

# Muswell Hill Primary School

## May Newsletter – Issue No. 11



### Stephen Lawrence Day



The photo shows part of the tribute created by the children to celebrate the life of Stephen Lawrence following the theme 'Living your Best Life'. A wool trail wove its way through the woodland area with the children's written affirmations on tags. Photos were sent to Stephen's mother, Doreen.

We are still hoping to recreate this tribute somehow in the reception area – watch this space...

### Message from Mandi

I have missed seeing parents/carers less regularly at the gates over the last two weeks; I have been busy with interviews so haven't managed to get out as much as I would like at drop off or pick up.

I look forward to catching up with you in the playground and around the school.

Best wishes for a lovely Bank Holiday weekend.

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### Fortismere Transition Days

The transition days for children going to Fortismere for their secondary education in September are Tuesday 25 June, Tuesday 2 July and Wednesday 3 July.



## Butterfly Life Cycle

A big THANK YOU to the classes who let Sarah 'chrysalis sit' over the Easter break, all the chrysalises hatched safely and the butterflies were released on a sunny day. The photos above show a butterfly just about to emerge, emerging, drying out and then after release. It's a pity that they hatched over the holidays so the children who had been studying them as caterpillars didn't get to see the whole life cycle. However, it did give Sarah much pleasure to see them all emerge successfully.

## WaterAid

After an assembly from Mr Howes about children who do not have access to water, four children from Green Class - Eve, Alessia, Amber and Sofia - were so inspired they asked their parents if they could put on a bake sale. The children made posters which they hung up around Muswell Hill and their parents helped them set up a stall on Sunday 14 April.

The children made a sign for the table, they baked yummy goodies to sell and they did all the selling.



They were all super excited and got help from Dylan from Ruby Class, Bea from Amber Class and Max from Cobalt Class. They raised £185 which they donated to WaterAid.

One Mum said 'Thank you for inspiring them and teaching them that they can make a difference!'

We are so proud of the children for using their initiative to help this incredible charity and thanks to all the parents/carers for supporting them.

## Online Safety Workshops

We hope you all received the Safeguarding Newsletter No.2 last week and found it useful. Mr Howes will be running two Online Safety Workshops for parents on:



**Friday 21 June**            **9.00 – 10.00am in the KS2 Hall**

**Friday 21 June**            **5.00 – 6.00pm in Amethyst Class**

## Staff Training (TAD) Dates for 2019-20

We have had some enquiries about when our Staff Training Days (TAD days) will be in 2019-20. We can confirm that there will be two training days at the start of the autumn term which will mean that **children will return to school on Wednesday 4 September** (staff will be at school on 2 and 3 September). There will be additional TAD days in 2019-20 and, whilst we appreciate you would like to know these as soon as possible, we can't book them until we have confirmed both our training needs and the relevant professionals' availability. We anticipate that we will be able to notify you of these dates by half term, i.e. the end of May 2019.

## New School Vision and 5-year Plan

The Governing Body agreed the new school vision and 5-year plan priorities at its meeting on 4 April, subject to some final feedback. Mandi was able to share highlights with the PSA at its Committee meeting on 25 April. Once we have incorporated the final feedback we will publish the new vision and main priorities at the end of this month. They will be launched in September 2019.

## Sporting Events



Four children took part in a Haringey indoor mini-tennis tournament for Years 3 and 4 on Tuesday 30 April. They played magnificently and narrowly missing third place by just a few points. Well done to Sophie P, Matteo, Bea and Frederick.

A mixed team of Year 3 and 4 children will be taking part in the Haringey Tri-Golf Championships on 17 May; there will be another mini-tennis tournament for Year 5 and 6 children on 20 May; a team of Year 5 and 6 children will take part in a Haringey Quad Kids Athletics Event on 22 May, and on 24 May there will be a community football festival for Year 3 and 4 girls. We'll let you know how the teams get on in due course.

## SATs

KS2 SATs week is 13-17 May this year and the Phonics Check Week for Year 1 commences Monday 10 June.

Good luck to all the children taking tests this term.

## Author visit for Years 2 to 4

Steve Cole, the best-selling children's author, came to speak to children from Years 2 to 4 on Tuesday –gales of laughter came from the KS2 Hall as he entertained and inspired the children in their own creative writing.



## Dates for your diary

<b>Monday 6 May</b>	<b>Bank Holiday – SCHOOL CLOSED</b>
<b>Tuesday 7 May</b>	<b>Reception and Year 1 Parent Workshop – Supporting your child with their learning 9.00-9.45am in KS1 Hall</b>
<b>Friday 10 May</b>	<b>Reception trip to visit Sea Life Aquarium</b>
<b>Sunday 12 May</b>	<b>PSA Sponsored Walk Event</b>
<b>Monday 13 May</b>	<b>Y3 TATE Steve McQueen Class Photo Project</b>
<b>Thursday 16 May</b>	<b>Y4 trip to Celtic Harmony</b>
<b>Friday 17 May</b>	<b>Y6 trip to Go-Ape to celebrate the end of SATs week</b>
<b>Wednesday 22 May</b>	<b>RSE Workshop 9.00am in KS2 Hall – for new parents to find out more about what we teach in Relationships and Sex Education</b>
<b>Friday 24 May</b>	<b>RSE Workshop 9.00am KS2 Hall – repeat of above Reception Vision Screening</b>
<b>Friday 24 May</b>	<b>School finishes at the usual time – 3.30pm</b>
<b>Monday 27 May to Friday 31 May – HALF TERM HOLIDAY</b>	
<b>Monday 3 June</b>	<b>Children return to school at the usual time - 8.55am</b>
<b>Thursday 13 June</b>	<b>Class Photos (children to wear coloured sweatshirts/t-shirts please)</b>
<b>Friday 21 June</b>	<b>Y4 Unicorn Theatre to see Aesop's Fables</b>
<b>Saturday 22 June</b>	<b>PSA SUMMER FAIR 12.00-3.00pm</b>
<b>Tuesday 25 June</b>	<b>Y2 Unicorn Theatre to see Aesop's Fables</b>

- Thursday 27 June**      **KS2 Sports Day – morning Years 3 and 4, afternoon Years 5 and 6 at Durnsford Park**  
All children will take part in some fun events such as egg and spoon, 3-legged race etc. This will be followed by the finals of some competitive events – more details to follow.
- Monday 1 July**      **3pm - Year 3 Dance Performance – Year 3s will be showcasing their dance learning**  
**Year 3 parents invited**
- Thursday 4 July**      **Year 6 Citizenship Day**
- Friday 5 July**      **EYFS and KS1 Sports Day – morning**  
**PSA Penny Competition – afternoon**
- Wednesday 10 July**      **Orchestra Concert – parents of Orchestra invited**
- Friday 12 July**      **Rock Steady Concert – parents of children attending Rock Steady classes invited**
- Tuesday 16 July**      **End-of-year reports for all children published**
- Wednesday 17 July**      **Year 6 production after school/evening**
- Thursday 18 July**      **Year 6 production after school/evening**
- Friday 19 July**      **Year 6 trip to celebrate end of year**
- Monday 22 July**      **Year 6 Graduation Assembly – all Year 6 parents invited**
- Tuesday 23 July**      **End of year PSA/Parents Coffee Morning at 9.00am**  
**11.30 Reception Graduation – all reception parents invited**  
**END OF TERM – CHILDREN TO BE COLLECTED AT 1.00PM PLEASE**

**CHILDREN COME BACK TO SCHOOL ON WEDNESDAY 4 SEPTEMBER 2019 AT 8.55AM.**

**(Staff will be in on Monday 2 and Tuesday 3 September for Staff Training)**