, on behalf of the Governing Body and Staff, in particular, I would like to thank Haringey for their support.