

FINAL NEWSLETTER OF 2016/17



July 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, I would like to thank you all, parents/carers, staff, children and governors for a really positive year in 2016/17. As this academic year draws to a close I would like to share some highlights with you although this list is not exhaustive :

- 1) The School Council have been lobbying for an astro-turf pitch for many, many years. We worked really hard together as a community to raise the money and make this happen for the children! Thank you again to all those who contributed in all sorts of ways! We did it!
- 2) The SPA have worked tirelessly once again to support the school financially with some absolutely excellent events. We simply could not achieve anywhere near as much without this invaluable help. My thanks to all of the SPA members and the parents/carers who attend these events for your help and financial support. This week 4 children took a leaf from the SPA book and raised money for the school selling lemonade! Incredible! By way of an example of the impact of fundraising, we have really benefitted from 30 brand new tablets so that we can enhance our curriculum with new technology. When children were leading expeditions into volcanoes or across different countries – that was a highlight!
- 3) This year we began Start Sporty for KS2 children. These morning clubs have really grown since January 2017 and we have more and more children engaged in early morning sports! Great for honing sporting talent and great for exercising enquiring minds and starting the day the right way!
- 4) Agreeing the contract to teach Chinese Mandarin from Reception to Year 6 is another highlight! I really believe we will have an even better offer of world-class Modern Foreign Language teaching of Mandarin at Muswell Hill Primary.
- 5) Music and Dance week was simply fantastic! Where we are able, and have permission, we have put photos on the website but the entrance hall, outside the school office has videos and children's work from the week itself. Please come and have a look!
- 6) More recently Maths Week 2017 has been a great addition to our calendar. Maths board games were designed, children played games from other cultures, a mathematician showed some tricks but none of these were as good as Nico's, Year 5, who wowed the concluding assembly and Mr Howes by reading his mathematical mind!



- 7) I would like to thank the Senior Leadership Team and Teachers who led a huge number of parent/carer and pupil workshops focused on Maths, Writing, Reading and much, much more. Thank you to parents/carers for attending these in vast numbers. We hope they helped a little!
- 8) We have won an unprecedented number of trophies in 2016/17 in sports tournaments across many different disciplines. More importantly, lots and lots of children have represented the school and increased their confidence. I must mention the members of the Year 5 and 6 football team who won two regional tournaments to achieve the right to be the primary school that represented Tottenham Hotspur in 2017 playing against other Premier League teams' representatives. Well done to the staff who trained and worked with the children too!
- 9) Rocksteady has been trialled in Year 3 this year. Rock groups have been formed, children have worked hard in their teams and served up a magnificent rock gig for parents and carers recently!
- 10) Last, but most certainly not least, we are really looking forward to sharing the results across the school for 2017. We will share these very soon! And I cannot wait! My thanks to the wonderful staff and the children. We are all very proud of you.

Finally, I would like to thank the staff and children for being so incredibly positive and patient whilst we have building works to improve our school. Currently Year 2 children have been displaced from their classes and yet there is an air of calm!

It is important to note that, although the Breakfast Club (run by Elaine Mason) and the After-School provision (provided by Darrell Gunter and his team) will run from the start of term in September 2017, we will NOT be able to run any other after-school activities or day-time clubs until the building works have been completed. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause but we simply don't have the space to accommodate them as we re-allocate space for the classes that will be displaced, and for Darrell's After-School provision. As soon as we are able, we will begin running all the other after-school/day clubs but realistically this may not be until after the October half-term; we will keep you updated.

Thank you for your understanding. Whilst there are undoubtedly inconveniences during this period of building improvement, ultimately we will have a school with better lighting, a full electrical re-wire, a heating system that works effectively, new doors, water fountains and drinking water in classrooms amongst other condition upgrades. I must thank Haringey Council for paying for this project when we do understand that finance in Local Authorities and education is at a premium.

Thank you all again for your support and encouragement. I wish you all a safe and happy summer holiday. We look forward to welcoming the children back on WEDNESDAY 6 SEPTEMBER 2017 at 8.55am.

James Wiltshire
Headteacher



Staffing at Muswell Hill Primary 2017/18



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Staff Leaving—Goodbye and Good luck!

As usual at this time of the year we must say goodbye to a few members of the staff team. We would like to thank all of those who are leaving for their contributions and wish them all well for the future.

Megan Jones—Megan has been one of our Year 2 teachers for two years now. Megan leaves us to teach abroad in Qatar.

Mimi Jhugroo—Mimi has been one of our Reception teachers this year. Mimi has decided to leave for personal reasons and to explore other opportunities.

Monique Dennis—Monique has been working as a Learning Support Assistant in Gold Class this year. We wish Monique all the very best in the future.

Gozde Ozdinler—Gozde has been working as a Learning Support Assistant in Orange Class and Sapphire Class this year. We wish Gozde all the very best in the future.

Chris Gilman—Chris has been one of our Sports Coaches for nine years. Chris works for Tottenham Football Club and they have made changes to their offer to schools. Unfortunately this means that Chris will no longer be able to work with Muswell Hill Primary.

Tracy-Marie Tshibangu—Tracy-Marie has been one of our lunchtime team working with Blue Class primarily. Tracey-Marie is returning to studies!

Emma Hegazy—Emma returned to Muswell Hill to teach part of the Creative Curriculum from Reception to Year 6. Emma has some fantastic plans for the future and we wish her well with all her studies and ideas!

Mary Davies—Mary has been working as a Learning Support Assistant across a few classes but primarily in Year 6. Mary is returning to her studies too!

Staff Arriving—Welcome to Muswell Hill!

We are very excited to announce that we have some new additions to our staff team. I'm sure our staff, parents and children will join me in welcoming the new members of the team to our school.

Mpula Lawton—Mpula is joining our teaching staff having been working with Audrey in Year 4 Class in 2016/17. Mpula has made a fantastic contribution and now joins the team working in Year 2!

Joanna Brown—Joanna was, until recently, working at Highgate Primary. Joanna worked with MHPS during Black History Month in 2016 and again during Music and Dance Week in 2017 providing workshops for the children. We are delighted to welcome Joanna to the Year 3 Team for 2017/18.

Grace Cooper—Grace is joining the teaching team for 2017/18 in Red Class. Grace is really looking forward to joining the team at Muswell Hill!

Keisha Ferguson—Keisha is looking forward to joining the Learning Support Assistant team for 2017/18

Eve Moldovan—Eve is looking forward to joining the Learning Support Assistant team for 2017/18.

Kate Boardman—Kate is looking forward to joining the Learning Support Assistant team for 2017/18.

Karen Yang Jiao—Karen is joining Huan as our second Chinese trained teacher. Karen and Huan will be teaching Chinese Mandarin from Reception to Year 6.

Riaan Kelly & Kickabout Team—Riaan has been our Sports Coach in KS2 for 9 years. Riaan and his Kickabout Team will now be working in KS1 and Reception as well!

The Teaching Team for 2017/18

Year Group	Current Class			New Class	Teacher
Reception Line Manager – Helen Hattersley (Deputy Headteacher)					
			Reception	Red	Grace Cooper
			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	Kath Edmundson and Roisin Barker
Year 1	Amber	→	Year 2	Yellow	Elena Yiapanis
Year 1	Orange	→	Year 2	Gold	Mpula Lawton
Assistant Headteacher for Year 3 and Year 4 – Liz McMullen					
Year 2	Yellow	→	Year 3	Emerald	Lucy Sykes
Year 2	Gold	→	Year 3	Green	Audrey Shiouxios and Joanna Brown
Year 3	Emerald	→	Year 4	Blue	Suzy Fotheringham
Year 3	Green	→	Year 4	Sapphire	Jackie Myles and Rebecca Fryer
Assistant Headteacher for Year 5 and Year 6 – David Howes					
Year 4	Blue	→	Year 5	Cobalt	Geoff Summers
Year 4	Sapphire	→	Year 5	Indigo	Joseph Nouch
Year 5	Indigo	→	Year 6	Amethyst	Ritu Ganguly-Khan
Year 5	Cobalt	→	Year 6	Violet	Rhiannon Rees