



Muswell Hill Primary School

# Newsletter Number 6

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am so sad that I will be leaving the school in a few days' time.

I joined Muswell Hill Primary in September 2013 from Canonbury Primary where I was the Acting Headteacher, so this has been my first substantive Headship. And I have LOVED it. You, your children and the staff have been fantastic; I have loved every minute and I am leaving with a very heavy heart. But as I complete the end of my fifth year with you, I believe that the time has come for me to move on and seek my next challenge.

It has been my absolute honour and privilege to be the Headteacher of this school. I have thoroughly enjoyed working with the most brilliant children. They are simply excellent. When I took a colleague on a tour of the school we returned to my office and he said 'these children are unbelievable, there's something in the water here!' He was right. I will miss all of them. All 420 of them.

The staff are incredibly creative and so hard-working. If I had children, I would want them to go to this school; there's no higher compliment I could pay the entire school staff.

Parents and carers, thank you for your support and trust over the years. I have really enjoyed working hard for you and seeing your children flourish.

I must mention the role of the Governing Body, a group of volunteers, who have been utterly supportive, encouraging and are always child-centred in all of their work and decision making. I will always be grateful to them for offering me this role in the first place and helping me on every step of this little journey. I will miss working with this group of fantastic people.

Goodbye and good luck!

I will miss you.

James Wiltshire—Headteacher



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# Goodbye and Thank you

## **James Wiltshire—Headteacher**

James has been at the school for five years. He's written a letter on the front of this newsletter so won't take any more space to say thanks and goodbye!

## **Helen Hattersley—Deputy Headteacher**

Helen is leaving her post as Deputy Headteacher after 20 years in the role at MHPS but will be returning in September 2018 to support the transition of the new Senior Leadership Team. Helen is not leaving!

## **Gillian Collin—SENDCO**

Gillian is retiring after 16 years of incredible service to MHPS. Gillian will be sadly missed as she has done so much for the children of this school.

## **Jackie Myles—Year 4 Teacher**

Jackie is leaving MHPS following 19 years of dedicated teaching here, we wish her well in her new adventures.

## **Roz Szecowka-Bale—Teacher**

Roz has been on maternity leave recently and leaves MHPS permanently following nearly 14 years of committed teaching at our school.

## **Hannah Boardman—Reception Teacher**

Hannah first arrived at MHPS in 2010. Hannah is leaving having decided to relocate. Her influence on the Early Years progress in the school will be greatly missed.

## **Joanna Brown—Year 3 Teacher**

Joanna has worked at MHPS for one year in Year 3 having been a parent here for a little while longer. We will miss her as both a parent and teacher.

## **Tiffany Wizzard—Learning Support Assistant**

Tiffany leaves MHPS after five years. Tiffany has been accepted onto a teacher training course from September 2018. We wish Tiffany well in her new adventure!

## **Katariina Leivo—Learning Support Assistant**

Katariina has been working with us for six years. Katariina is starting working as an Educational Psychologist from September 2018 which is exciting news.

## **Sarah Budgett—Learning Support Assistant**

Sarah has been a part of the team since September 2013. Sarah has predominantly worked in Year 6. Sarah has decided to retire from July 2018 and we wish her well!

## **Eve Moldovan—Learning Support Assistant**

Eve has been working in Years 4 and 5 this year. Eve leaves us as she is relocating, we wish her all the best for the future.

## **Sharon Brown—School Meals Supervisory Assistant**

Sharon has been working in Key Stage 2 and we wish her all the very best.



## **THANK YOU!**

We would like to thank **all** of the staff who are leaving our school for their hard work, their expertise and for going the extra mile. This has been a really great staff team and we are grateful for all the contributions you have made. We wish you all well for the future.

Those leaving have worked hard to make sure that they have conducted a clear handover to our successors.

Goodbye to all of our staff leavers and good luck with all of your future plans.

### **Keisha Ferguson—Learning Support Assistant**

Keisha has been working at MHPS in Year 6. We wish her well as she continues in education working in Dagenham.

### **Joe Shaughessy– School Meals Supervisory Assistant**

Joe has been a part of the team for two years. Joe has decided to relocate to Brighton. We wish him well for the future.

### **Mei Shi—Learning Support Assistant**

Members of our Leadership Team gave speeches and attended weekend events so we cultivated a strong relationship with South Bank University. They reciprocated by allowing Mei and two colleagues to join us free of charge, to help our teachers and children. We are incredibly grateful to have been able to gain much needed support from Mei predominantly in Year 4 and Year 3.

### **Benjamin Shen—Learning Support Assistant**

Benjamin has been working with us this year mostly in Year 5. Benjamin has been wonderful at leading small groups particularly in Mathematics.

### **Vivienne Liang—Learning Support Assistant**

Vivienne has been working across our Key Stage 2 classes. Thanks!

## Hello and Welcome!

### **Mandi Howells—Headteacher**

Mandi joins MHPS from Carlton Primary School, Camden. Here's a message from Mandi:

“Hi everyone, I'm Mandi. Before you go off for your summer break, I wanted to say hello and let you know how much I am looking forward to joining the Muswell Hill Community as your new head teacher. Muswell Hill has so many great strengths and I am really excited about building on the achievements James and the team have already made. See you in September!”



### **David Howes—Acting Deputy Headteacher**

As you will recall from letters earlier in the year, David Howes has been appointed as our Acting Deputy Headteacher for 2018/19. David steps up from a very successful time as Assistant Headteacher to take this position.

### **Suzy Fotheringham—Acting Assistant Headteacher**

Mandi Howells has been busy shaping her Senior Leadership Team for 2018/19. Suzy has been appointed as Acting Assistant Headteacher and will be responsible for Years 1 and 2, congratulations Suzy!

### **Doy Owino-Townsend—SEND CO**

Mandi continued to re-shape the staff team appointing Doy who has been working in Hackney for a number of years. She is looking forward to coming to MHPS.



### **Welcome to MHPS!**

We would like to welcome all of our new staff! Be prepared, this is a lovely school and you will really enjoy your time here. This school has won-



derful children and is part of a fantastic, supportive wider community of parents/carers and governors. We hope you enjoy your time here as much as those of us who are leaving have done.

## Hello and Welcome Continued...

### Jack Maltby—Teacher

Jack is really looking forward to joining us in September. Jack has been visiting MHPS recently and loves the atmosphere here.

### Rachel Beeston—Teacher

Rachel is excited to join the staff team. Rachel really enjoyed the ethos of our school when she has visited and she is looking forward to September!

### Meabh McSweeney—Teacher

Meabh is a great addition to our teaching team. Meabh has really enjoyed getting to know the children during her transition days with us and can't wait to begin.

### Nathan Travers—Teacher

Nathan is coming back to his alma mater as a teacher. He is really looking forward to getting started...again!

### Kate Boardman—Learning Support Assistant

Kate has now officially joined the team after working here through an agency last year. She knows us well and we are pleased she has decided to continue here.

### Kathy Hammond—Learning Support Assistant

Kathy has been working with us for a little while and now joins the Learning Support Assistant Team. Congratulations Kathy.

### Isabel Freeman—Learning Support Assistant

Isabel is a new part time LSA at our school. She has been working previously at Alexandra Park School. We look forward to welcoming her to our school.



### Muswell Hill Primary School and London Zoo Present... Nature Watch!

Zoologists from London Zoo set up sensor cameras in the forest areas of the school so that the children can see what wildlife we share our school grounds with. The children saw the footage in assembly last week which included a frog, a mouse, foxes, squirrels and a woodpecker having a stand off with a thrush! Find out more by clicking [here](#).



### SPA Summer Fair 2018

Thanks to all those who attended the SPA Summer Fair 2018. The fair raised a whopping £8000!

We are hugely grateful to all of those who helped out in all sorts of ways. It was a fantastic Saturday event based on the theme of emojis.

A special thanks to all members of the SPA and Class Reps who, as always, worked so hard to make this event such a success. Our thanks to all the staff who also came along and enjoyed the sunshine too!

# The Staff Teaching Team 2018/19



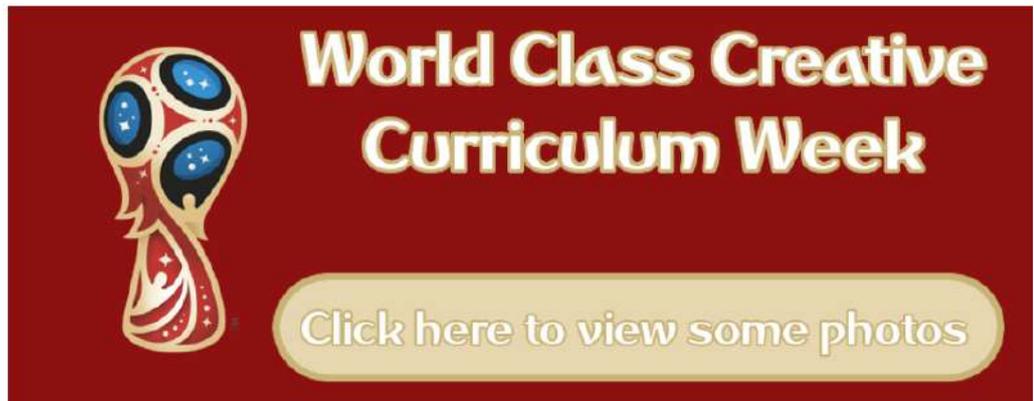
Year Group	Current Class			New Class	Teacher
<b>Reception Line Manager – Helen Hattersley</b>					
			<b>Reception</b>	<b>Red</b>	Toby Harrison & Pauline Williams
			<b>Reception</b>	<b>Ruby</b>	Grace Cooper & Mina Martinelli/Joanna Xenophon-tos
<b>Assistant Headteacher for Year 1 and Year 2 – Suzy Fotheringham</b>					
<b>Reception</b>	Red	→	<b>Year 1</b>	<b>Orange</b>	Kath Edmundson and Roisin Barker
<b>Reception</b>	Ruby	→	<b>Year 1</b>	<b>Amber</b>	Nathan Travers
<b>Year 1</b>	Amber	→	<b>Year 2</b>	<b>Yellow</b>	Elena Yiapanis
<b>Year 1</b>	Orange	→	<b>Year 2</b>	<b>Gold</b>	Lara Martin
<b>Assistant Headteacher for Year 3 , Year 4 and Year 5– Liz McMullen</b>					
<b>Year 2</b>	Gold	→	<b>Year 3</b>	<b>Emerald</b>	Lucy Sykes
<b>Year 2</b>	Yellow	→	<b>Year 3</b>	<b>Green</b>	Audrey Shiouxios and Rebecca Fryer
<b>Year 3</b>	Emerald	→	<b>Year 4</b>	<b>Blue</b>	Geoff Summers
<b>Year 3</b>	Green	→	<b>Year 4</b>	<b>Sapphire</b>	Meabh McSweeney
<b>Year 4</b>	Blue	→	<b>Year 5</b>	<b>Cobalt</b>	Jack Maltby
<b>Year 4</b>	Sapphire	→	<b>Year 5</b>	<b>Indigo</b>	Ritu Ganguly-Khan
<b>Acting Deputy Headteacher and Year 6 Line Manager— David Howes</b>					
<b>Year 5</b>	Indigo	→	<b>Year 6</b>	<b>Amethyst</b>	Rachel Beeston
<b>Year 5</b>	Cobalt	→	<b>Year 6</b>	<b>Violet</b>	Joseph Nouch



### KS1 and 2 Sports' Day 2018

Our thanks to Joseph, our PE and Sports Leader, for organising an excellent KS1 and 2 Sports' Day. Both days were beautifully sunny and really well attended by parents and carers.

We would also like to thank the entire staff team for working really hard to get the children prepared so that these were really enjoyable days. Of course, not forgetting Riaan, our Sports Coach who worked hard to get everyone ready for their events too.



### Creative Curriculum Week 2018

What a week... Muswell Hill Primary School studied the countries in the World Cup. Please click [here](#) for photos that include Russian dolls, a Brazilian carnival and a class tucking into Mexican guacamole, amongst many other things. There was so much creativity!



### Creative Computing 2018

Amethyst Class present 'Stop Motion Animation'. Please click [here](#) to view some incredible movies created by the children and directed by Ritu! The image above was designed by Syd and Hannah in Year 6!



### KS1 Sports Day

A wonderful event where everybody won!

**PUREGYM and MUSWELL HILL PRIMARY**  
presents...  
**FINISH SPORTY!**

Bring your incredible every week from  
3pm every Friday

### Finish Sporty

Every Friday from 3pm to 3:20pm has been a whole school exercise festival! We would like to thank Pure Gym, Muswell Hill for their huge support and for helping us free of charge. We would also like to thank parents and staff for joining in, even in the heat!



### Dear Hector Bellerin

The whole school wrote letters to Hector Bellerin, Arsenal football player. We agreed with an interview he did for Sky Sports about the scourge of plastic in the oceans and asked him to consider helping us in trying to influence Arsenal to release a kit made of upcycled plastic as Manchester United have done. Please click [here](#) to read a few of many letters.



### Music Alive, Well and Wild!

Click [here](#) to read all about the Choir's success at The Royal Albert Hall.



### Moving and Growing

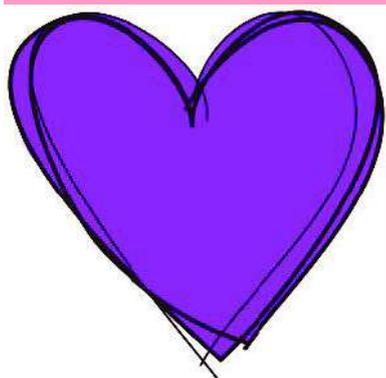
Science is thriving and our Leader, Lucy, arranged for us to have ten eggs. We managed to hatch seven of them. The eggs and chicks went round lots of classes and some children even watched as the baby chicks first hatched!

We learnt lots about looking after animals. Following the success of this we ordered caterpillars which turned into butterflies! We have released them now though! To view some photos please click [here](#).

## Juvenile Idiopathic Arthritis

By wearing purple on Friday 8 June 2018 the children and staff raised awareness of Juvenile Idiopathic Arthritis (JIA) and in the process also raised £160 to send to the charity.

Many thanks to all those who participated and donated.



## Governors Leaving MHPS

We are sad to say goodbye to three governors this year.

**Simon Wantman** has been a governor for a eight years now and has been our Chair for three years. He has led the Governing Body with both wisdom and wit. He has spent hours of his time working strategically for the school and is well known here, we will all miss him. We are lucky though that Dan Salem will be replacing him as Chair.

**Nikki Blain** has been a governor for 5 and a half years and has chaired the Curriculum and Standards Committee for a number of those years. Her eagle eye for detailed data analysis has ensured that we have been kept on our toes, all achieved through good humour and grace. Her baton has been passed to Susi Finer.

**Jessica Rosenfield** has been our Safeguarding and SEN governor for a number of years and we are very grateful to her, not only for her routine governor work but also for monitoring our safeguarding and SEN provision so diligently. She has passed the baton to Alexa Charnley.

Being a governor is very much an 'invisible' role so the contributions that governors make to the school are often not acknowledged. The role is an entirely voluntary one and requires a considerable time commitment. We would like to say an enormous thank you to all of our governors, not just to those who are leaving.

For Simon, Nikki and Jessica though a special thank you and au-revoir. You will all be sorely, sorely missed.

**GOODBYE  
&  
THANK YOU**

## SPA Leavers 2018



### Ellis is Harry Potter!

Ellis Wantman, a pupil at MHPS just one year ago, is currently starring as Harry Potter in the West End production 'Harry Potter & the Cursed Child'. Well done to Ellis! Mr Howes wants full credit for your success! Well done also to our current pupils, Ellis' sisters, Lily and Isla, for keeping it a secret for the past three months!

What an achievement. With the current Year 6 performance coming up soon maybe we will help another future star!

Please let us know if you have a great story like this one:

admin@muswell-hill.haringey.sch.uk



### Thank you!

On behalf of the children, staff and parents we say massive thanks to Lorraine Pond, Janet Slatner and Lisa Aulsebrook. These three amazing people have raised tens if not hundreds of thousands of pounds that have bought or paid towards so many school improvements. Please take a look at the photos above to see just a few of the items that our SPA have fundraised towards. Aside from having phenomenal fundraising power and an incredible team ethic, Lorraine, Janet and Lisa are, put simply, lovely, lovely people who care deeply about our school. I have loved working with them. Thank you so much for giving up your evenings, weekend, mornings, days and for working tirelessly to help us.

We are incredibly fortunate that not all the SPA Committee are finishing this year! We are lucky enough to have many members carrying on working tirelessly for us and new people joining them. A huge thank you, I am always amazed at the support we receive from you.



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# The Guardian

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Once again Haringey Local Authority decided to use Muswell Hill Primary School as their destination for training Newly Qualified Teachers across the borough. The training was led by Senior Early Years Consultant, Melanie Widnell.

[Click here to view the report.](#)



## Radiant Red and Rubies

Well done to the entire Reception Team for once again being selected by Haringey Local Authority as a model of best practice. This is the fourth year in a row that our school has been used to demonstrate high standards in teaching and learning. Well done to the children who were role models themselves! To read a little more of the feedback please click [here](#).



	League A	Points	Goal Dif
1	Muswell Hill A	74	76
2	St Ignatius	53	23
3	Coldfall A	46	31
4	Willow Primary	43	16
5	Lea Valley	33	-1
6	St Marys N8	33	-13
7	St Pauls and A H	33	-23
8	Mulberry Primary	29	-15
9	Bruce Grove	25	-40
10	Crowland Primary	14	-52

## Sporting Success—2017 and 2018

Did you know that we have attended approximately 50 sports competitions allowing a great many of our pupils the chance to work together and represent our school. There have been 27 different competitions but some have many rounds to get through. Of the 27 possible chances to win a medal we have won nine! We have come second or third on a further nine occasions and been in the top five on a further six occasions. Therefore we have won a medal on 18 occasions altogether! Howzat? For further sporting stories please click [here](#).



## Changing Rooms

We are delighted to announce that over the summer holiday the classrooms will all be redecorated.

In order to help the staff take down displays and make the rooms ready the school will be closing at 1:30pm on the last day of the term, Friday 20 July.

There is much to do but the staff are excited that their classrooms will be fresh and ready for the new academic year when children return on **Thursday 6 September 2018**.