

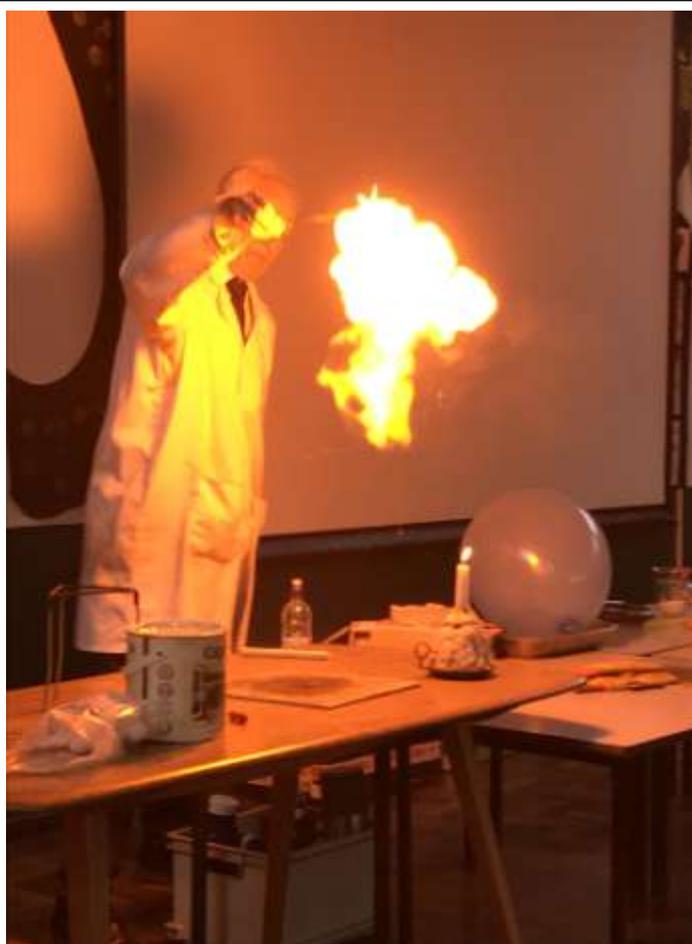
Muswell Hill Primary School

March Newsletter – Issue No. 9



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Live science demonstration

Children in KS1 and KS2 classes were treated to a fantastic science demonstration by Dr Zbigniew A Szydlo on Friday 1 March – a prelude to Science Week (11 – 15 March).

This was an incredibly inspiring assembly - there was a buzz around the school all day as children and teachers were talking about it! He packed in an incredible amount of information and the children were completely engrossed! It was certainly something they won't forget!

Thanks to all parents who came to the parent consultations and to Mandi's vision workshops last week.

The Governing Body will review the vision at their next meeting and we hope to publish the final version after the Easter holidays – more exciting times ahead.

Book Week

Kev Payne, author and illustrator, kick started Book Week at school with an inspirational assembly and then a variety of workshops for different year groups. The children took this new knowledge forward as they wrote book reviews, took part in performance poetry, practised their illustrations, and focused on the wonder and joy of reading – do ask them about the week – although hopefully they may have already told you all about it. On World Book Day itself the children (and staff) embraced dressing up as their favourite book characters with gusto. We'd like to thank everyone who participated, and Ritu for coordinating the week.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

Thursday 4 April – Night at the Exhibition – come and see the children showcasing their learning

Friday 5 April – break up for the Spring holidays at 3.30pm

Tuesday 23 April – Summer Term starts, children to be at school at 8.55am as normal

BOOK WEEK AND SCIENCE WEEK



Science Week

Dr Szydlo had already given the children a taste of what was to come and a Science Assembly on Monday ensured that Science Week started with a buzz. Amongst other things, this week the children have made slime, created lava lamps and will soon be watching caterpillars turn into butterflies in their classrooms. They have created boats powered by soap and have focused on how to reduce our carbon footprints. Again, do ask them about it and you will hear first-hand about some of the fascinating science that has been taking place each day. Again, thank you to all who participated and to Lucy who organised the week.

Inclusive Minds

This organisation is a collaboration of consultants and campaigners with a passion for inclusion, diversity, equality and accessibility in children's literature.

They develop and deliver innovative projects aimed at creating truly inclusive, diverse and accessible books. They work with writers, illustrators, publishers, library professionals, teachers, booksellers, charities, book organisations and – most importantly – children and parents.



Mia, one of our Year 6 children, is an Inclusion Ambassador for **Inclusive Minds** – the photo shows her on stage when she joined other Ambassadors and special guests to participate in the Book in a Day: How to Train Your Dragon event at the Imagine Children's Festival at the Southbank Centre in early March. Mia was the youngest reader to read a chapter of Cressida Cowell's book up on stage! Cressida tweeted her good luck and Mia had a book signed by her at the event.

If any other children are interested in joining Mia as an Inclusion Ambassador they need to have a passion for books and an interest in all children being represented in children's books. Inclusion Ambassadors can be aged 8 upwards. To find out more, and to apply to join the network, go to www.inclusiveminds.com/inclusion-ambassadors

Chess Success



Congratulations to the school's U9 chess team who qualified for the semi final stage of the National Primary Schools Chess Championship. This is a fantastic feat.

The team - Yr3s Chris A, Tristan S, Freddie B, Finlay G, Felix M and Bella R - finished in third place following good wins against teams from St Joseph's, our hosts Westminster Under and local rivals Eden Primary.

Sadly, the U11 team narrowly missed out on qualification to the semi-finals.

Following wins against Rhodes Avenue, Weston Park and St Joseph's B, the team - Yr6s Anton B, Joshua W, Joshua N as well as Yr5s Eddie P, Noah R and William S - suffered defeats against St Joseph's A and St Anthony's which left them short of the qualifying mark.

Mr Karia who runs the chess club said, 'Both teams did very well. This was a particularly tough qualifying tournament with many of the stronger North London chess schools taking part.'

He added, 'Tournament chess is very different from playing your friends in the school club but the children enjoyed their chess day out and the experience will add to their chess learning.' Well done to both teams.

Sing for Soupy

Please see the note below from the organisers of the Sing for Soupy event on Saturday 2 March, the special guest on the day was Lesley Garrett.



“Sincere thanks to you all for supporting the concert on Saturday afternoon. Your children were a credit to your school as they presented themselves well on stage, sang and played beautifully, and listened attentively to the other performers. The final figure raised for the soup kitchen was £1157.74 which is almost double the amount raised last year and will certainly be appreciated by those who dine regularly at the Baptist church.”

Thanks again to both the choir and their family members who took them to the event.

Easter Meal – Wednesday 3 April

ABM, our Caterers, have organised a special Easter menu (please see below) that children will have on Wednesday 3 April. If any child wants to have this meal, and who doesn't usually have a school lunch, please let the office know by Wednesday 27 March.

Traditional Roast Turkey Feast

Roast potatoes, seasonal vegetables & gravy

or

Creamy Spring Vegetable Pie

Roast potatoes and seasonal vegetables

Chocolate Nest Cake

or

Fresh Fruit Salad

Go Ape School Competition 2019

We thought you might like to know about the school competition Go Ape are currently running, follow the link <https://goape.co.uk/adventure-stories> for further details. The first prize is a free trip to **Go Ape**.

Cake Bake Sale in aid of Great Ormond Street Hospital (GOSH)

Thank you to everyone who bought cakes from the two Fortismere students earlier in the week; they raised £117.00 for GOSH which is a great achievement and they are really pleased.

Red Nose Day

Thank you for buying red noses from the school office – sorry we ran out – thanks also for all the donations to the Red Nose Charity. Enjoy the rest of the day.

