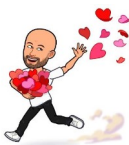


# Primrose Hill Presents: Robin's Final Farewell

## Robin's Foreword

It is with a heavy heart that I say farewell to you all. I have had the best five and half years and made so many wonderful memories. A big thank you to each and every one of you for making this so special for me. I truly appreciate your kind words and generous gifts, I have certainly felt the love. The school is in a very secure place and I know a new Head Teacher is going to be extremely lucky to lead you all into the future. I will miss you all hugely. See what I'm up to on Daubeney, Sebright and Lauriston Schools websites! Wishing you a very happy holiday and Merry Christmas too. Much love, Robin xxxx



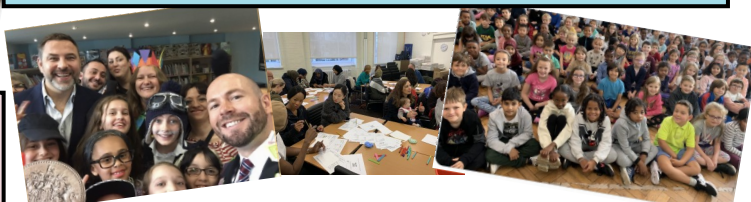
## Big Building Jobs Done

Maintaining a building which is over 130 years old is not easy, but there have been substantial changes over the past five years:

- Building and launching a two year old provision – the Tadpoles. I was keen on developing this for Camden, as long as they were able to throw us some more cash for facilities. This resulted in the creation of a new super classroom and the removal of some terrible children and staff toilets and a covered, dark and dingy play area.
- Renovation of the windows
- Replacement of the boiler and gas and radiators
- All water pipes
- New electricity circuit boards
- Speaker installation
- Wi-Fi upgrade
- Getting funding to create our Autistic Resourced Provision – The Grove. This brought nearly half a million pound of investment into the school, creating resources for our children, attracting new families, building new toilets, garden areas.
- Development of the outside learning spaces – creating an outside classroom for Reception and Y1 children, developing KS1 and KS2 playground facilities and a beautiful garden
- Decorating the lobby with new paint, carpet and furniture
- Painting the communal hallways
- Refurbishing all the staff toilets and all but one children's toilet blocks
- Renovation of the library
- Mosaic Project....my legacy to you. Each class / group will be immortalised in mosaic for ever more

## Spreading the love

- Working the other schools – Early Years Hub
- My work as a National leader of education which has brought additional income into the school
- Training as a professional coach! I feel very wise :)
- Working with the Camden Teaching Alliance to support and train new teachers (and then steal them for Primrose Hill.....Becca, Niamh, Hatty, Chrystal, Sophie, Jemma lols)



## Other Key Achievements

- Creating class names
- Introducing soft start....a much more positive way to start the day
- Improving school meals....including a controversial halal debate. We got there in the end folks!
- The barge ....we might not have achieved our floating classroom dream, but we got close
- Bunk beds in classrooms
- Developing with the team a growth mind-set approach
- Meeting David Williams and Dermot O'Leary
- How we operated through lockdown....what an amazing community
- Bringing father Christmas and Christmas presents to each class

## Teaching & Learning

- Standards in EYFS, KS1 and KS2 have increased year on year
- Implementing Integrated Learning – this is a unique way of teaching and learning which has had a positive impact on our children and standards across KS1, and better prepared children for the rest of their primary journey. This method has also enabled staff to develop new skills. Plus it is WAY BETTER for children!
- Library renovation and focus on reading including developing book corners. Remember Extreme Reading everyone?
- Our beautiful art installations around the school. The amazing long panel projects outside my office
- Holding an annual Curiosity Week. The first year we did this, teachers were like....what?!? Now they love it!
- Ensuring there are termly beautiful displays
- Promoting joined up handwriting and physical development across the school



## Highlights

- Sponsored bounce
- The Summer Fair
- Dragon's Den
- International Food Day
- Taking Y6 to the beach
- All the School Journeys
- Our Cecil Sharpe concerts
- The Unicorn
- Playing Mr Magnolia.....many times!
- Outdoor Day.....'like a festival in a playground'
- The Primrose Hill refugee song which launched our You Tube channel
- Singing karaoke songs in an empty building at the start of lock-down lols!
- The chickens
- Reading in St Marks Church
- The wonderful parents and carers
- Our fantastic Governors
- The Staff – I am in awe of you!
- The children – best children in the world!



## Robin's 'Fits

We all know that Robin is a man of style and grace so I'm sure he had so much fun with us dressing him up this week!



## Dear everyone at Primrose Hill

This has been a year that we will never forget, but I hope that you remember it for the wonderful contribution you've made, not only to the education, but also the health and well-being of all the amazing children and their families of Primrose Hill.

There is a reason why everyone working in education was recognised as "key workers" and that has been fully demonstrated at Primrose Hill by your commitment and dedication to ensuring that the children continued to be supported and learn, despite everything else that was happening. As we returned to a "new normal" of schooling in September, you came together stronger, having learnt to quickly adapt, yet it is fully recognised that the task now is by no means easier.

I believe that the staff community at Primrose Hill has a strong bond that will help you to ride the changes as we head into the new world of 2021. I'm proud to be Chair of Governors, supporting such an incredible team and I hope that when you find time to relax and unwind in the next two weeks, you too are proud of what you have helped others achieve this year.

Thank you for all your hard work & dedication

Best wishes for the festive season

Claire



## A message from Mireille

I just wanted to thank Robin on behalf of all the children, their parents and staff at Primrose Hill. He has truly been magnificent! We will all miss his constant energy, love of life and his ability to turn any situation into a positive one! Thank you for everything you have done for our community Robin, because of your kindness, endless support and wisdom, we will start January 2021 feeling ready and confident to go on without you!

I feel so privileged to be continuing my role of Acting Head Teacher at Primrose Hill and am so excited for the road ahead for all of us in January!

Please keep safe over the holidays and remember we are due back at school on Tuesday 5th January 2021.



## Some final business bits...

### London moves to Tier 3: Follow the latest advice

**VERY HIGH ALERT**

With cases of coronavirus rising rapidly across much of London, yesterday (Wednesday 16 December) London moved to Tier 3 – a 'very high' level of local COVID alert. Restrictions now include:



Ban on socialising indoors with people not in your support bubble or household



No socialising outdoors with people outside your support bubble or household, except for in public parks, outdoor sports courts or playgrounds – in which case, follow the 'rule of 6'



People who are clinically extremely vulnerable are advised to stay home as much as possible unless exercising – in which case, avoid busy areas to minimise the chance of catching the virus



Work from home if you can.

For a full list of Tier 3 restrictions, visit [gov.uk/coronavirus](https://gov.uk/coronavirus)

**Have a happy holiday everyone. See you all on 5th January 2021!**

## Reporting positive cases to the school during the Holiday

Thank you for your ongoing cooperation this school year as we continue to respond to the challenges of COVID-19. As the Autumn Term comes to an end, we are asking you to help us continue to keep children and families safe over the Christmas holidays. The Department for Education has said that schools **must** continue to support contact tracing for **6 days after the end of term**. This is so that we can identify any close contacts of positive cases who were in school while infectious and where test results come back after term ends. Your reporting of positive test results remains vital to our contact-tracing efforts. As families come together for Christmas celebrations, this will minimise the risk of spreading the virus to your potentially vulnerable relatives. More on this [here](#).