



MARYLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL JANUARY 2019 NEWSLETTER

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Message from Mrs Jackson Headteacher



Dear Parents and Carers, **Happy 2019 and welcome back to Term 3!**

Staffing: Welcome to our new Academic Assistants, Miss Webb and Miss Fatoba, who will support class teachers with boosting children's progress.



Miss Fatoba



Miss Webb

Good luck to Mr. Fitzgerald, Asst. Site Supervisor, who has left the school. Welcome back to Mrs. Garside who will be teaching part-time in Class 11 for now.

Vacancy: We have a vacancy for a 3 day a week Site supervisor—please see the website and notices on classroom doors for information or call the school office.

School Budgets: It is my duty to provide the very best resources for children but you have heard that school budgets have been cut to the point where some schools have to reduce staff. Luckily we can maintain the staff but are struggling to repair and replace many of the outdoor resources. Thank you for your efforts with fundraising, we raised £252 at the disco and £250 at the Christmas Fayre. We still teach the children about supporting those less fortunate so please support this month's non-uniform day for Bright Futures charity.

HAVE YOU CHANGED YOUR PHONE NUMBER OR ADDRESS?

Please ensure we have your contact details up to date. This applies to your emergency contacts as well, so please check those too. An emergency can happen at any time, so it is vital that we are able to contact you during the school day. A form is available from the office for you to give us your new details.

KS2 performance tables have been published!

The government have recently published performance tables to show how Year 6s performed in last year's SATS results. We are delighted that 73% of Year 6 pupils achieved the expected standard in reading, writing and maths, compared to 64% of children nationally. This our highest percentage since the new style of tests were introduced in 2016! We also achieved above average progress in writing and well above average in maths. For more detailed information about our results please see the School Performance page on our website.

Parents' Evenings 1:1 meetings 23rd & 24th January 2019

These are very important meetings to discuss your child's progress 1:1 with the teacher, so please book your appointment time when you receive your letter. Please select a 10 minute appointment time with your child's teacher. If you have more than one child, we try to give you appointments at times as close as possible but with a short gap in between. Teachers will:

- update you on your child's progress
- explain how they performed during assessment week
- advise you on next steps expected of your child
- discuss behaviour or attendance
- answer questions if time allows

The book fair will be open during both Parents' Evenings to give you the opportunity to stock up on books for your child's home library.

Maryland Values

Each month we will be telling you about our 'values' which were introduced in September 2018 to guide the children's moral and spiritual education. You can discuss the 6 'values' with your child as they learn about a new one each week in assembly, so here they are:

Resilience	Respect	Kindness	Courage	Ambition	Teamwork
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The Ladies in Cluckingham Palace need your help.

Our beloved chickens are settling down for winter but we are asking for volunteers to help us look after them during the holidays. Are you able to pop in for half an hour to feed and water them and collect eggs? Also make sure they are clean and warm? If so please contact the office and let us know your availability. We will guide you on how to carry out the tasks. The chicken house structure is now 6 years old and showing signs of degeneration. Are there any volunteers out there who could help us to do some repairs on it? For example, put up guttering to stop the leaks, replace rotting timbers and generally waterproof the structure? Pass the message on to anyone who may help.



Attendance

We have had a lot of parents asking for permission to miss their child's education during term time. Parents are reminded that the rules in this country are very strict and leave is only granted in exceptional circumstances. Maryland has never fined parents before for unauthorized leave but may do so in the future. The rules are as follows:

NEW PENALTY NOTICES- TIMESCALES FOR PAYMENT

In a drive to reduce high levels of absence, and improve school attendance across the board, Newham Council has introduced a new Penalty Notice Scheme. All schools are being encouraged to participate in the scheme Newham schools are strongly advised not to authorise holiday absence in term-time. Heads may no longer grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances. Heads should determine the number of school days a child can be away from school if leave is granted. Penalty notices can be issued to parents for a range of reasons, including persistent absence, persistent lateness and term time holidays. From 1 September the **£60** fine must be paid within 21 days, If not paid within 21 days it rises to £120 if paid within 28 days. Non-payment will result in prosecution under Section 444(1) of the Education Act 1996. Further details will be on the Newham Council website soon, and leaflets will be available in schools and other public places.

A Question from parents—What is Maths Mastery?

At Maryland we have started to teach maths using a mastery approach. This is a transformational approach used commonly in high performing Asian countries such as Singapore. One of the key elements of maths mastery is teaching fluency with number. Completing activities from your 5 A Day book daily really helps with this! Another important aspect of mastery teaching is using different representations of number. We use equipment such as dienes and place value counters so that children can visualise numbers and calculation. We also put an emphasis on children developing a depth of understanding through solving reasoning problems.

New French Club We will be running a new French club from 3.30pm-4.30pm every Tuesday. It is open to children from Y1 to Y6. It will be run by a specialist language club and looks really good fun. If you are interested, please go to <http://speaklikeanative.com/maryland/> Further details to follow in the Spring term.

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BRIGHT FUTURES ORPHANAGE - Dear Mrs Jackson

It's Seraphina Lewis here (Naomi, Elijah and Isaiah's mum and Josiah's aunty)

This October half term we all went to Nigeria to launch a project that we have been working on for the last 2 years. We opened an orphanage in memory of my brother and sister who have passed in recent years.

I was wondering if Maryland School could help us out by doing a fundraiser, maybe a non uniform day or something similar. I understand that this is a very busy time of year for the school so if you can consider something for next years that would be great. The experience was amazing for the children. They learned how to live for long periods of time without electricity, how young people in Nigeria have to work hard to support their families instead of having the privilege to go to school and they learned about the Benin City Monarchy. I've attached some pictures below for you to have a look at.

Many Thanks

Seraphina



MARYLAND UNITED 2019—URGENT MESSAGE

We really don't know what to do about this—at the last meeting not one single parent turned up apart from the parent rep, Michelle Edgecome. We wonder if the name of the PTA is what is putting people off where parents don't realise that Maryland United is the Parent-Teacher Association. So, we are asking parents to please suggest a new name for the association for 2019. The winning entry will receive a small prize and the new name credited to their family.

Our next meeting is on Fri 17th January at 3.15pm in the school staffroom. A crèche will be available.

Maryland United Chairs: Staff Chairs: **Terena Bennett & Sevgi Kor (020 8534 8135)** Parent Chair: **Michelle Edgecombe**

At Maryland, we offer after school child care provision

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)

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 after school club.

From January 3rd we offer lessons and activities are provided in a safe, enriching environment that children will enjoy.

Time: 3:00-6:00 Cost £10 per day Childcare vouchers accepted Contact details: Tel: 07852137462 Email: info@wrighteducationuk.com

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Meet our Governors!

Hello Maryland Newsreaders,

I am **Nazrah Ismail**, one of the elected parent governors. I became aware of this role through my husband who was also a governor for the past few years. Being a parent governor is surely unique in the sense that along with the parental view, a strategic approach to the school governance is maintained. I have three children attending Maryland. My eldest son is in **Year 6**, my second son is in **Year 5** and my youngest is presently in **Year 2**. I have therefore a knowledge of all Key stages.

It is a privilege to be part of the governing board and to contribute for the improvement of the school. Parent governors are not delegates and do not speak on behalf of parents, but they do bring a parental perspective to the issues discussed. We attend 4 board meetings per year and other sub-committee meetings. We work as a team and make joint decisions on policy.

I have been a primary school teacher for several years and this background helps me to support the school. As the **Assessment link governor**, I try my best to contribute my ideas to improve the way assessments are conducted and the way results are conveyed to parents. As far as this is concerned, I am very happy with the new assessment policy at Maryland.

I have now changed my career. I am working as a legal executive in a law firm and hopefully become a prospective barrister. I voluntarily help vulnerable people within the local community especially those with housing issues. I am also greatly involved in the local housing campaign against homelessness and families in temporary accommodation. I also work closely with the local MP to assist those with immigration issues and make parliamentary representations regarding any human rights breaches. I believe that my broad knowledge of being a teacher and now a legal executive and a local campaigner will help me understand the wellbeing of all the pupils at the school and be involved in decisions about all aspects of school management.

It is always a pleasure to attend the school's functions such as Harvest Assembly and end of year celebrations which are truly brilliant at Maryland. I would like to extend my appreciation to Mrs Jackson and her team for their outstanding contribution to make Maryland one of the most exceptional schools in Newham.

Kind regards

Nazrah



Diary Jan/Feb 2019

First day of Term 3. Schools starts at 8.55am.	Mon 7 Jan 2019
Maryland United meeting. 3.15pm in staffroom. All welcome.	Thu 17 Jan
Non-uniform day to fundraise. Pay £1 and wear ordinary clothes.	Fri 18 Jan
Book fair	Tues 22 Jan
Parents evening (1) 3.30-7.00pm. 1:1 appointments with teachers.	Wed 23 Jan
Parents evening (2) 3.30-5pm. 1:1 appointments with teachers. Letter to follow in January.	Thu 24 Jan
Last day of Term 3. School finishes for half term holiday at 3.15pm	Fri 15 Feb
First day of Term 4. 8.55am start.	Mon 25 Feb
Educational visits week.	w/c 25 Feb

