



Muswell Hill Primary School

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Music at Muswell Hill Primary

An evening of musical talent...

Huge thanks to everyone involved in the Music evening held here on Friday 25 November.

There was brilliant organisation from Shirley and Tania, who ran the event, along with our SPA members and others—thank you! There were fantastic performances from some exceptionally talented children which resulted in a thoroughly enjoyable and entertaining evening, which additionally raised over £1000 for the school! Thanks to everyone else who was involved in making this such a great success—you know who you are—we won't risk naming names because we don't want to miss anyone!

Below are a few photos but please click on this link to see more:

<http://muswellhillprimary.co.uk/gallery/mhps-music-evening/>



Important Notice:

Dukes Avenue Parking

DO YOU PARK OR DROP YOUR CHILDREN OFF ON THE ZIG ZAG/DOUBLE YELLOW LINES ON DUKES AVENUE IN THE MORNINGS?

Please don't! Unless you have special permission to do so from Haringey Council.

A traffic enforcement officer is now patrolling regularly and penalty notices are being issued.

Stopping here is really dangerous and we would appreciate it if everyone coming to school by car leaves a little earlier so that they can park in the surrounding streets and walk into school without parking—even temporarily—on the zig zag or double yellow lines.

Parking on zig zags or double yellow lines can mean vision is obstructed and children can't be seen - we don't want anyone harmed on the way into school or when leaving at the end of the day.

We have also had complaints from residents in Dukes Avenue about parents parking over their drives and saying they will 'only be 5 minutes'. Please don't do this either, it doesn't help in fostering good relationships with our neighbours.

Thank you in advance for cooperating with this polite request.

Dates For Your Diary



Tues 13 December-

Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day

Wed 14 December -

Jewels Christmas Shows
10am & 2pm

Thurs 15 December-

Colours Christmas Shows
10am & 2pm

Fri 16 December-

Carol Concert at the Baptist Church 11am

Tuesday 3 January

Last day of school for the children

Week commencing 9 Jan

School starts again for children

All after school activities start (the After School Club will start on 3 January)

Attention all dog owners

We have received a number of notifications that dogs are being temporarily left at the school gate at the Dukes Avenue entrance.

We have a number of children who are frightened of dogs so we ask that dogs are not left unaccompanied at the gate or inside the school premises. We do appreciate that this has been more difficult while SAS investments have blocked a part of the access path due to renovation works. Nonetheless, we would be very grateful if all dogs could be left a safe distance from the gates.

Many thanks in advance for your cooperation and your understanding.

ABSENCES FROM SCHOOL

If your child is going to be absent from school for **whatever** reason—sickness, or anything else. Please could you email Elaine at admin@muswell-hill.haringey.sch.uk as soon as you know.

The use of email is preferred since phone lines can be very busy in the morning and it is sometimes difficult to get to the phones to answer them. Please provide a reason for the absence—we monitor sickness in school so we know what is 'going around' at any given time.

Could we also take this opportunity to remind you to book routine doctor or dental appointments outside school hours if at all possible.





Start Sporty



5 SPORTS

5 DAYS

8:00 AM - 8:55 AM

YEAR 4 - YEAR 6



Early Presents For MHPS

Our thanks to Gustavo, Iker's dad, for passing the school approximately 14 nearly new computer monitors from his place of work.

Our thanks also to Antony, Daisy's dad, for helping to bring these to school.

We will be making use of these fantastic monitors very soon.

Start Sporty

If you would like to sign your child up for Start Sporty, the spaces are filling up but have not all gone yet!

For further details and a reminder of the timetable please click on the following link: http://muswellhillprimary.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2013/08/Newsletter-2-2016_opt.pdf

Please visit Parent Pay to book your place: <https://www.parentpay.com/>

And talking of sports...

In recognition of MHPS' commitment to sport, we have been awarded the Gold School Games Kite Mark 2016

Please click here for all the details and a message from Mr Howes, our PE leader and Assistant Headteacher: <http://muswellhillprimary.co.uk/sports/>

Dear Gustavo
Thank you for our lovely monitors, we will use them loads. They will be in our ICT suite and teachers will be about to use these monitors to help us to learn even more great stuff. Are the other ones are pretty old so Joseph will be very thankful for those monitors and so will all the other teachers.
From Aron year 5 Indigo

Dear Gustavo,
Thank you for the monitors. They will be in the ICT room. We will use them a lot and Mason my teacher will be very happy.
From Alexandra

Fortismere's Christmas Fair

Saturday 11th December 12 - 4pm

Entrance via Creighton Avenue

Please come for lunch, a drink and some Christmas shopping. And have a look around the school where your child might go to school!

Over 60 stalls: local makers, designers, soaps, jewellery, art, food, drink, tea and cakes.

Also, if you are interested in having a stall, please email:

markskirsty@gmail.com.

fortismere School Association
charity number: 801227

Fortismere School
North Wing Hall
Entrance Via
Creighton Avenue

Christmas FAIR

Over 50 Stalls... Affordable Gifts
Local makers, sellers, designers, soaps, jewellery, art.
Live music, food, drink, tea and cakes.
Plus - you could be the lucky winner of a Stella & Dot Gift Voucher www.stelladot.co.uk/tsi/4odpn1

Sunday 11th December
12pm - 4pm

Entrance £1 Adults Children 50p
FORTISMERE SCHOOL, TETHERDOWN, MUSWELL HILL, N10 1NE

To Gustavo
Thank You
FROM
Rosie
Red Class - age 5 (today!)

Mandarin At Muswell



As you may be aware, we have been running Mandarin Club for about 18 months. Whilst we teach French at our school we want our children to develop in all sorts of languages as we view Modern Foreign Languages as hugely important. Mandarin Club has been really popular and is run at zero cost as we run this club with the kind support of Highgate Primary School. If your child is interested please speak to the office staff who will be happy to assist you: 0208 444 8488.

To build on the success of the club we have now been offered the support of a free of charge Mandarin Teacher! Huan is a Chinese trained teacher who has been a part of our teaching staff since the half term holiday in October 2016.

Huan has been observing in Reception and Key Stage 1 classes and has begun working with small groups on projects like Chinese art, as you can see from the beautiful rice paper-ink brush artwork from our Reception Classes above, and on other projects such as calligraphy.

We are delighted that Huan is able to expand our Creative broad and balanced curriculum both in terms of modern foreign language and her artistic support! We continue to teach French but are delighted to offer Mandarin to our younger children!

Please keep an eye on the website where we have started to upload work: <http://muswellhillprimary.co.uk/gallery/mandarin/>



Engineers Of The Future:

Simon and James would like to thank all the children once again who took part in our latest challenge! The results were simply staggering. We filled two assemblies showing all of the work that our children produced. Please click on this link to see our creative, mathematical children's entries: <http://muswellhillprimary.co.uk/gallery/homework-challenge-models/?preview=true>

There are also displays of the children's work in the entrance hall outside the office. Unfortunately though we couldn't fit it all there so it is around the school on display too! It was impossible to pick a winner so we didn't even try! All the children who took part in this optional challenge received a hefty medal!

Learning Enhancement Fund

As you may remember, we recently set up a way for parents and carers to make voluntary contributions to the school. Please remember that this is not obligatory in any way. If you would like a reminder about what the fund is and how to get involved please click on the following link: <http://muswellhillprimary.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2016/10/MHPS-Learning-Fund-Final.pdf>

Since setting up the fund we have received a huge number of donations via parent pay and via standing order.

Parents and carers have donated more than £3500 to the fund! We would like to thank all those parents and carers who have donated so generously. We promised that the money raised would be shared among departments and across the school so that all children would benefit from this enhancement to the school budget. So far we have purchased a few resources to support the teachers and the children from the fund.

1) The teachers use 'sticker printers' to print off personalised marking stickers. These are used to say when your child has done something well and also to mention what the next steps in learning are or to set a harder question or a challenge. We have used these printers for some time—you may have noticed them when looking at your child's book during a parents' evening. We also use them to print off the date and the learning objective(s) so that the children don't have to spend considerable time copying writing down or being dictated to. We have now been able to purchase 7 more printers so that each teacher has access to a printer of their own. Thank you!

2) As a school we had added to a few key curriculum budgets to enhance the learning for all children. So far, we have used the Learning Enhancement Fund to provide additional funds for PE and Music. This will mean that leaders of those subjects have a little more to be able to buy needed resources. For example, our PE coordinator, David Howes, is planning to purchase PE resources to enhance play times and replace broken equipment. Our Music Leader, Megan, will now be able to purchase new recorders and other instruments needed to enhance the curriculum. Thank you!

We will report back further on other curriculum areas that have benefited from the fund in due course. We will also be writing to parents who have donated to thank them for their generosity.

STOP PRESS

What a fantastic **Winter Fair** on Saturday—the SPA and teams of class reps and parents transformed the school into a Gingerbread paradise and we had a lovely afternoon!

THANK YOU so much to **everyone** involved in making the occasion so much fun and for raising lots of money for the school. As ever, there are too many names to mention individually for fear of leaving someone out but we are incredibly grateful to everyone who helped make the occasion so successful—helpers, donators, attendees—everyone!

