MARYLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL
NOVEMBER 2020 NEWSLETTER

Message from Mrs Jackson

Headteacher

Dear Parents, I hope you are all well.

Staffing

Now Mrs Wicks has retired the office will be temporarily covered by Mrs Kor, Mrs Reynolds and Mrs Skeen. This means that Mrs Kor will no longer be available outside before school for the time being. If you have a family support issue that you wish her to help with then please come to the main Reception. Welcome to Mr England who will be teaching Class 12 until the end of term, whilst Mrs Woodrow is recovering.

Health & Safety:

Parents, you are fantastic with your support for our recent changes to Health and Safety practices to keep us all safe. You are all wearing **masks on site** and the routine temperature check on the children is now working smoothly. Remember that teachers will allow children in 5 minutes before the start of the day and let them out 5 minutes earlier to help **social distancing** on site.

School finances:

The school budget is extremely stretched at the moment and so thank you for supporting our fundraising events. We have spent thousands on buying Health and Safety equipment and resources in order to meet government guidelines. We hope to claim back this money, but for now please support our small fundraising events when you can.
Keep safe everyone.

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Our newly elected Chair

Congratulations to Mr Graham Plant who has been re-elected as Chair of the governing board.

Special thanks to Mr Plant for referring us to VINCI UK Foundation. The company made a donation to the school, which helped us to purchase laptops for the children to use.

Kind donation of headphones from local charity

The school has received a donation of 20 new colourful headphones for the children. Thank you to School Home Support who have also kindly donated some books for the Nursery.

Welcome to our new parent governor

Thank you parents for your nominations. Well done to all candidates involved but a special congratulations to our newly elected parent governor who received the most votes (it was a very close call). We welcome Mr Robert Otule to the Maryland Governing Board.

Parents' Evening

Thank you to all the parents who attended Parents' Evening on 21st and 22nd October. Feedback has overwhelmingly been that pupils are really enjoying being back in school after being away for so long. We will update you again on how pupils are doing in the Spring term.

Oh No! The chickens need newspapers!

No, not for reading but for keeping their coops clean. Please donate any newspapers you can in a carrier bag.

Times Table Rockstars 'Rock Out'

Times Table Rockstars are on a mission to find the most dedicated pupils and classes in the country and are running a 'Rock Out' competition from 9th-14th November. Prizes include Amazon gift cards for the best classes nationally and certificates for the best classes in the school. Please encourage your child to log in and get involved!

Colourful Friday

The children had a wonderful time on Colourful Friday. By wearing vibrant outfits they raised money for the school, for Art and DT resources as well as Health and Safety equipment.

Assessment news

Year 2 pupils will be completing their Phonics Screening Check this term during the week commencing 30th November. They were not able to complete this check in the Summer of Year 1 as would usually be the case because of the school closure. The check covers all the sounds that children are learning to enable them to read fluently. Parents and carers of Year 2 pupils will receive a report in December. Any child who requires further practise will receive additional support and will take the check again in June 2021.

Assessment week is coming up during the week commencing 16th November. Children from Years 1-6 will complete tests in Maths, Reading, and Grammar.

Remote Learning:

We have plans in place to provide any child who needs to self isolate with remote learning while they are at home. **This work is set on Google Classroom**. Please ask your child's teacher if you do not know their Mathletics, Times Table Rockstars and Google Classroom log ins. If a bubble has to close, we will also use **Google Meet** so that children can keep in touch with their teachers. Please make sure you always supervise your child's use of the internet in order to keep them safe online. We have published our expectations for pupils and parents when completing remote learning on our website: https://maryland.newham.sch.uk/online-remote-learning-guidance/. Please read this and follow the guidance.

Response to Device Survey:

Thank you to everyone who responded to the 'Access to device survey', however, can all the parents who did not respond, please do so **AS SOON AS POSSIBLE**. This survey is very important, because if a bubble needs to self-isolate we are in a position to help parents by loaning out a limited amount of laptops to help the children with their homework. We will be sending out the form on email again. Please respond by **Friday 6th November 2020.** If you have any problems accessing the form then please let the office know on 020 8534 8135. We need answers to the following questions. Thank you.

- **Do you have a suitable electronic device to access home learning? E.g. laptop or tablet**
- **Do you have internet access?**
- **Can you confidently use your electronic device to access home learning? For example, can you access Google Classroom, Mathletics, etc?**

Children's Centre Update:

The activity guide for online sessions is now available on our website. Parents of children age 0- 4 are advised to check our websites for details.

EDUCATION FOR CHANGE (E4C):

Maryland is one of 3 schools in Newham who are leading on a diversity project promoting antiracism called Education for Change. If you would like more information on this please visit the Education for Change website which will be launching shortly.

RHE consultations:

Relationships and Health Education is now statutory. In line with government guidance we will begin to teach the new curriculum content in 2021. As part of the implementation process we will be consulting with parents as stakeholders. We would like to share the new content with you and would also like to hear your views on it. We are therefore inviting you to join our virtual consultation for parents on the following dates:

Wednesday 11th November 10.00am or 4.00pm (Reception, Years 1&2)
Thursday 13th November 10.00am or 4.00pm (Years 3&4)
Friday 13th November 10.00am or 4.00pm (Years 5&6)

We have given a choice of times so please choose the slot which is most convenient for you. The consultation will be an opportunity to see the statutory content of RHE in our school. You will receive a link to join us online for the sessions at the times above; we look forward to seeing you.

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! Booking by text, phone or on line. Time: 7:30 - 9.00am & 3:00 - 6:00pm Cost £14 per day, sibling discount available. Contact details: Website: www wrighteducationuk.com. Tel: 078 5213 7462, Sandra Wright

COVID Champion Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

The national lockdown starts from Thursday 5th November. This does not effect schools. Your child will still be expected to attend school each day on time. Please see the following reminders regarding health and safety at Maryland:

- Parents must wear face masks whilst on the premises (unless exempt), when dropping and collecting their child.
- In the morning parents and pupils should go straight to their designated Welcome Point and avoid gathering in groups to maintain social distancing
- We will shortly be trialling smaller size bubble groups. We plan for the current year group bubbles to be reduced to **class size bubbles** - more details will be shared shortly

Diary 2020

School Individual photos	**Tuesday 3rd November**
Flu Immunisation	**Wednesday 4th November**
Health & Safety Executive Inspection	**Friday 6th November**
Assessment Week	**W/B 16th November**
Year 2 Phonics Screening	**Monday 30th November - 4th December**
Last day of term for children	**Thursday 17th December**
INSET training day for staff Children's Centre closed	**Friday 18th December**
School closed for holidays	**18th December - 1st**

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