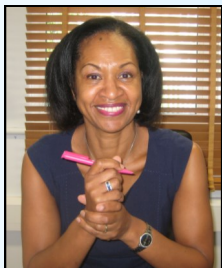




MARYLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL SEPTEMBER 2018 NEWSLETTER

Message from Mrs Jackson Headteacher



Dear Parents and Carers,
I hope you have had a wonderful summer and welcome back to Maryland. Welcome to our new pupils and parents. We have an amazing year planned for you all, so get ready!

Staffing:

Welcome to Miss King, who is joining us as a P.E instructor. Miss King will be teaching P.E lessons across the school. We have a vacancy for an Academic Assistant and a lunchtime supervisor. For a full list of staff roles please see the website.

Summer holiday news:

Two summer clubs provided excellent care for children of our working parents, SchoolFriend and Wright Education Summer School. Wright Ed. Were visited by Ofsted and we are proud to say they were given a 'GOOD' grade.

Premises: we have new boilers installed and hopefully will benefit from more efficient heating and lower bills. The extreme summer heat killed off a lot of our plants in the Nature Garden but some are fighting back. We desperately need volunteers to tidy, harvest and plant for winter. Please help if you can. Our chickens are fine.

Good News: The Parliamentary Review booklet is finally here—we are one of 12 schools in this publication. Try and find it on line. More to come on this in the next newsletter. See you on 20th at Meet the Teacher evening.

Mrs. L. Jackson, Headteacher

Maryland's Health Fair & Taster sessions

Thank you everybody for attending our very successful Health Fair. It was held on the 70th birthday of the NHS and in conjunction with our end of year open evening. The evening included a smoothie bike and a taster menu for our school dinners. Some comments included: 'Five stars for a school lunch!' another said, 'an ideal option for a healthy lunch.' Does your child have packed lunches? Our school lunches are healthy, well balanced and very enjoyable. Our lunch menus are on the website. Sign up your child for free, delicious school lunches if you have not already done so.

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Meet The Teacher Evening

Meet The Teacher evening will take place on **Thursday 20th September**. This is your opportunity to meet your child's new teacher and find out about their curriculum for the year ahead.

Our school governors will also be attending the event so please do come and meet them and find out about their leadership roles and responsibilities. This year our curriculum presentation will be on the topic of 'bringing excitement to English'. Come along and find out how this year we aim to **deepen and enrich** our children's thinking and speaking by using **inspiration** from different media such as **music, film, video, games, art and, of course, books.**

Parent's Meetings

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 the 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.



Gold for Maryland

We are delighted to announce that we, Maryland, have achieved the **School Games Gold Mark Award for 2017/18**. The School Games Mark is a Government led award scheme to encourage sports competition between primary schools. Maryland won the award because of participation, competition and clubs. We are so pleased with all the hard work of everyone at school this year.



Clubs and Out of Hours Learning

The new academic year is a great time to try a new club! We have a range of **academic, arts, sports and music clubs** available throughout the year so please sign your children up to some of our clubs. Clubs are a great way for children to meet new people, learn something new and become interested in a new hobby. Look out for letters in the next few weeks about clubs that will be running this term. As well as clubs run by our teachers, we have a number of external providers. Please see below for their details.

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)

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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 Academic 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. Book on line. **Time: 3:00-6:00 Cost £10 per day** Childcare vouchers accepted Contact details: **Tel: 07852137462, Sandra Wright Email: info@wrighteducationuk.com**

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

Homework Project for this term

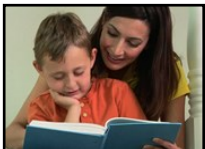
Sustainability and preventing plastic pollution will be our theme. Although we have had lots of replies to our balloon tags from far and wide, we realise that they added to pollution so we will not be doing this type of celebration again. Further details about the parental guidance will follow.

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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		



Read with your child every day

Finding time out of a busy daily schedule to read with your child can be an uphill task indeed! However, it is a task that has to be performed because of the long-term positive impact on your child’s academic achievement. Reading helps your child to develop love for books which in turn broadens their horizon. As the new academic year begins, we implore parents to spend at least 20 minutes each day either reading with or listening to their child read. It is a **routine** that contributes to a solid academic foundation for the future.

Reading tips:

- when starting a new book, ask your child to read the title of the book and make a prediction about the story; better still, ask them questions about the illustrations on the front cover to gauge their understanding of what the story might be about.
- try and ask them to recall what they have read so far and in addition, encourage them to make predictions about what will happen next in the story. Reading is a worthwhile exercise!

Summer orienteering event- well done Maryland!

Maryland team came 2nd in this year’s summer orienteering event. A total of 20 different teams from Newham schools participated. The pupils’ map reading and orienteering skills were put to the test and Maryland pupils rose to the challenge! This is our first year of taking part in this event. We look forward to being 1st next year.



Parents/staff association

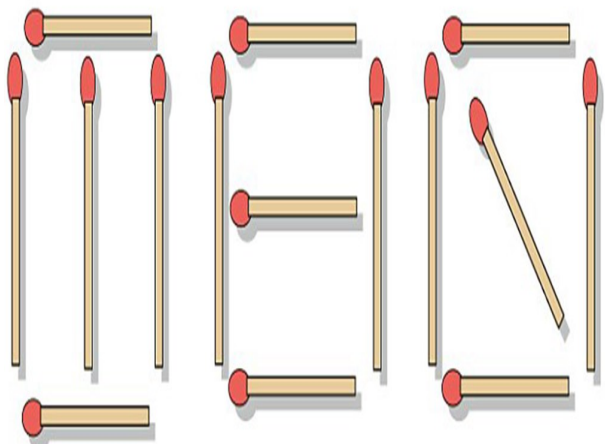
Maryland United is the school’s association made up of parents and staff who give their time to support the school in diverse of ways- *fund raising, supporting at school events, listening to children read etc.* If you can, please join us in continuing to make our children’s time at Maryland truly memorable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



Look what we found...

Our Year 1 and Year 4 children were very excited to unexpectedly find greater spotted newts in our pond. They have not been spotted for the last 3 years. They have been identified as great crested newts due to their orange spotted bellies.

Puzzle corner



Remove six matches to make 10

Diary September / October 2018

First day of term for children, EXCEPT Reception and Nursery	Wed 5 Sept
First day of Reception (class 1 & 2)	Thu 6th & Fri 7th Sept
Nursery opens	Mon 10 Sept
‘Meet the Teacher’ and Governors evening	Thu 20 Sept
Year 6 residential trip (Fair play House)	Wed 3rd– Fri 5th Oct
Harvest assembly	Wed 10th Oct 2pm
Parents’ evening (progress meeting)	Tues 16th –Wed 17th Oct
Educational visits week	Mon 29th Oct
School Photographers visits	Tues 30th Oct

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

