Sheen Mount Primary School - Staff Profiles

Ian Hutchings  Headteacher

I am passionate about the success of Sheen Mount and all the community involved with the school. I have worked here since September 2005 previously in the role as Deputy Head and now the Headteacher. Before joining Sheen Mount I was an acting deputy Headteacher and class teacher at East Sheen Primary School and before that a class teacher at St John’s Primary in Kingston. I have been lucky to teach in all primary age classes. Computing is my main subject and I enjoy running Code Club – it is amazing that Sir Tim Berners Lee is an ex-pupil of Sheen Mount! I am fortunate to be a dad to two girls aged 3 and 5 who like to keep me busy when I am not at school. I love all types of music (listening to it not playing it) and am an avid Formula 1 fan!

Maria O’Brien  Deputy Headteacher

I have really enjoyed working at Sheen Mount this last year, as I’m sure you’ve picked up! I have used my experience from my previous schools, and my roles across the borough, to help me to offer something to the Sheen Mount way of thinking but have also learnt so much in my first year here (can it really be that long?!). It has been a pleasure getting to know your children and to work alongside our great staff. I have also really enjoyed being part of the Governing Body and PSA – who work tirelessly, and voluntarily, to help make Sheen Mount the amazing place it is. Outside of school my passions are music and sport and I share these passions with my husband and boys (when they are home from university). I am really looking forward to my second year at Sheen Mount when I should (fingers crossed) be fully up to speed with what is happening – we shall see!

Polly Fraley  Inclusion Leader

I am starting my third year at Sheen Mount but have had a long association with the school since my three boys all came to Sheen Mount and I was also a school governor for many years. I have taught for over 20 years including some time in America. I have also taught across the age ranges - I managed a nursery school for many years and then was both the SENCo and the Year 6 class teacher in my last school. I am now in charge of the Special Educational Needs at Sheen Mount which extends out to any child who may need some additional help or advice to help them be happy and included in school life. I am a keen (if slow) runner and like to get involved in the sporting side of school life.

Marianne Paemen  School Business Manager

This will be my second year at our School and I am looking forward to enjoying the school rhythm – so new to me last year - to the full this year. Before joining the school I worked for more than 20 years in various finance, operations, strategy and advocacy roles in the private and public sectors. My previous jobs gave me the opportunity to live and work in a multitude of countries around the globe, experiences which have only strengthened my love for different cultures and languages. I have an MBA from INSEAD, and degrees in Business Economics and Geography. In my free time I am treasurer and one of the (Belgian) founding trustees of the Richmond Dutch School. I live locally with my husband and two children, a daughter in year 4 and a son in year 2, who I have the luxury of coming to school with every day.
Helen Pyczel  EYFS Team Leader and Reception Class Teacher

I joined Sheen Mount three years ago and before that I taught in Sutton and at a school in West Sussex. I have taught in all year groups from Year 4 down to Reception and have been subject leader for a range of subjects including Reading, Art and Religious Education. I studied History at the University of Exeter before completing my PGCE. In my spare time I enjoy anything arty or crafty, music, reading and spending time outdoors; walking or horse riding. I am currently learning Polish.

Maddy Marriage  Reception Class Teacher

I am very excited to join Sheen Mount this year. I have recently moved back to London after living in Australia for 4 years. I completed my PGCE at the University of Manchester in 2010, and since then have taught in a day nursery in Manchester and a Reception class in Australia, as well as doing some supply teaching and sports coaching. I have a variety of Early Years experience and am looking forward to finally doing my NQT year here. I am also a qualified trampoline coach and used to compete nationally, but in recent years my passion has changed to running; in Australia I was on the committee of a running club and I enjoy running every day! My other interests include cycling, swimming, travelling and arts and crafts.

Robert Stefanini  Reception Class Teacher

I completed my PGCE at the University of Roehampton in 2014. I have been at Sheen Mount for two years and the teacher of Squirrels class for one. I have had a great time with my first class and I am looking forward to welcoming the new children to Squirrels class in September. Prior to attending university for my PGCE I finished a degree in Classical Civilisation, studying the Ancient Greeks and Romans. I enjoy Art especially the drawing and making aspects of this. I also enjoy all aspects of I.T.

Nicola Hope-Evans  Part time Year 1 Class Teacher

I have been hugely passionate about working with children from a young age and always had an interest in teaching after volunteering with the RDA at the age of 13. After completing my degree in Psychology and Counselling, I went on to gain a PGCE at Roehampton University in 2006. I taught in schools in Thornton Heath and Wimbledon before embarking on a round the world adventure with my husband. When I returned, I was fortunate enough to secure a job at Sheen Mount. Since joining the school I have been a very proud teacher to two marvellous ‘Moles’ classes and an outstanding ‘Otters’ class (Year 1) and in that time also enjoyed setting up the infant library and leading art as a subject, especially as I am a big fan of glitter! I also joined the governing body as Teacher Governor and enjoy being part of the exciting discussions. I returned from maternity leave last year to partner Mrs Porter as teachers to the wonderful Otters and together we lead PSHE as a subject. When I am not running around after my nearly two-year-old Florence, I enjoy horse-riding in Bushy Park and writing my own versions of traditional tales.

Katie Mortimer  Year 1 Class Teacher

I am a newly qualified teacher joining the team at Sheen Mount Primary in September 2016 as a Year 1 class teacher. I completed a degree in Human Biology and Sport and Exercise Science before beginning my career in education. I spent around three years working as a Learning Support Assistant in both a special needs school and a mainstream school. It was during this time that I realised my passion for teaching, as a result I completed my PGCE via a School Direct programme with Roehampton University. This allowed me to work as a trainee teacher in a year three class, also completing a placement in year one, whilst I studied until I graduated in 2015. Since qualifying I have worked as a class teacher and a supply teacher.
Sarah Nesbitt  Year 1 Class Teacher

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I started my working life as a teacher in Peckham after studying at Goldsmiths, University of London. I have taught Reception, Year 1 and a mixed Year 2/3 class. Since then, I have been a writer and sub-editor on several magazines, and proof-read books while my children (now 15 and 16) were young.

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I am the Owl Class teacher in Year 2. My background is in Theatre and Performing Arts so I tend to include mini dance breaks and opportunities for role play during the school day. I enjoy playing netball and have loved training after school with KS2 on a Friday. I have worked in primary education for four and a half years, first as a teaching assistant and then as a qualified teacher and am looking forward to my second year at Sheen Mount. Outside of school I enjoy visiting historical buildings and walking in the countryside. My favourite place to be is beside the sea!

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Vicky Boa Part time Year 3 Class Teacher

I have really enjoyed teaching Year 3 this year and have established a wonderful working relationship and friendship with my job share Mrs D’Urso. I have worked at Sheen Mount as a class teacher and Music Subject Leader and have been responsible for leading singing and school performances. I currently lead the school orchestra and Year 2 choir. Before going on maternity leave I was a member of the Senior Leadership Team, and was the Advanced Skills Teacher in Music for Richmond Borough which involved providing outreach to other schools and organising music projects for the Borough. I have also been a staff governor for the school. At home I have two little boys who keep me very busy.

Mary Bonell Year 3 Class Teacher

I have loved my first year working at Sheen Mount Primary School and I really looking forward to teaching in Year 3 again next year. I am looking forward to progressing as a teacher at such a lovely and well-revered school. Previously I have worked as a Deputy Manager of Twinkle Stars Montessori Nursery in New Barnett for two years. After working at the nursery I decided I wanted to join the teaching profession and completed my PGCE at the University of Hertforshire. Outside of school I am a keen cyclist and tennis player, I am keen to get involved in the sporting life at Sheen Mount.

Alison D’Urso Part time Year 3 Class Teacher

I have thoroughly enjoyed my first year at Sheen Mount and I’m looking forward to job sharing with Mrs Boa again this year as we have established a great working relationship. I’ve been teaching since December 2013 across years 1, 2 and 3 and have also worked in the Early Years Foundation Stage at two nurseries. Before retraining as a teacher I worked as a Business Researcher for the Financial Times, an Information Manager for a chartered surveying firm, a bookseller and a picture framer – but not all at the same time! Outside of school I love camping, walking and reading – all of which I enjoy sharing with my family. My secret skill is that I am a qualified massage therapist.

Paula Teeling Lower KS2 Phase Leader and Year 4 Class Teacher

I have been associated with Sheen Mount for 12 years and have worked at the school as both a TA, when my children were young, and as a teacher. My two teenage girls both came to Sheen Mount for all of their primary education and during that time I played an active role in the PTA. My varied roles within the school ensure that I feel passionate about all aspects of Sheen Mount and its position in the community. My teaching experience covers all year groups over the past 4 years at Sheen Mount and prior to that at Granard Primary in Putney. Last year I extended my qualifications by earning a certificate in teaching children with dyslexia and enjoy supporting children who benefit from help in this area. When I am not working or acting as a personal chauffeur / personal secretary to my daughters, I can usually be found walking my ridiculously small dog on Sheen Common.
**Adrienne Webster  Year 4 Class Teacher**

I have been a class teacher at Sheen Mount for 8 years. Prior to that, I held a part time role in the school as French teacher to years 5 and 6. I am the school’s foreign language subject leader and I also manage the needs of the Gifted and Talented children in the school. I have enjoyed teaching in all the KS2 year groups but have recently been based in years 3 and 4.

Before becoming a teacher (and mother) I worked in the travel and advertising industries. I live in Twickenham with my husband and three children. I have a particular passion for skiing and I love sailing but I also enjoy cycling, yoga and playing tennis in my spare time.

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**Judy Corry  Year 4 Class Teacher**

I have been teaching for a long time and still love every day! I trained at the Institute for Education in central London in 1991 and started my career in inner city schools before moving to the leafy suburbs of Kingston and eventually settling at Sheen Mount in 1999.

I have one daughter who has just finished her second year at UEA in Norwich, reading English and Creative Writing, so I feel for all you parents going through secondary school/GCSE/A level angst. Believe me – it will be all right.

My passions are history, music and theatre and travelling to exciting places.

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**Kathryn Hunwick  Year 5 Class Teacher**

Hello everyone, I am very much looking forward to joining the Sheen Mount team in September 2016 as a Year 5 teacher. Prior to this I read languages at university and studied and worked in France, Austria and Italy, taking a diverse route to a Cambridge PGCE in 2008. Since that time I have been teaching in Cambridge across Key Stages 2-5, and taking on middle leader roles: pastoral care and the school community are of huge importance and value to me. Beyond teaching, I love to act in amateur productions and travel; I also enjoy all things sporty and challenging. I look forward to meeting you all soon.

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**Stephen Saunders  Year 5 Class Teacher**

I am looking forwards to my second year in year 5 at Sheen Mount, it is an outstanding school with a very strong and loyal staff team which I hope will continue as the school develops. This will be my forth year as a class teacher, but my 10th year working with children. Previous to re-training as a teacher I worked for a not-for profit organisation specialising in the research of behavioural analysis for children on the autistic spectrum. I love working with children, making them laugh and enjoy their learning experience. It makes being a teacher extremely rewarding when you know the children are enthusiastic to come to school each day. My wife and I recently moved to a house which requires more work than we bargained for and is now our main topic of conversation. I am still a keen footballer (watching and playing) and like to get the children involved in sports where I can. I am also a qualified snowboard instructor, but I guess it is unlikely I will get to put that to use in Richmond Park. I know the children at Sheen Mount now; I’m really looking forward to continuing working with them in every way.
Katie Adams Part time Year 6 Class Teacher

I have worked at Sheen Mount since September 2006, with two breaks when my children were born; they are now aged 7 and 4. I have been a class teacher in both Key Stages and am very happy to be teaching in Year 6 again next year, with my brand new job share partner, Mrs Maile. I have a teaching and learning responsibility for Science across the school, and I am looking forward to raising the profile of this important core subject over the coming year: look out for some exciting new Science activities and events which I hope the children will really enjoy. As anyone in the school will tell you, I love to sing, and I currently lead KS2 singing assembly and choir. When I am not at work, I enjoy spending time with my family, baking cakes and tap dancing.

Robert Kennedy Upper KS2 Phase Leader and Year 6 Class Teacher

In September, I will be starting my eleventh year of teaching at Sheen Mount. During my time at the school, I have had a fantastic time working predominantly in Year 5 and 6 alongside some wonderful colleagues, and I am really looking forward to being part of the future success of the children we teach. In addition to my role as a class teacher, I am the Upper Key Stage 2 Phase Leader and I am involved with many of our sporting teams. Before changing careers and joining our school, I worked for 15 years for the National Audit Office. I have two boys and in my spare time I am a keen follower of sport, particularly football and cricket.

Suzanne Maile Part Time Year 6 Class Teacher

My long association with Sheen Mount began in 1980 when my son joined the reception class. As a parent I helped to run the school library and listened to children read. At that time the school was still one form entry. The whole of the bottom corridor was a cloakroom and there were rose bushes down the centre of the playground! My son now lives in the Midlands and is a parent himself, making me the very proud ‘nana’ of two beautiful grandsons. As a teacher, I have been at Sheen Mount for 24 years now and although I began teaching in Year 1, I have spent the majority of my time teaching in Key Stage 2 and especially in Year 6, which I love. As I live locally I often bump into past pupils and it is wonderful to hear how their lives have developed and which career paths they have chosen. In my spare time I enjoy reading and walking, but my favourite activity is spending time with my grandchildren, which means that on my favourite weekends I am to be found down at the park standing in goal or keeping wicket!

Clinton Lancaster Sports Coach

I am very excited about becoming a full time member of staff at Sheen Mount in September. Over the last year I have loved working with the fantastic staff and lovely children and I am now looking forward to leading PE and taking the school to various sporting competitions. After completing my Sports Coaching and Physical Education degree at the University of St Mark and St John I went on to coach football in the community with Plymouth Argyle FC (I was born and grew up in Plymouth). I then worked as an academy coach at Chelsea Football Club and whilst there worked with some talented young players and got involved with the ladies team. I left Chelsea after completing my training to become a police officer with the Metropolitan police force. I worked as a police officer in the operational support unit for a year before leaving to try my hand at teaching PE. I have worked in many schools across London with the most recent being at Rokeby Independent Boys School. As some of you may know I am the 1st team coach for Crystal Palace Ladies FC that compete in the FA Women's Premier League. Last year we had our most successful season, winning the Surrey Cup as well as the League! Next season we will be competing in the third highest league of Women's football in England. Away from work I love playing golf, football and enjoy running. I enjoy going back to Devon in my spare time to spend time at the beach with my family.