



MARYLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL OCTOBER 2018 NEWSLETTER

Message from Mrs Jackson Headteacher



Dear Parents and Carers, **Fundraising**

We are fundraising to create a new sensory room to support children with additional needs. We need specialist light and sound equipment and hope to raise £4,000. We will be holding various events such as non-uniform day, a bake and take, autumnal snacks, and a furniture sale. Please support us to raise these much needed funds. Further details to follow.

Parents/staff association

Maryland United is the school's association made up of parents and staff who give their time to support the school in diverse ways- *fund raising, supporting at school events, listening to children read etc.* If you can, please join us in continuing to make our children's time at Maryland truly memorable for them. Our first meeting this academic year will take place on Friday 28th September at 3.30pm. We look forward to seeing you.

Newsletter

We have trialled publishing the newsletter online. However many parents requested a paper copy but are happy to receive other types of notifications and letters electronically. If you would like to receive the newsletter by email every month, please email info@maryland.newham.sch.uk requesting this. You will no longer receive a paper copy if you make this request.

The Trampoline

Please note the trampoline is out of bounds before and after school. This is for health and safety reasons.

Enjoy October!
Mrs. L. Jackson, Headteacher

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The Parliamentary Review

We are delighted that The Parliamentary Review has been published online. Maryland is one of the very few schools that has been selected by the government to showcase best practice in British education. To see The Parliamentary Review please go to:

<http://www.theparliamentaryreview.co.uk/editions/primary-education/primary-education-south-and-east-london> Maryland Primary School is featured on page 36. Be proud of your child's school and make sure you show your friends and family! We are!

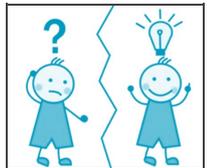


Harvest Assembly– Wednesday 10th October at 2pm.

Please join us to watch our children's performances to celebrate our annual harvest festival. In this year's presentations, we shall be exploring sustainability and looking after our world. As we do every year, we have an appeal for donations of food that we distribute to those less fortunate. Ideal foods to send in are dry packaged foods or tinned goods. Please check the sell-by date. Donations are accepted by your class teacher from now on. On the day, entrance will be through the middle hall doors only. Parking will be available in the junior playground from 1.45pm. You can collect your child immediately after the festival.

Meet The Teacher Evening. How to make your child a comprehension genius!

Thank you to the 220 parents that attended the meeting on Thursday 20th September to hear about the way ahead for your child and this year's curriculum focus on comprehension. Attendees took away a copy of The Parliamentary Review and a help sheet on how to improve your child's comprehension skills. If you were unable to attend the meeting, please let the school office know and we will be able to email out a copy of the presentation to you. Governors were pleased to meet so many parents and they will be hosting a forum at the next parents evening, where questions are welcomed. See details below.



Parent's Meetings 16th & 17th October.

We understand how important partnership with parents is and this year we are introducing an additional Parent's Evening. We have listened to feedback from parents and will be hosting Parent's Evenings on **Tuesday 16th and Wednesday 17th October**. Each parent will get an appointment with their child's teacher to discuss their learning and progress towards targets set in last year's summer term. We will be sending out information about how to book your appointment later on in the term. The appointment will be discussing **progress** in the **Autumn** term and the success of targets set in the end of year report sent out in July.

Every Child a Musician (ECAM)

Here are our Year 5 and Year 6 pupils with their new keyboards, beginning ECAM for this year. We look forward to hearing how well they have done in a performance in the summer term. Please help your child practice during the week so that they all become talented musicians.



Homework Project for this term– What's the problem with plastic?

Sustainability and preventing plastic pollution will be our theme. Although we have had lots of replies to our balloon tags from far and wide, we realise that they added to pollution so we will not be doing this type of celebration again. We would like every child to carry out a research project on **sustainability** and how we can be more environmentally friendly at school and at home. The focus of this project will be ideas for **reducing plastic waste and single use plastic**.

Key dates for the project:

- 10.12.18:** Project deadline.
- 12.12.18:** Project exhibition in the Infant Hall 3pm
- 14.12.18:** Projects to be taken home

Value of the week

After our research trip to Singapore, we have decided to trial a 'value of the week'. This is aimed to develop our children's social and moral skills at school. Every week, a child will be nominated for showing the value of the week. Please talk to your child about this and how they are showing these skills at school and at home.



Introducing our new Head Students!

Welcome to our new Head Students: Nika Ka Re, Quynh-Nhi, Mustafa in Class 14 and Harris in Class 13. They were elected at the end of July and are enjoying their new role at the school. Their aims for this year are to support our children to do their best through helping out wherever they can. You will have heard them speak at our curriculum presentation and will see them at various events throughout the year.



Nature's Garden, Another bumper harvest!

Due to the summer heatwave, then the deluge of wet weather, we have had a bumper crop of tomatoes, raspberries and potatoes. Produce has been kindly donated to parents and staff. Sadly due to the weather, parts of the garden has grown wild. We are looking for volunteers who can spare a couple of hours a week to carry out basic gardening to help keep the garden neat for the children. If you can volunteer any time to come and help, please contact Miss Boreham. Our chickens lay 13 eggs everyday—look at Rosie's huge effort.



"What a Whopper!"

Term dates for children 2018/19

The full version of our term dates table can be found on our website, but these are the children's main holiday dates for this year. Travel plans should be within these dates, as no absence will be authorised to extend holiday times.

Autumn:	Spring:	Summer:
Half term: Mon 22nd Oct—Fri 26th Oct	Half term: Mon 18th Feb—Fri 22nd Feb	Half term: Mon 27th May—Fri 31st May
INSET day (school closed to pupils): Fri 21st Dec	Spring break: Mon 8th April—Mon 22nd April	Last day of term for pupils: Fri 19th July
Christmas break: Mon 24th Dec—Fri 4th Jan		

After School Clubs

Our after school clubs have now begun. As more clubs become available, we will be notifying children in assembly. A letter to gauge interest will be sent out to parents. If you are interested, please complete the details and send to your class teacher. Clubs operate on a first come, first served basis and we keep a register of attendance so that all children have the opportunity to attend a club at some point during the year. Some clubs are provided by outside companies who have their own selection criteria, e.g. karate, football and Maryland Movers.

Poon Dojo (SCHOOL OF MARTIAL ARTS EXCELLENCE)

For further information please contact: Penny Nicola on pnicola@live.co.uk /07961358852 or Gemma Britton on gemma_britton@outlook.com /07916334670 Email: www.pondojo.com

Wright Education Academic after school club—academic support and fun all in one club!

Wright Education Academic breakfast & after school club—academic support and fun all in one club! We offer lessons and activities in a safe, enriching environment that children will enjoy. Booking by text, phone or on line. Time: 7:30–9.00am & 3:00–6:00pm Cost £14 per day, sibling discount available. Library visit every Monday. Childcare vouchers accepted Contact details: Tel: 07852137462, Sandra Wright.



Meet our Governors!

Hello Maryland Newsreaders

Here at Maryland we thought it would be good idea to introduce you to the Governing Board, tell you a little about ourselves, what we do and possibly even why we do it. So over the coming months in each Newsletter you will get a personalised message from each of us and I thought it best to start with myself as Chair.

I first became a member of the Governing Board way back in 1998 as a Parent Governor and have tried to make myself useful ever since. Governors are classified by Ofsted (and are interrogated by them during inspections) as part of the Senior Management Team of the school and are primarily tasked with holding the school to account for pupil progress and performance.

To achieve this we are heavily engaged in target setting across the curriculum, we also look at (and review) school policies, agree the budget and prioritise the spend (usually after much debate), we have link governors for things like Governor Training, IT, Safe Guarding, Maths/Literature, we attend sub-committee meeting such as Finance & Premises and Curriculum, we deal with exclusions and discipline and even carry out the Head Teachers Annual Performance Review.

Governors can make huge differences to a school by volunteering their time and bringing different, and varied skills to the table. I personally work within the Facility Management and Building Maintenance Sector (also spent about 18 years in construction) so bring a fair amount of expertise on mechanical/electrical maintenance, the associated statutory compliance, Health & Safety, Project Management and a few other bits and pieces.

Reason why I do it?

Being an ex-parent governor (now a co-opted one) I still care deeply about the education our children receive and truly believe my input into the school is beneficial to its continued success especially as my skill set is outside of what the teaching staff would be expected to have, so if my knowledge and advice can help them to get on with actually educating our future generations then I consider it time well spent.

Kindest regards

Graham



Diary October & November 2018

Parents' Coffee Morning at Children's Centre 9.15am –11.15am	Mon 1st Oct
Year 6 residential trip (Fair play House, Essex)	Wed 3rd– Fri 5th Oct
Harvest assembly at 2pm, Junior Hall	Wed 10th Oct
Parents' Coffee Morning at Children's Centre 9.15am –11.15am	Mon 15th Oct
Parents' evening (progress meeting) Appt only Tuesday 3.30pm– 7pm Wednesday 3.30pm– 5pm	Tues 16th Wed 17th Oct
Half Term Holiday	Mon 22nd–Fri 29th Oct
Educational visits (Trips) week	Mon 29th Oct
NSPCC Day (wear something green)	Mon 29th Oct
School Photographers visits	Tues 30th Oct
Parents' Coffee Morning at Children's Centre 9.15am –11.15am	Wed 7th & Mon 19th Nov
Assessment Week Y1-Y6	w/c 19th Nov

Please contact Ms Gajowska, Technical Manager, if you wish to advertise in our monthly newsletter.

