



# MARYLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

## JUNE 2018 NEWSLETTER

### Message from Mrs Jackson Headteacher



Dear Parents and Carers,

#### **Staffing:**

Welcome to our two new SEND Teaching Assistants, Miss Laslett and Miss Dunn who will both be supporting in Year 1. A fond farewell to Mr Francis who left Maryland on 18th May. He worked in Year 1 as a special needs teaching assistant. We wish him the best of luck in his new school.

#### **Ramadan**

Now that Ramadan has started, some of our older children will be fasting. We ask parents/carers to notify us if they wish their child to fast. Please return the permission slip sent home on 17th May as we cannot allow children to abstain from lunch without your permission.

#### **Phonics Screening**

Year 1 will soon be having their national compulsory phonics screening test and we wish them all well.

I look forward to seeing you at our summer events coming up. Please look at the Diary on page 2 for details.

#### **Sun Safety**

Now we finally have some sun, please be mindful of the sun safety rules: sun cream, sun hats, socks with sandals, summer uniform. (Labelled with name) Please remind your children to keep hydrated and drink throughout the day. Enjoy the sun!

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### Maryland's 50th Anniversary Celebrations

**CHANGE OF DATE:** ~~28th June~~

**NOW 17th July to coincide with Sports Day**

Due to the Year 6 Transition Day clashing with our planned celebration, we have rearranged the anniversary for the afternoon of Tuesday 17th July. Please join us for the day.

The order of events is as follows:

- 9:15am—Sports day
- 12:00-12:45pm— Family Picnic
- 1:00pm— 2:00pm— sports awards, anniversary celebrations, Year 6 show and balloon release in Junior playground
- From 2:00pm onwards, children can be collected early from class.

### Maryland Heritage Projects.

As part of our 50th anniversary celebration, we would like every child to carry out a research project about the history and heritage of Maryland. It could be simply the history of the school, or wider research about our local community. Guidance is in your child's homework diary.

#### **Key dates:**

**25.6.18:** Project deadline

**27.6.18:** Project exhibition in the Infant hall 3pm

**29.6.18:** Projects to be taken home

### SATs

Years 6 and Year 2 completed their SATs tests in May and we are so proud of the fantastic effort and focus pupils demonstrated. Year 6 pupils came in to school early each day for SATs breakfast club to create a calm mindset before the tests and to do some last minute revision. The breakfast club was a big success and children even got to enjoy eggs from Cluckingham Palace. Results will be shared with parents when we receive these in July. Good luck to Years 1,3,4 and 5 for their impending end of year tests.

### Nursery

Nursery took part in their 'Peppa Pig's Muddy Puddle Walk' last month, with a sponsored walk to Magpie Park and a muddy play day with parents. This event raised £310 for *Save the Children*. The children had a lovely, muddy time!

### Co-opted Governor Vacancy

Our governing board is looking to appoint a co-opted governor. Being a governor is a great way to get involved in education, develop key management skills and learn about current education issues.

We are looking for somebody with the following attributes:

- able to build good relationships
- strong team work skills
- ability to analyse data and write reports.

More information is available on the parent noticeboard. Application forms are available from the office.

### Online Safety

We have been advised about a new online video game called **Fortnite**, which is very popular with young people at the moment. Players can link up and communicate with others using headsets, which makes them vulnerable as they don't know who they are communicating with. Please supervise your child's internet use and discuss with them how to stay safe. For more information on keeping your child safe online please visit [www.ceop.police.co.uk/parents](http://www.ceop.police.co.uk/parents) and [www.net-aware.org.uk](http://www.net-aware.org.uk)



### Coming soon, new end of year reports!

Teachers are currently writing their end of year reports and these will be given out on **Thursday 5th July** at our **Open Evening**. No appointments necessary. In response to parental feedback, we have improved the format for the end of year reports. We will be holding a workshop for parents on Thursday 21st June at 3.30pm in the Junior hall to explain the new format. We hope you will be able to attend. Guidance will be put on our website as well.

### Lolly Week: Monday 18th June.

This is the week we teach about sun safety. Children are able to buy ice lollies for 30p each day to enjoy at break time. More information to follow.

### Scooters

It is great to see how popular scooters are, as they are a healthy and enjoyable way to get to school. A polite reminder not to park scooters in front of the Children's Centre.

Fire Exit



## GDPR (General Data Protection Regulation)

If you have not returned your slip to confirm that you have read the school's privacy notice yet, please do so as soon as possible. Any parent who wishes to access the personal data that the school holds about their child should put their request in writing and we will contact them regarding the request within 28 days.

## National Geographic Magazine & WePublish

Have you seen our work on **WePublish** recently? Well done to Darim and Mohamed Ali in Year 3 and Salman in Year 1. These pupils have produced some outstanding writing that we are truly proud of. Our writing club, El Dorado, has been approached by the magazine National Geographic. They will soon publish a synopsis of our work and a picture. Please read their work, by visiting <http://www.marylandwepublish.org/>

WE-PUBLISH

## Welcome MP Lyn Brown

Lyn Brown, MP for West Ham, will be visiting Maryland on the 22nd June to meet the children. The visit will support our teaching on British Values and democracy as she will talk about her experience in Parliament.



## RHS in Nature's Garden!

The RHS has chosen Maryland and our impressive Nature's Garden to host a training course for 20 school gardeners in London. We are delighted to showcase our garden to schools across London. Recently, our Year 4 pupils spotted a large red damselfly in the garden which caused great excitement around the school. Have you spotted our beautiful peonies?

The red damselfly →



## Choir

Choir will be re-launching this month and we are pleased to welcome our new choir leader, Natasha Carver. Natasha has had the privilege of working with and singing alongside some famous artists such as Mick Hucknall, Leona Lewis, and Jocelyn Brown. The choir will be performing at our end of year assembly and Year 6 graduation on Wednesday 18th July at 9:15am. All welcome.

## Our Royal Ladies hit Twitter!

The hens at Cluckingham Palace are thriving. We now have a daily clutch of a dozen blue, green, brown and white eggs. The dignitaries and graduates at **University College London Engineers** were very impressed when they heard about Cluckingham Palace, as part of our science partnership. They tweeted the moment and the school became very popular on their Twitter feed. Have a look at this tweet and many others featuring our children who presented an award on 8th May. <https://twitter.com/UCLEngineering>

**A polite reminder.** Sweet wrappers and other rubbish have been found in the coop and the chickens have been eating the plastic which could choke them. Please, don't be a litterbug and put the **rubbish in the bin!**

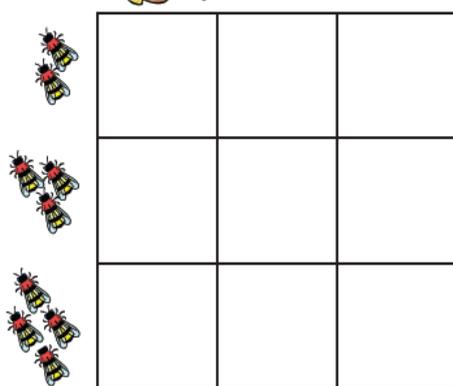


## A big Maryland thank you!

We would like to thank everyone who helped the school raise important funds on our non-uniform day, 4th May, as part of our Maryland anniversary celebrations. Your kind contributions helped us to raise more than £300. This will go towards our new bouncy castle. Thank you!

## Puzzle corner

### Flies for dinner – yum!



Three fish all ate flies for dinner. Find out how many flies each fish ate. Read the clues and fill in the chart using "Y" for "yes" or "N" for "no" to solve the puzzle.

1. The largest fish had more than 3 flies.
2. The smallest fish had had more than 2 flies.
3. None of the fish ate the same number of flies.

Please contact **Mrs Gajowska, Administrator** if you wish to advertise in our monthly newsletter.

## Diary June/July 2018

First day of Term 6. School starts 8.55am	Mon 4 June
Year 1 phonics screening Year 3, 4 & 5 assessment week	w/c 11 June
Maryland United meeting. All welcome. Staffroom 3.15pm. Creche available.	Thu 21 June
Guidance on the new reports 3.30pm. Junior Hall	Thu 21 June
Maryland Heritage projects due	Mon 25th June
Project Exhibition	Wed 27th June– Fri 29th June
Maryland 50th anniversary celebrations Cultural Evening 3.15 and Family Disco 6pm	Fri 29th June
Year 6 swimming course daily for 2 weeks	Mon 2nd July– Mon 16th July
Educational Visits week	w/c 3rd July
Open Evening & Book Fair	Thurs 5th July
Year 6 disco	Fri 13th July
Sports Day & Family Picnic Maryland 50th Anniversary Celebrations	Tues 17th July
End of Year assembly & Year 6 graduation 9am	Wed 18th July
Last day of term. <b>Early finish at 1pm.</b>	Thur 19th July

