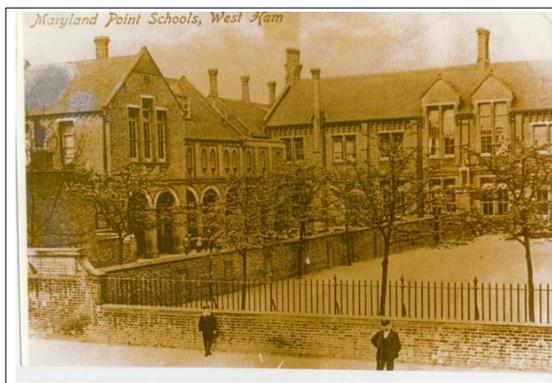


Maryland Primary School - our journey

1968: Maryland Primary School was opened on this site as a two-form entry school by Nicholai Petrovitch Tarasov from Russia. The original Maryland School was situated at Maryland Point and was called Maryland Point School. The school was originally built as two separate schools - Infants and Juniors.



Maryland Point School



Maryland Primary School
opened 1968 (30 staff)

The school celebrates its anniversary every year on 6th May. In 1968 a time capsule was buried in the school field to mark the opening of the new school.

1990: the two schools joined to become Maryland Primary School with one Head Teacher, Mrs. Joan Jones.

Mrs. Jackson, our current Head, became the Deputy Head of the Primary School that year.

There are 420 children in the main school and 78 in the Nursery at full capacity.

1990: School uniform was introduced after a campaign by parents led by Mrs. Merline James. Another parent, Mrs. Joy Palmer, designed the school badge. It is based on the state symbol of Maryland State in the USA (The white oak of Maryland). The acorns underneath the oak tree symbolised our original motto "*From little acorns mighty oaks do grow*" (the acorns being the children). Mrs. Jones chose the school colours of royal blue and grey.



Our school badge



Our school uniform

1998: The nature garden was opened to celebrate the school's 30th birthday (previously a playing field) and a time capsule was buried under a willow tree and excavated in 2012. The tree has not survived unfortunately, but the trunk still stands to mark the spot. The contents of the Time Capsule contained a very large mobile phone!



2001: The school's motto was changed when Mrs. Jackson became Head Teacher. A competition was held amongst the children and their families to create a new motto. The winning motto came from Ayo Sanusi's family: *"Where our children's future matters most"*.

2001: A new open plan Nursery was built to replace the old 2 room building. The Nursery caters for 78 3-5 years olds.



Nursery garden



2006 - Maryland Primary School has been a model Read Write Inc.



This panel represents Fred the dinosaur who is the mascot of our reading and writing programme called RWI (Read, Write, Inc.)

We host visits from educationalists locally, nationally and abroad, as we are a model school for Oxford University Press' *ReadWriteInc* literacy programme.



2007: a Children's Centre was built on site to support local families.

We run many groups for parents, including training sessions at weekends. We now support the NHS by holding baby clinics in our Children's Centre.

We are committed to supporting every family with young children to give their child the Best Start in Life. This includes a free offer to all families of:

1. Access to childcare for all three and four year olds and those two year olds who meet the eligibility criteria.
2. Advice and guidance on parenting skills including one-to-one support where extra help is needed.
3. Stay-and-Play activities where children learn important skills through play and parents can meet other parents.
4. Help into employment, training or volunteering.
5. A range of child & family health and development sessions including advice on breastfeeding, weaning, healthy eating, sleep routines and a whole range of other health issues through pregnancy into the first years of life.

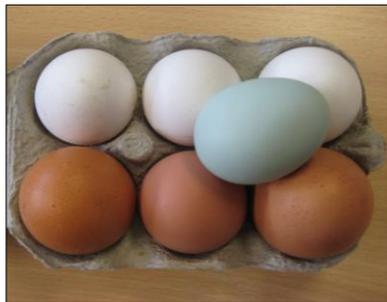


2011: Maryland has grown in reputation and population (originally 30 staff, now 70+), so the building was extended with the addition of a third 'middle' hall, built between the two existing halls, providing much needed performance and teaching space.



The Middle Hall extension has given the school it's own auditorium.

2012: The Nursery's chicken coop, Cluckingham Palace, was built to house our baby chicks. Those chicks are now producing eggs every day which are sold to our families. Cluckingham Palace is run by our Eggsperts and their egg business is called Eggstraw-dinare. The chickens lay blue, white, brown and green eggs! Cluckingham Palace was refurbished in 2019.



13th February 2014-our first blue egg was laid by Joanna



Cluckingham Palace

2012: The Nature's Garden was completely revamped in a tropical style by a group called 'Festival Jamaica' and French gardener, Sebastien Collet. Maryland Primary School's Nature's Garden received a 5 star Gardening School Award in 2016.





2012 - Activity trail in the Infant Playground.

It is the showpiece of the school providing a Science and Creative arts resource.



2013 - Activity tower in the Junior Playground



2013 - What OfSTED said

OfSTED told us in July 2013:

- "Outstanding - the majority of teaching seen during inspection."
 - "Outstanding - leadership and management."
 - "Outstanding - behaviour and safety of pupils."
 - "Outstanding - social, moral, cultural aspects."
 - "... delightful learning environment ... pupils thrive and flourish."
- End of KS2 attainment at national average and improving,higher proportion now make outstanding progress."
- "... curriculum makes an excellent contribution to pupils' development"
 - "Pupils love coming to school."

2015 - Pods installed for students and parents.



2016 - We installed our Multi Use Games Area (MUGA) in the Junior Playground.



2016- Family Support Room

2017- What Ofsted said

The school was inspected by OFSTED on 12th December 2017. We are proud to say that we were praised in many areas. OFSTED told us that:

- *we inspire pupils with unique opportunities*
- *we lead and develop much innovation, both in the school and in the borough.*
- *our innovative curriculum meets the needs of all our pupils well*
- *children's writing is powerful and of a high standard*
- *in all sessions, pupils are fully engaged and motivated to learn*
- *pupils enjoy coming to school*
- *the school has a clear ethos that no-one is left behind*
- *mastery provides enrichment to the curriculum*
- *the teachers are doing a cracking good job*

2018- 50th Anniversary (1968- 2018)

Balloon release and burying time capsule.



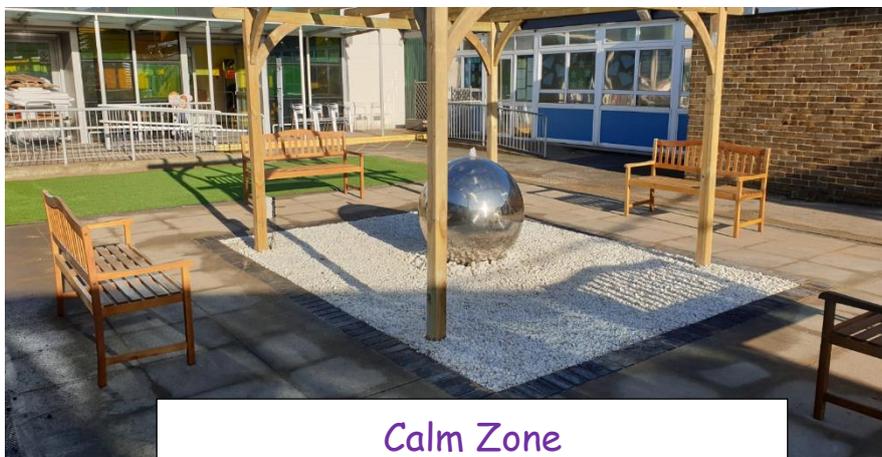
2018 - The Parliamentary Review- [click here](#)



Introduced Maryland Values

- Resilience
- Respect
- Kindness
- Courage
- Ambition
- Teamwork

2019 - Sensory Room, Media Room and Calm Zone



Calm Zone

OUR REPUTATION OFSTED

Since our first Ofsted inspection in 1997, we have been consistently graded 'Good' or 'Good with Outstanding features'. Inspections: 1997, 2002, 2006, 2010, 2013, 2017.

The Future at Maryland

Innovation is the key to Maryland's success. School improvement is continuous and constant - this has resulted in improved outcomes for all of our students. Many developments have become embedded in our school culture. Some examples include:

- **Technology**, utilising Google Education including the use of Chromebooks in curriculum
- **Critical Thinking** where the teachers and pupils reason, challenge and articulate their thinking

- **Growth Mindset** is an integral part of how we teach pupils, developing resilience and independence

Looking ahead the school is planning to continue to embed these aspects whilst continuing to learn from other educationalists around the world. It will always be our responsibility to educate our pupils about sustainability. How to sustain, preserve and respect the world we live in now and the years to come (see our school motto - 'Where Our Children's Future Matters Most').

OUR ASPIRATIONS FOR OUR CHILDREN

- Make the school a safe, happy, stimulating and attractive place to be in.
- Encourage good learning habits so that children acquire knowledge and skills appropriate to their personal development, preparation for Secondary school and adult life.
- Provide a broad, creative and balanced multi-cultural curriculum that will cater for and stimulate children from all backgrounds and with differing needs,
- To develop cross-curricular activities and memorable experiences to develop our children socially, emotionally and intellectually.
- Encourage good personal relations based upon courtesy, good manners, consideration, respect and understanding for others.
- Build positive relationships with parents, carers and the community in order to achieve the best for our children.
- Develop an understanding of the world and the interdependence of individual groups and nations.
- Use ICT and e-learning to enhance teaching and learning.
- Promote healthy life choices.
- Provide quality services for children that extend beyond the school day to support parents.

We encourage all our children to do well and many have gone on to be doctors, lawyers, teachers, forensic scientists and professional footballers!