



MARYLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

MAY 2018 NEWSLETTER

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Message from Mrs Jackson Headteacher



Dear Parents and Carers,
Welcome back to a sunny
Summer Term.

Staffing:

Welcome to Miss Davy, new
AHT, who has joined our
leadership team. She will be
teaching classes 3 days a week.
Two new TAs will be starting
with us to support our younger
pupils.

We say a big thank you and
farewell to Miss Shirley, music
teacher, who has worked so
hard with our choir. We will
ensure we secure a tutor after
the SATS test period.

Free school meals

New rules have come out that
ensure all children who are
currently entitled to FSM remain
on the list until 2022 whilst
receiving education.

Easter raffle

Your generosity is appreciated.
We raised £265.50 for school
fund.

Easter holiday booster school

Thank you to Y5 and Y6 parents
who supported us in sending
their child to the booster club,
and to the staff who gave up
their time to teach during the
holidays.

School expansion—due to
elections, the consultation
process is on hold.

School budget—our costs have
risen and the budget has been
cut so it will be a very
challenging year for us..

GOOD LUCK YEARS 2 AND 6 WITH YOUR SATS!

Easter assembly

A big thank you to all children, teachers and parents who took part in and attended our Easter assembly. It was an excellent turnout. The hall was filled to capacity. We hope you will agree that the content and theme of new life in religions around the world was interesting and informative.

S.T.E.M. (science, technology, engineering and maths) awards at UCL.

Maryland continues to make waves in academic circles! We have been invited to present awards for STEM at UCL on 6th May. This is in recognition of our partnership with the university on STEM. Representatives from the DFE and other STEM organisations will be present. Staff and students of the university have been tutoring our pupils in maths and English. Their involvement with Maryland has been mutually beneficial. We hope to continue to have future involvement with the university.



Revision for Years 2 and Year 6

The period for end of year assessment is fast approaching. This time is particularly important for our Year 6 pupils who will be leaving for secondary school and also for our Year 2 pupils who will be moving from KS1 to KS2. Year 6's tests are w/c 14 May and Yr 2 will be tested throughout May. We are therefore imploring parents to organise **revision schedules** for their children at home in addition to the support they will be getting in school. This will ensure that they are as prepared as possible for these challenging tests.

In addition, please restrict children's use of electronic devices. The time should be used for revision and for some physical activity that will help them sleep better. The children should be in bed by 8-8.30pm and up in plenty of time to get to school for breakfast club (see below).

See Diary, page 2, for Year 6 tests timetable.

Year 6 SATs breakfast club

Year 6 SATs week will begin Monday 14th May. To support the wellbeing of our Year 6 pupils, we will be organising a breakfast club where the children will play revision games focusing on exam skills and knowledge which will help to calm their nerves. In addition to this, pupils will be able to eat and enjoy an 'eggs-cellent' breakfast courtesy of our chickens in Cluckingham Palace. If your child is in Year 6 you will receive a permission letter shortly which will provide you with more information.

Assessment week for Years 1,3,4 & 5

Due to the review of our assessment system, this year, the above year groups will be having their end of year assessment on different dates to Year 6 and 2. This will ensure that they have enough time to cover most topics within their year group's curriculum, before they take the end of year tests. Therefore Year 3, 4 & 5 will sit their end of year tests week commencing 11th June ; Year 1 will have their phonic screening in the same week. Year one will sit their end of year tests week commencing the 18th.

Growth Mindset & types of intelligence.

As part of exploring Growth Mindset this year, your child will be investigating different intelligences, a theory from a psychologist, Howard Gardner. The theory suggests that intelligence is not one ability, but a combination of many. Different kinds of intelligence, or 'smarts', can help your child learn better. Next time there is an event in school please look at the 'smarts' display in the corridor that joins the Infants and the Juniors.

50th anniversary celebration update

We hope you will be available to attend our summer events this year. They will be extra special, as the school will be celebrating its 50th (Golden) anniversary on **Thursday 28th June and Friday 29th June, 2018**. Exciting events will include a balloon flight, a celebration disco and international food festival. If you would like to volunteer and be part of the food festival, please see Mrs Kor. More information will follow.

There will be class parties where the children will be allowed to bring snacks. Letters will be sent out giving more information. There will also be a **NON-UNIFORM DAY**; we shall be asking for a £1 contribution from pupils who choose not to wear uniform—all money collected will contribute towards school funds.

Maryland United (our Parent Association) will be holding their Birthday Party Sale that afternoon from 2.30 – 3.45pm. More information will be sent out shortly. The children are also learning three celebratory songs - currently we favour Stevie Wonder's 'Happy Birthday', Kool and the Gang's 'Celebration' and we have our own Maryland song sung to the tune of, 'Maybe it's because I'm a Londoner'.

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A right royal welcome.

Everyone was very excited to meet our new arrivals. Our *Eggsperts* have been busy ensuring that Cluckingham Palace is stocked up on supplies of straw and mealworms ready for our 8 brand new chickens. The chickens are 4 months old and currently have no names—families who have sponsored a chicken previously will be able to decide on a name for a chicken. They have been enjoying the sun recently and getting comfortable in their new home—so much so that they have laid their very first blue egg!



Read with your child every day?



It is difficult for parents to fit in all that needs to be done in a day. So why is finding time to read with your child so important? Reading helps them to broaden their experience and widen their vocabulary. Research shows that 20 minutes of reading with your child at home each day is ideal, however even 5 minutes will help support your child.

Home learning tip! Ask your child questions about what is happening in the text to check that they have understood what they have read. Reading is so much more than being able to read words on the page.

Free Newham residents offer - your chance to run in the stadium built for the 2012 London Olympics

Free entry for Newham residents to run in the Great Team Relay. There are a limited number of FREE team places for Newham residents at this year's exciting Great Team Relay event (normal entry is £120 per team). The run starts and finishes in The London Stadium on the evening of Wednesday 4th July. Get a team of four together; each runs a 5k loop of Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park. For further information, please follow the link: <https://www.greatteamrelay.com/account/newhamresidents>



Health information— tummy worms

A few parents have asked for guidance on this. **Please go to the NHS Choices website** where you will find leaflets and videos on most health topics.

The following precautions can be taken to avoid the spread of worms:

- If you suspect your child has worms they should be kept at home 24 hours after any treatment given
- Change bedlinen and underwear daily
- Clean toilet seats and potties regularly
- Keep children's fingernails short and clean.

Fundraising

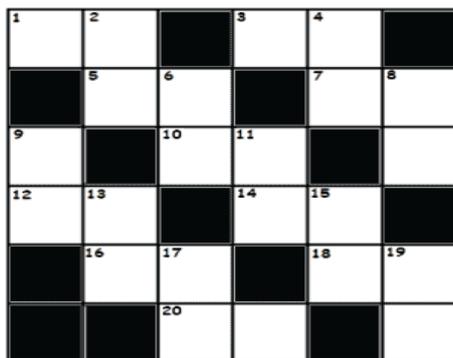
Our school bouncy castle is damaged as a result of wear and tear over the years. We are raising funds for a replacement through events such as non-uniform day, Birthday Party Sale etc. Please support us so that our children can continue to enjoy the thrill of bouncing around at our annual events.

30 hour nursery places

From September 2018 Maryland School will be offering a limited number of 30 hour nursery places. There are very strict criteria for eligibility. More information will be released soon.

Puzzle corner

Subtraction from 100



Across

1. 100 - 75
3. 100 - 68
5. 100 - 88
7. 100 - 78
10. 100 - 19
12. 100 - 6
14. 100 - 48
16. 100 - 46
18. 100 - 83
20. 100 - 20

Down

2. 100 - 49
4. 100 - 78
6. 100 - 72
8. 100 - 80
9. 100 - 1
11. 100 - 85
13. 100 - 55
15. 100 - 79
17. 100 - 52
19. 100 - 30

Diary May/June 2018

ELECTION DAY—SCHOOL CLOSED	Thu 3 May
Year 2 SATs throughout May	
Non-uniform day, class parties and birthday bargain sale at 2.45pm . All welcome .	Fri 4th May
Maryland's Big Dig 11am-3pm	Sat 5 May
MAY DAY BANK HOLIDAY—SCHOOL CLOSED	Mon 7 May
Maryland United Meeting 3.15pm. All welcome.	Thu 10 May
Yr 6 writing <i>Grammar, punctuation & spelling tests</i>	Mon 14 May
Yr 6 writing <i>English reading tests</i>	Tue 15 May
Yr 6 writing <i>Maths papers 1 & 2</i>	Wed 16 May
Yr 6 writing <i>Maths paper 3</i>	Thu 17 May
Last day of term 5 for children. School ends 3.15pm	Fri 25 May
First day of Term 6. School starts 8.55am	Mon 4 June
Year 1 phonics screening assessment week	w/c 11 June
Maryland United meeting. All welcome. Staffroom 3.15pm. Creche available	Thu 21 June
Maryland 50th anniversary celebrations	Thurs 28th & Fri 29th June

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

