



MARYLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

JULY 2018 NEWSLETTER

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Message from Mrs Jackson Headteacher



Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are enjoying the sun. It helps to make our summer events even more special.

Staffing

Welcome to Natasha Carver—a talented singing teacher who will be working with the choir this term and with the rest of the school in September. She will showcase her work with the choir at our End of Year assembly on Wed 18th July.

Welcome also to Miss Danielle King, our new PE coach who will be working in the school every afternoon from September.

We say goodbye to Mr. Peters who is moving on to another school; and to Miss Webb, who is leaving to further her studies.

Premises:

Major works will take place during the holiday - two boilers replaced, Yr2 classrooms refurbished and tarmac works completed.

Weddings

Congratulations to Maryland staff members who will be having their weddings during the holiday. Miss Davy will become Mrs. Morbin and Miss Mason will become Mrs. Grainger. Miss Atkinson got married in May but will continue to use her maiden name. We wish them well for their special day. Welcome to new co-opted governor, Beth Visser.

Visit by Lyn Brown, MP. 'You are a unique school!'

That is how Lyn Brown, MP, described Maryland School after visiting on 25th June. She toured the school, spoke in assembly, and joined in lessons. She thought our outdoor environment was 'amazing' and informed the Head Teacher that Maryland School has an excellent reputation around the borough. What good news!



Well done Maryland! Competition winners once again!

Maryland has won the Stratford Waterfront Design Challenge judged on Tuesday 19th June. We were up against 32 schools but the design of a streetlamp in the shape of a flower won first prize giving us £1500 for the school. The design will be made into a real streetlamp for the Olympic Park.



Our SATs results

Yr 6 results will be published on 10th July. Yr 2 (KS1) results show that KS1 have done really well. 80% achieved expected level in maths, 73% in reading and 71% in writing. Thank you for supporting our children to do their very best.

Well done Year 1! 93% pass rate for phonics screening—national test

You will be aware that all Year 1 pupils in England are tested every June to see if they know their sounds and therefore are on their way to becoming good readers. Maryland's phonic teaching has always been outstanding and immensely successful in getting our children reading quickly, which is why we are a model school for *Read Write Inc.* Again our children have done wonderfully well and this very high pass rate is **likely to be well above the national figure** which was 81% in 2017. We shall know the national result in September. Well done to our children, their teachers and tutors and parents who help with reading at home.

Collect your child's report at Open Evening 5th July

On Thu 5th July during our **Open Evening**, 3.30pm-7pm, you are invited to come into your child's class to collect the end of year report and look through their year's work. No appointments necessary. Please attend with your child/ren, sit with them to look through their books and discuss their achievements with them. If your child is in Years 2, you will receive her/his SATs results and if your child is in Year 1, you will receive the phonics screening result. The teacher will be available for a short informal discussion about your child's progress. If you prefer a confidential 1:1 meeting, please book an appointment. We shall be holding a **healthy eating** event on the night, Summer Bookfair will be open for you to top up on your home library. Please look through the lost property if your child has lost an item this year.

Don't miss our fabulous summer events

Cultural Evening on Fri 29th June **3-6pm** is an action-packed free event after school that celebrates our diverse community. Food from all over the world, national costumes, bouncy castle and more.

On the same evening, from **6-8pm** is our ever-popular **summer disco** with DJ, Mr. Bee. Children under 3 years old enter for free. Parent volunteers on the day and their children get free entry to the disco too. Parking will be available for both events in our junior playground.

Time capsule—we will be burying a time capsule to mark our 50 years on 17th July.

Balloon release—comedian and actor Quincy Brome will do the countdown on 17th July

Y6 graduation—please join us to celebrate our Y6 graduation on 18th July, Junior hall at 9.30a.m.



Royal Horticultural Society comes to Maryland

As part of Maryland's 5 star RHS award, the school was invited to host an RHS training course for school gardeners. Our Eggsperts and Ecowarriors showed teachers Cluckingham Palace and Nature's Garden. The course was run by the RHS and provided training on gardening for pupils with special needs and disabilities. The visitors commented that they loved the school and how the pupils spoke with such knowledge and enthusiasm about gardening.



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Parlez-vous Francais?

Parents have been asking about languages that we teach at Maryland. We teach French from Yr 3 to Yr 6. Language teaching is not included in the very busy Early Years and KS1 curriculum.

Nature's Garden and chickens

Our keen-eyed Year 4 pupils noticed the school's first sighting of a rosemary beetle living on our lavender plants. Well done to Aaron and Darina who spotted and identified it.

Maryland is currently selling tasty free range eggs from our wonderful chickens and a range of herbs from our flourishing Nature's Garden. Our pupils, including our Eggsperts, are busy pricing up the new produce ready for the summer sale. Eggs cost £2 for 6 and a bunch of fresh herbs including thyme, costs 30p. If you are interested in purchasing any of these items please contact the Nursery. Hurry though, our eggs and produce always sell out quickly!



Hooray—we made it! Our new bouncy castle has arrived!

Thank you for your efforts to help us fundraise for our new bouncy castle.



Maryland United has a busy few weeks ahead. Can you help?

Our popular fun-filled events are only possible because of our parent volunteers and staff who give their time generously. Volunteer by contacting one of our Maryland United Chairs or the school office. Coming up is our 50th anniversary celebration—can you help with serving refreshments? If so, please contact Ms. Bennett: 02085348351 or Mrs. Kor: 02085348135

Nursery closure

The last day for Nursery children is Tuesday July 17th. Nursery staff will be off site on 18th and 19th July conducting home visits.

END OF YEAR EARLY CLOSURE!

As usual, school will finish at 1pm on July 19th so that staff can attend training. Children will have lunch and then can be collected from classroom doors. We can make arrangements in school for your child until 3.15pm if you have no childcare provision in the afternoon. Your child will find out who their new teacher is on the morning of Thursday July 19th when they visit their new classes.

Please note -July 20th school is closed to children but staff will still be on site for training.

Summer holiday childcare at Maryland

1) Wright Education Academic Club—academic support and fun all in one club!

SUMMER SCHOOL 20th July -31st August. Open from Friday 20th July from 7:30- 6:00pm. (Booking for Friday 20th needed by 18th July)

Contact details: Tel: 07852137462, Sandra Wright. Email: info@wrighteducationuk.com

2) Schoolfriend Summer Holiday Club

Open Monday 23rd July to Friday 17th August—7.45am-6pm Full days £14, half days £11.50. Call 0844 272 7158 for bookings.

MARYLAND Children's Centre notices

Our very popular CC will no longer produce its own newsletters but we shall include any news items about the CC here.

Maryland CC will be hosting a weekly Friday Fundraiser to raise funds for our annual excursion to Clacton-on-Sea taking place on Friday 27th August 2018. If you are a family with children under 5 please contact the Centre for further details or to book a place.

Please see the July Forest Gate Children's Centre brochure for summer activities.



NOTICE

Road works are taking place on Buxton Road. Parking is prohibited. The operators tell us that drivers are holding them up by ignoring the parking restrictions. Please help them by not parking on the zones indicated.

Puzzle corner

Find the value of each shape to solve the last number sentence.

$$\text{Cylinder} + \text{Cylinder} + \text{Cylinder} = 24$$

$$\text{Cylinder} + \text{Cross} = 25$$

$$\text{Cross} - \text{Triangle} = 8$$

$$\text{Cross} + \text{Cylinder} + \text{Triangle} = ?$$

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

Diary July/Sep 2018

Cultural Evening 3 - 6pm, Disco—6pm –8pm	Fri 29th June
Educational visits week	w/c 2nd July
Book Fair—all week from Tuesday	Tue 3rd July
Open Evening 3.30-7pm entrance middle hall	Thu 5th July
Housepoint Winners Trip—the Vue cinema	Fri 13th July
Year 6 farewell Disco	Fri 13th July
9.15 Sports Day 12.00 Family Picnic 1.00 50th Anniversary Celebration	Tue 17th July
9.15 Year 6 Graduation & End of Year Assembly	Wed 18th July
School closes 1pm.	Thu 19th July
First day of term for children, EXCEPT Reception and Nursery	Wed 5 Sept
First day of Reception	Thu 6th Sept
Nursery opens	Mon 10th Sep
'Meet the Teacher' evening	Thu 20th Sept

