

Weekly Newsletter

Friday 17th July 2020.



Dear Parents, Carers, Children and Staff,

The last day of term is here! It has been quite an extraordinary year and one we shall not forget. Once again I would like to thank parents, families and staff for their understanding, patience and enormous team spirit as we navigated our way through the lockdown to keep safe and connected as a school community, in doing our very the best for the children throughout such an unforeseen situation.

We say two goodbyes today. Firstly, to Ms Ames who has been a much valued and extremely diligent member of our administrative team. Ms Ames has worked to ensure families receive their free school meals vouchers and has also ably supported the EHCP review administration process for our academy. We wish her well as she begins her study to train as a teacher and I know that she is going to be the most fantastic teacher!

Memories and a very fond farewell to our wonderful Mrs Ydlibi...



Secondly, we say a sad farewell to Mrs Ydlibi who returns full time to Nethergate Academy in Nottingham. Mrs Ydlibi has played such an important part in Medshamstede Academy's journey, including our renaming. However, she won't be too far away and will visit us from time to time we hope. We had quite a jolly virtual farewell celebration with our staff yesterday which included Ms Walker performing a live cookery demonstration of Mrs Ydlibi's favourite cheese scones and a song led by Mrs Travers (the audio technology did let us down but the performance continued which was most amusing!)

Mrs Ydlibi has undertaken a key role in making Medeshamstede a great place to be! Since joining us as Executive Principal three years ago, she has led us on a journey to improve and to always be the best that we can be.

The newsletter this week is a special edition to celebrate the impact of her hard work and time spent with us. Most of all we will miss her warmth and her smile. She always had time for everyone and we will miss her very much indeed.



Ms Thulbourn remembers ... 'When Mrs Ydlibi came to support the children performing at the key theatre on the evening of our Shakespeare Schools Festival where she found a parking ticket on her car afterwards, as she'd never been there before! Oh how the cast did giggle!'

Sebby in Mrs Dunn's Class remembers the new equipment for playtimes, particularly playing football.



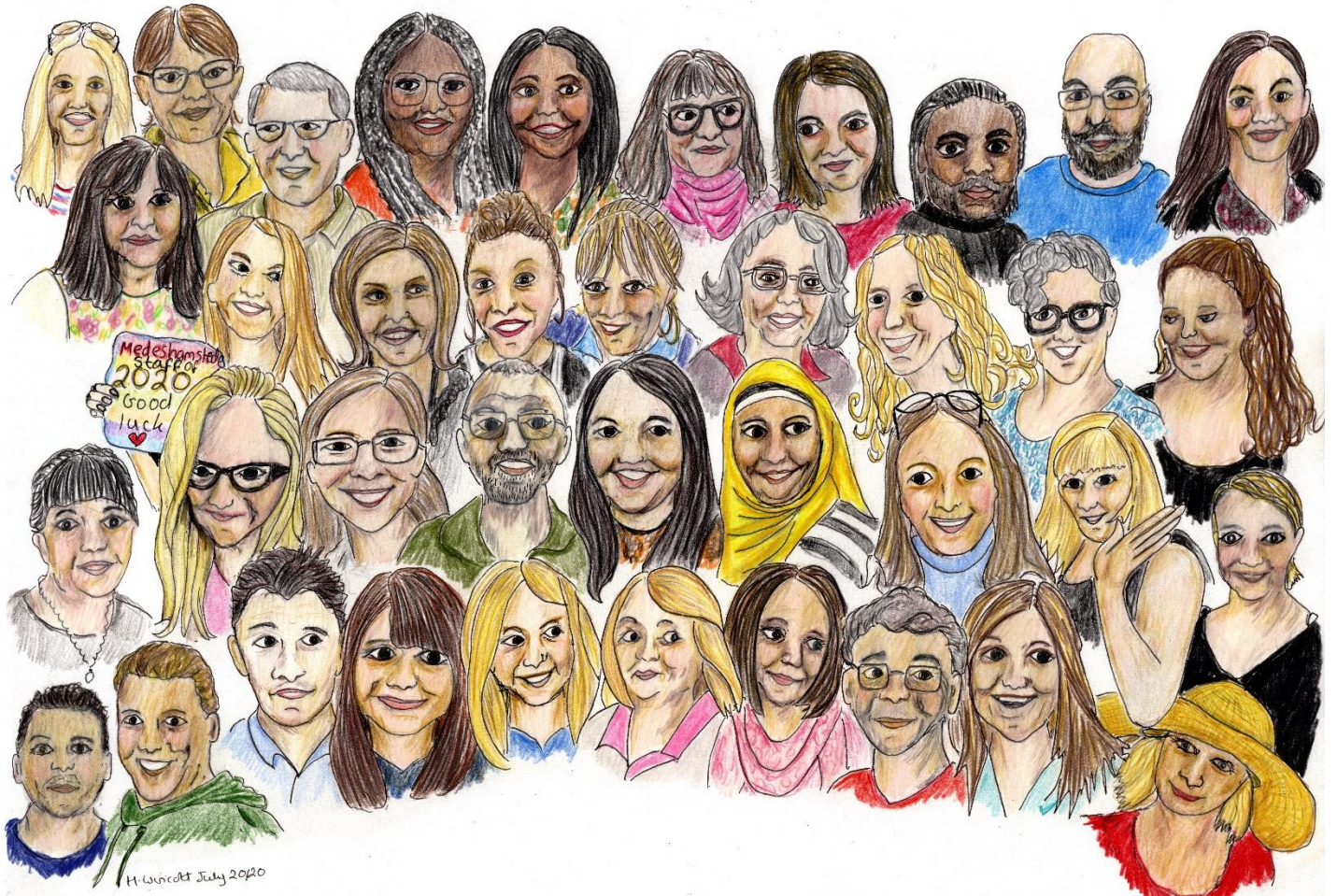
Mrs Dunn says 'Thank you for everything you have done for our school. You have been a great lead throughout Ofsted inspections and supported us when things have been tough! I hope your next steps are equally as successful and you manage to give yourself a break in the summer!'

Mr English says 'I can honestly say she has always had time for me even though she leads a very busy life and juggles so many different balls! She has always made a point to ask about me, which is a really nice touch. She is a kind and gentle person who really has the measure of our children.... 'Soon be home time Mr English' she would say with a wry smile' 😊

'She was a very nice and posh principal even though I didn't see her much at my school. I hope she gives other people good memories of her in Nethergate too'. (Alaster in Y11)

Ollie in Squirrels remembers the time his class made fruit salad. They had seen Mrs Ydlibi earlier in the day but she was so busy she couldn't come to class when they were eating it so Ollie made Mrs Ydlibi her own fruit salad and took it up to her office. He hopes she enjoyed it!

Callum in squirrels class got a bit sad and said 'I wish I could see her again'. He told his mum how Mrs Ydlibi used to come into class and talk about how she used to rule two schools and he said how hard that must be to rule two schools especially if the children were all naughty! He will remember her yellow hair like his and that even though she is old, she was funny!



Our talented Ms Wincott has created a caricature of the staff. The original piece will be sent to Mrs Ydlibi so she can remember us all here at MHA.

So all that is left to say is ...



Have a lovely summer holiday! Stay safe and we can't wait to see everyone back in school once again in September. Take care, everyone, and enjoy the summer.

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