

Muswell Hill Primary School

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It's only a relatively short newsletter this time as we have recently sent you information about the new vision, the school's priorities and 5-year plan.

Year 6 return from the Isle of Wight

The Year 6 children returned from their trip to PGL on the Isle of Wight having weathered torrential rain and thunderstorms during the course of their week away. Luckily they beat the rain when they visited the beach shown above and below!

The Year 6 children are presenting an assembly to their parents on **Friday 11 October at 9.10am** to tell them all about their learning (including dinosaur footprints!). Thanks to all

the children for being so cheerful and for challenging themselves whilst being so supportive of their peers.

Thanks also to the staff who accompanied the children and ensured they all came back safely.



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Reminder about Parent Workshops – Maths Mastery Explanations

Elena, Assistant Headteacher and Maths Leader of Learning, will be running workshops on:

Wednesday 16 October at 5.30pm in the KS2 Hall

Thursday 17 October at 9.00am in the KS2 Hall

This is the same workshop repeated at two different times in the hope that one of them will be convenient for you.

GDPR personal details checking – thanks to everyone who has checked their personal details held on our MIS system and returned them to the school office. If you haven't had a chance to do this yet; please could you do so as soon as possible? Please remember to let us know if anything changes during the course of the year. Thank you.

Cross country event at New River Sports Centre



On October 1st, a group of nine Year 5 children took part in a Haringey cross country event at New River Sports Centre. On a muddy, wet and hilly course our runners did brilliantly to complete it.

Congratulations to Sachin from Indigo Class who came 50th out of 300 children - a truly remarkable effort.

Well done to all our runners who took part in this event.

Reception children settling in well

Our new Reception children are settling in well and are getting used to the new family service where groups of six children eat with the same adult each day and are served in a family setting.

All the reception children eat together at the same lunch sitting and then play together outside.



As you probably know we are way overdue for an OFSTED inspection. Under the new framework it is particularly important to have parents' views about the school. We would really appreciate it if you could take the time to register on Ofsted Parent View and leave some feedback. You can find the link here:

<https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/>

Reminder - Poetry recital assemblies

The children had a dress rehearsal on National Poetry Day – it is well worth coming to the recitals at 9.10am on:

Tuesday 15 October – Year 3 and Year 4 children
Wednesday 16 October – Year 5 and Year 6 children
Friday 18 October – Year 1 and Year 2 children

to have your ears thoroughly stimulated!

Assembly – Journey to Mars



Huge thanks to Paul, the father of a child in Reception, for a fascinating talk to KS1 children about his work designing the rover which will land on Mars. The children were spell bound – please ask them about it.

Parent consultations and child-led visits to class

Following feedback from last year we have arranged for child-led visits to class rooms from 9.00 – 9.30am on Wednesday 6 and Thursday 7 November so the children can show their parents/carers their learning. In addition, you have been sent a link to sign up for a private ten-minute meeting with your child's class teacher. If your child has additional needs you will be offered a My Plan meeting with the Inclusion Team and you will not have received the sign-up link details.

ABM Christmas Card Competition

ABM, our catering company, are running a Christmas Card competition amongst their schools. Many of you may remember this from last year, the competition was a huge success and showed great creativity and engagement and ABM were thrilled with all of the submissions received.

This competition gives the children an opportunity to design a beautiful card that ABM can use as their corporate Christmas card for 2019 and they will be in with a chance of winning a prize, along with their own stock of cards printed for them to use as they wish.

Further details are sent as a separate attachment with this newsletter. All entries must be on the official form and should be handed to the School Office by 1 November so they can be collated and sent to ABM.

Mum Fundraising for SLOW

Blue and Bowie's mum is running the Royal Parks Half Marathon on behalf of the SLOW Bereavement Charity this weekend. If you would like to help her fundraise please visit:

<https://localgiving.org/fundraising/half-marathon-for-slow/>

PSA Fireworks Extravaganza



There are just a few tickets left to buy on Parent Pay for this spectacular event on Tuesday 29 October.

Poppy Appeal

Next week the school will be selling poppies on behalf of the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal; Elaine will be at the Dukes Avenue school gate with poppies if you wish to donate.



REMINDERS

Head Lice

It didn't take long for these unwanted visitors to reappear in most classes. We would really appreciate it if everyone could develop the habit of checking their child's hair on a regular basis and treating, as appropriate, if any evidence of head lice is found. Additionally, we would appreciate it if, during the half term holiday, everyone in the school checks their child's hair. If everyone checks and treats at the same time we stand a chance of stopping the spread of head lice so your cooperation will be very much appreciated – we'll remind you nearer the time!

Birthday Treats

As we have Healthy School status we have a duty to follow healthy eating guidelines, therefore in school for birthdays we can only distribute healthy treats e.g. fruit kebabs. If you want to give cakes etc. please do so outside once the children leave the classroom at the end of the day. Please ensure that anything given out is given to parents so they can decide if they want their child to have the treat and they should be completely nut-free – check the packaging doesn't indicate there are traces of nuts present.

We will of course acknowledge every child's birthday in the classroom. Teachers have a range of strategies such as birthday songs, fake cakes and show and tell etc. Thanks very much for your understanding on this matter.