



# NEWSLETTER

## July 2016

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Dear Parents & Carers,

**Children's Centre Announcement:** We have been advised that the Department for Education has reversed its decision on removing our Children's Centre status and we are now allowed to use the name, therefore we will not be continuing with rebranding as a Family Centre. Apologies for any confusion but we are pleased with the decision, so welcome back Children's Centre. We are still part of the Forest Gate group of Children's Centres, led by Kay Rowe Nursery. 2 staff members from Kay Rowe (Farida Patel and Shepha Mostafa) will be based at Maryland CC 3 days a week. Our CC is well used by families with children 0-5 and its sessions are often over-subscribed.

**Staffing:** We say goodbye to Miss Griffiths, teacher in class 2, who is taking up a position in another school, and Miss Howett in the Nursery, who is relocating. Miss St. Rose, Nursery Nurse, will transfer to an Infant class as a trainee teacher.

**End of year achievement:** You will be given your child's end of year report at **OPEN EVENING** on 12th July 3.30-7pm. No appointments necessary. Please attend with your child, sit with them to look through their books and discuss their achievements with them. We will be holding a community marketplace on the night where you will be able to buy books from Book Fair and items from the Baby Bank. Look through Lost Property for any lost items of uniform.

**Summer Activities:** I hope to see you all at one of our summer events (hopefully you managed to attend our annual Sports Day and Family Picnic on 28th June). Remember to attend our end of year and prize giving assembly on 19th July at 9.15am. Children will visit their new classes on 20th July at 9.15am.

Enjoy the sun if we get any and have a safe holiday.

Mrs L Jackson, Headteacher

### ROCKET SCIENCE UPDATE



Welcome back to Earth, Tim Peake. The exciting news is that the seeds we got were seeds that had been into space with Tim Peake and not placebo seeds.



We can report that , as we get to the end of the experiment that our Year 2 pupils have been conducting, we have found 2 main differences between the growth of the seeds in the :

- RED (went to space)** and the **BLUE packet (Earth seeds).**
- 17 seeds grew to over 4cm      -29 seeds grew to over 4 cm
- Duller green      -More vibrant green
- Considerably fewer seeds in the **RED** packet sprouted and grew.

The question is why? Were the space seeds deprived of oxygen? Carbon dioxide? Did lack of gravity play a role? We'll have to leave that one to the grown-up scientists to solve for us.

We have submitted our results, along with the other participating schools, to the Royal Horticultural Society (RHS) who are co-ordinating this national schools experiment. We are also delighted to say that on the Year 2 area of our writing website, weE-PUBLISH, some of the children's science writing will be posted for us all to read.

### NON-UNIFORM DAY—BRING A PRIZE FOR OUR FÊTE

Here's a day children always love. If your child chooses not wear school uniform on 8th July, we need them to bring in a prize suitable for our Tombola stall at the summer fete.

Ideal prizes to bring in are unused toys, books, games, sealed packets of sweets or biscuits, unwanted gifts (please check sell-by date).

### OUR YOUNG ARCHITECTS

Year 5 became architects for the afternoon by helping to redesign Stratford waterfront in Queen Elizabeth Park. We identified where the locality is in relation to where we lived, what it **is** used for, what it **should** be used for and how to make it a building for everyone to use. The children put forward some fantastic ideas such as old stone and water to make sure the building will still look good in 50 years time, boats to row, food markets and free space for performance.

Their ideas will come into fruition when the development is built in the following months. The architects were truly inspired by the children's enthusiasm and refreshing ideas that were relevant to how the space will be used. Jasmine in Class 12 commented on how the experience really made her want to be a designer.



### SCHOOL CLOSURE REMINDER

We were advised at short notice that there will be an election to replace a local councillor in our ward on **Thu 14 July.**

We apologise that we were unable to give parents/carers more notice, but we advised you as soon as we were informed.

We would also like to remind parents that we are NOT closing the school for Eid this year, so the school will be open every day of the week commencing 4 July.

Elspeth, my sub-editor, and I have put in **5 deliberate spelling, punctuation or grammatical errors** for the children to hunt for in this newsletter. Towards the end of the month, I'll share them with the children in my assembly. Will you help them find **5 mistakes** in this newsletter?





# MARYLAND'S SUMMER FÊTE

SATURDAY 16<sup>th</sup> JULY 2016

1 - 4 pm

Our ever-popular biennial event. Book the date in your diary.

Fun for the whole family— bouncy castle, games, prizes, raffle, food, entertainment.

**ABSOLUTELY  
NOT TO BE MISSED!**

This is an immensely busy time for our parents/teachers association, Maryland United. The event needs an enormous amount of organisation and help on the day. **Please volunteer all the time you can** to make this event (& others) successful for your children. All you have to do now is make contact with any of our Chairs:

#### Maryland United Chairs

Staff Chairs: **Terena Bennett & Sevgi Kor (020 8534 8135)**  
Parent Chair: **Michelle Edgecombe**



#### VACANCY FOR NURSERY TEACHING ASST.

Starting Sept 2016 to July 2017. Closing date for applications **7th July**. **Term time only**. Application forms available at the school office.

#### CHOIR WOWS AUDIENCE AT ST. JOHN'S

On Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> June, the choir performed at St. John's church as part of the annual lunchtime concerts that are held there. They performed six songs including a Zimbabwean song called 'Famba Niye' which was sung a cappella (this means without an instrumental accompaniment). The audience were so captured by the performance that the choir were asked to sing this again as an encore. Well done to our performers!

#### CRICKET CAMP OPPORTUNITY IN THE HOLIDAYS

**MONDAY 1ST August 2016. £10.00 per child**

The charity 'Chance to Shine' in association with Waitrose are organising this one day event.

The one day camps from 9am to 4pm, run by professional coaches, are open to boys and girls, aged six to 12 years old and all levels of ability are welcome. They will learn new skills, make new friends and most importantly have fun!

Find out more on:

[www.chancetoshine.org/cricketcamps](http://www.chancetoshine.org/cricketcamps)

#### GOODBYE, MARYLAND.

By Elspeth Cole, Sub-editor

On Monday 20th June, Maryland had their first ever **Evening of Music and Dance** and it was fantastic! We had yr5 and 6 ECaM children performing, they played us songs such as *Love yourself* and *Happy Birthday*—we even had children compose their own songs! Our wonderful Maryland choir performed so many moving and joyful songs (which made Mrs Jackson cry and boogie). Luckily the microphone gremlins decided not to pay a visit. Maryland Movers performed three dances. The competition dance from *The Great Big Dance Off* and the 80s hit *Fame!* They also did the Fleur East song, *Sax*. Everybody enjoyed the wonderful show put on and all the acts were truly extraordinary, Nobody can wait for the next big show!

On 24th June we had a very special event. We had a **live debate** between the Senior Leadership Team and our very own debate team. The intensity was tangible! The motion was *This house would ban homework* and SLT were fighting for homework to stay and the debate team for homework to go. The Maryland debate team won by just a little but both teams were incredible and it was definitely close! (*Note from Mrs Cooper: It wasn't close—you won by a very large margin!*)

As this is **my last article for the Maryland newsletter** I wanted to write a bit about what's its like to be sub-editor. First of all, a HUGE thank you to Mrs Cooper, as without her help and support, I wouldn't be writing this article! Writing for the newsletter has helped a lot with my writing skills and grammar, its been a wonderfully fun time doing this and I've been able to express mine and others opinions on matters in school. Mrs Cooper and I have even added in a new segment to the newsletter— Text detectives. I have so enjoyed my time writing for the newsletter and my time at this school in general. I am so grateful to all the teachers for all the opportunities Maryland has given me.

#### OUR FAMOUS DEBATING TEAM

Have you seen the Newham Recorder and Elsie, our sub-editor's article above?

Our debate team successfully argued against the Senior leaders of the school (L. Jackson, L. Cooper, O. Simisaiye, A. Boreham). The motion debated was: *Homework should be banned*. The pupils argued that homework increases stress levels in children and takes away time for hobbies and socialising. The children's argument won however we will not be banning homework!

Friday's pupil vs teacher debate was organised by Mr Lock in preparation for the school's participation in the DebateMate final on 30th June, at UEL's Stratford campus, which the pupils have been preparing for throughout the year. Good luck, team. No one has beaten you so far in any of your rounds and we're sure no one will in the finals.



#### THE DIARY JULY 2016

Event	Date	Time/Comment
New Reception parents' meeting	Mon 4 Jul	9-10.15am in infant hall
Non-uniform day—See pg 1	Fri 8 Jul	Bring a prize for the fête
Nursery 'Big Toddler'	Fri 8 Jul	Both sessions
Bookfair (after school daily)	5-12 Jul	Great holiday reading
Parents/carers' Open evening 3.30– 7.00	Tue 12 Jul	No appointment—collect your child's end of year report
<b>SCHOOL CLOSED</b>	<b>14 Jul</b>	<b>Polling station</b>
Y6 farewell Disco	Fri 15th Jul	3.30—5pm Junior hall
<b>Maryland summer fête</b>	<b>Sat 16 Jul</b>	<b>1-4pm Fun! Fun! Fun!</b>
End of year assembly	Tue 19 Jul	9.15 in the hall
Nursery's last day	Tue 19 Jul	
Children's last day.	Wed 20 Jul	Children may be collected at 1pm
First day of 2016/17 academic year for children	<b>Mon 5th Sep</b>	8.55 am

Please contact **Mrs Cooper, Deputy Headteacher**, if you wish to advertise in our monthly newsletter.

