



MARYLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

JANUARY 2018 NEWSLETTER

Message from Mrs Jackson Headteacher



Dear Parents and Carers, **Happy 2018 and welcome back to Term 3!**

Staffing: Welcome to our new site supervisor, Mr. Lewis, from Farnham Green Primary School, to work alongside Mr Fitzgerald. Picture of Mr Lewis.



We say good luck to Mrs. Islam who leaves us next week to take a year's maternity leave. Mr. Lock will be taking paternity leave at the end of January. We sadly say goodbye to Mrs Manning, our Special Needs Teaching Assistant. Mrs. Garside class 9, is still unwell. Mr Mills will be continuing to teach Class 9 for the foreseeable future. We have appointed a new Assistant Head (AHT), Miss Nicole Davey, who takes up her post after the Easter holidays. Well done to **Class 7** for being the best attendance in the Autumn term for having **98.03%** attendance.

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Our SATs results have arrived!

2017: our best ever results for the year 1 phonic screening!
Maryland **93%**
Schools nationally **81%**

The school achieved in line and above national grades for Reading, Writing and Mathematics. Thank you for supporting our children with homework and projects which have contributed towards our results.

Parents' Evenings 1:1 meetings 24th & 25th January

These are very important meetings to discuss your child's progress 1:1 with the teacher, so please ensure you get your appointment time booked.

Your appointment letter will be sent to you soon. You will be asked to select a 10 minute appointment time with your child's teacher. If you have more than one child, we try to give you appointments at times as close as possible. In order for the appointment system to work for all parents/carers, we ask that you **arrive on time** for your appointment and **keep to the 10 minute** restriction. If the meeting looks like it may overrun, the teacher will offer you another appointment after or before school on another day, but they will need to end the meeting on time. If you are late, the next appointment will be taken and the teacher will aim to slot you in after that. We suggest that if you have more than one child, you **DON'T** book back-to-back appointments, but ask for times at least 10 minutes apart.

All meetings should take the same format, that is:

-Teacher starts the meeting by updating you on your child's progress from November tests and **gives you a written record** of those.

-Teacher advises you on **next steps expected** of your child, how those might be achieved and how you might be able to help. Any behaviour or attendance issues will be raised for discussion.

-The last 5 minutes will be time for you to ask the teacher **questions**.

-You will not view your child's books at this meeting, as this is a discussion meeting.

All results will be **reported in %**. Please note that we test pupils for **end of year expectations**.

Average expectation by the END of the year for any child in any yeargroup is 55%-74%.

The book fair will be open during both Parents' Evenings to give you the opportunity to stock up on books for your child's home library.

Thank you from Mr Arthur & Mrs Cooper

Thank you parents and children for your kind donations towards **Mrs Cooper and Mr Arthurs farewell gifts**. Mr Arthur will be buying items for his new home and Mrs Cooper will be purchasing a new laptop. Part of the staff donations went towards buying Mrs Cooper a year's membership to the Royal Horticultural Society.

Safeguarding notice for parents– online safety

With BBC news now highlighting the risk to children who are becoming involved in the new trend of 'live steaming' we would like to heighten your awareness of this.

Please visit <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-42224148>

CEOP (Child Exploitation and Online Protection) have produced a new video #WholsSam which can be viewed here <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wxwn5x-jE4> or accessed and downloaded from Think U Know website where there is also a factsheet for parents. <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/> - Children's Workforce area.

Growth Mindset

How is your plant growing? One of our pupils described how seeing the plant growing at home, reminds her that as she is learning, she is growing. We hope you can see other similarities between plants and growth mindset, please do let us know. In the new year, teachers will be continuing to use the Language of Success particularly when they are reporting on how well your child is doing. We find these tips are helping us as teachers, and hope they can help you as parents:

-set high expectations

-encourage children **to be resilient and not give up**, even when they find something difficult or frustrating.

-celebrate mistakes, remember mistakes are to be **expected, accepted, inspected, respected and corrected**

-use **inspirational role models** such as your **child's favourite athlete, musician or teacher**.



School Council fund raised for Children In Need

School council (represented by children from each year group) organized a Bake and Take to raise funds for the charity Children in Need. They collected £168.80. Well done School Council: Class 5: Denise and Valentina, Class 6: Alex and Aniaiah, Class 7: Isaiah and Jade Class 8: Wafa and King, Class 9: Luna and Kether, Class 10: Mujtaba and Darina, Class 11: Ayden and Stephanie, Class 12: Dylan and Nika Ka Re, Class 13: Ohene and An Qi, Class 14: Alif and Favour.



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Read with your child every day?

Have you made any New Year's resolutions yet? How about spending some time, every day, reading with your child? We would like to introduce you to *Ebookadabra for Home*. It is an online library of thousands of children's books. Maryland will be working with the website developers throughout 2018 to develop a school website to help children read more at home. To introduce the service to parents, *Ebookadabra* has offered a **one month free trial** for all Maryland parents. (Normal cost is £4.99 per month.) Website address is: www.ebookadabra.com Please scan the QR code voucher for the trial. And use the code **TRYME**.



Tax-Free Childcare— financial help for parents



This is a message from the government and department *Childcare Choices*. It is a new online government service to help parents to pay for childcare. For every £8 a parent pays into their Childcare Account, they will add an extra £2 to the account. Parents can then use that money to pay for childcare.

Your child care provider can register on: www.childcarechoices.gov.uk

At Maryland, we offer after school child care provision

SchoolFriend Club

Annual family registration £22.00 Breakfast Club (Breakfast is served until 8.20am) 7.45am to 8.50am - £4.25 per child, per day (Breakfast included within session price)

After school club 3.15pm to 6.00pm - £9.75 for first child, siblings £9.25* (Snack provided within session price)

Tel: 0844 272 7158* Email: office@schoolfriendclub.com Web: www.schoolfriendclub.com

Wright Education after school club .

From January 3rd we offer lessons and activities are provided in a safe, enriching environment that children will enjoy.

Time: 3:00-6:00 Cost £10 per day Childcare vouchers accepted Contact details: **Tel: 07852137462**

Email: info@wrighteducationuk.com

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Maryland United—our parents/staff association

WE ARE WORKING TO IMPROVE **YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOL EXPERIENCE. SHOULDN'T YOU?**

Our members had a very busy autumn term of fundraising, especially as the Christmas events kicked in. Thanks to them all for their considerable efforts. In total, we raised £1,200. What a fantastic result! We hope you enjoyed yourselves.

We always need more active members for our organisation and we cordially invite you to our friendly meetings where we plan future events.

Our next meeting is Thursday 22nd February 2018 at 3.15pm in the school staffroom. A crèche will be available.

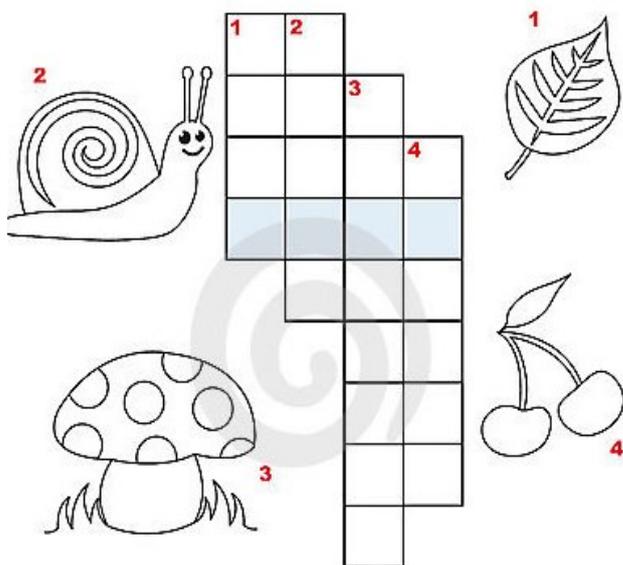
Maryland United Chairs: Staff Chairs: **Terena Bennett & Sevgi Kor (020 8534 8135)** Parent Chair: **Michelle Edgecombe**

Well done Maryland and the dancemat team!

30 of our top dancers from Year 5 and 6 entered the intra school dance competition with other primary schools in Newham. The competition was held at Eastlea School, there were 20 schools competing. The competition was fierce and Maryland came third out the 20 schools. We came seventh last time, so let's keep our fingers crossed that they do even better next year!



Puzzle corner



SOLUTION:

Diary Jan/Feb 2018

First day of Term 3. Schools starts at 8.55am.	Wed 3 Jan 18
Parents evening (1) 3.30-7.30pm. 1:1 appointments with teachers. Letter to follow in January.	Wed 24 Jan
Parents evening (2) 3.30-5pm. 1:1 appointments with teachers. Letter to follow in January.	Thu 25 Jan
Book fair	w/c Mon 22 Jan
Year 5 Citizenship Day. During school hours.	Tue 6 Feb
Maryland United meeting. 3.15pm in staffroom. All welcome.	Thu 22 Feb
Last day of Term 3. School finishes at 3.15pm.	Fri 9 Feb
First day of Term 4. 8.55am start.	Mon 19 Feb
Educational visits week.	w/c 19 Feb

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

