



MARYLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

MARCH 2021 NEWSLETTER

Message from Mrs Jackson



Headteacher

Dear Parents,

Welcome Back!

We cannot wait to welcome back all children on Monday 8th March at 8.55am, normal school times will resume. We are busy making sure that the school is ready for all of our pupils to return to. More information about the arrangements for March 8th will be sent out shortly.

Returning loaned school devices

If you have borrowed a device eg. a laptop so that your child can learn remotely from home, please **return the device on Monday 8th March**. Your child should take the device into their classroom at 8.55am and place it into the class crate/box. Parents should not hand the laptops over to the teachers as this will breach our social distancing rules. Please ensure any accessories are also returned with the device eg. laptop sleeve/cover. Thank you.

Extended day care

Wright Education Academic breakfast & after school club are resuming full services from Monday 8th March. You can book by text, phone or online. Sibling discounts are available. For more information visit www.wrighteducationuk.com or phone on 07852 137 462.

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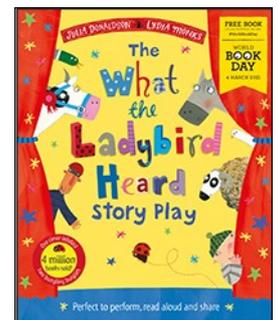
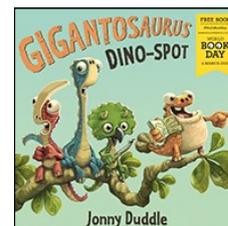
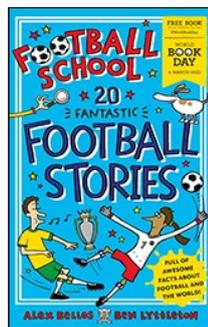
Wider school opening—Monday 8th March

The government has now confirmed that all schools will be open to all pupils from Monday 8th March and attendance is mandatory. We are looking forward to welcoming everybody back. We will continue to follow our health and safety protocols from the Autumn term. Pupils will continue to learn and play in their year group 'bubbles'. We will also still be temperature checking pupils on arrival at the school gate. Please continue to support us by wearing face coverings and maintaining social distancing whilst on the school premises.



World Book Day—Thursday 4th March

Although many of our children will still be learning from home on World Book Day, we would still love for them to dress up for the day and share their photographs with us through Google Classroom. Whilst so many of us are spending time at home at the moment, perhaps you could make an outfit together as a fun project! 'Share a story' with your child on the 4th March and join in the fun. £1 book tokens will be given out to all children on Monday 8th March once all pupils have returned. These vouchers can be redeemed at the major supermarkets and book sellers. Here are a selection of the books you can purchase with your £1 token.



Covid Champion Update

The NHS have provided vaccine information in a variety of different community languages to help everyone better understand how the vaccine works. Please visit <https://www.england.nhs.uk/london/our-work/covid-19-vaccine-communication-materials/> for more information.

Volunteer gardeners

Now that Spring is here, we are working on tidying up Nature's Garden so it is ready to be enjoyed in its full glory. We would be very grateful for any volunteers who would like to help out with the gardening so that we can get it back in to full bloom. After the winter lockdown, it could be a great opportunity to get out in the fresh air. If you are interested please let us know by Wednesday 3rd March.

Work in the Nature Garden has already begun. Thank you to Mr Lewis and Mr Hamid for fixing a new roof for the research station over half term. They have also been busy building a new outside storage shed.



School closure—Thursday 6th May 2021 —Local elections

The school will be closed on this date as it will be used as a polling station for the London mayor and local elections.

Remote learning survey

Thanks once again for supporting your child whilst they learn from home. We had a good response to our remote learning survey. Your thoughts and opinions count. See below key headlines from your responses to the survey:



-What we are doing well

Feedback: We are pleased that so many of you valued the regular feedback that teachers are providing - this is something we have prioritised as we know it is important that children know how well they are doing and it helps to motivate them.

Contact: Lots of parents and carers also really appreciated the daily Google Meets, as their children look forward to seeing their friends and teachers.

Broad curriculum: 95% agreed that children are being provided with a variety of subjects. We have continued to provide a broad curriculum including subjects which pupils love such as Art, Music and P.E.

-You said, we did:

Screen time: We understand that families would like more time away from the screen. Each day teachers set a more practical activity like Art, P.E. or D&T for some creative time away from the screen. We will start to provide a screen-free activity for Maths each week too, so that children can do some 'real life' or play based Maths. Although the work is all set on the computer, please feel free to complete the assignments on paper and upload a photo of this—this is good handwriting practice for children too!

We will also be having a screen free afternoon on **Tuesday 2nd March**. There will be no Google Meets on this day and only Maths and English lessons will be set so that children can focus on some wellbeing activities in the afternoon.

Wellbeing: Some families are not sure on where to access wellbeing support. Wellbeing workshops and guidance are often sent out to parents via Parentmail, however you can now access some of this information directly from our school website. Please visit our homepage where you will see a new wellbeing link which contains guidance and key contacts including Ms Kor, our family support worker, who helps with a number of issues that families might be facing.

Colourful Friday

We will be having a 'Colourful Friday' event on Friday 26th March. All pupils are invited to come to school in their own bright clothes. Please provide a £1 contribution. The money raised will be spent on Art resources.

We will be sending out a school uniform order form on Monday 8th March for those who require new uniform.



Poetry Corner

Here is a fantastic poem written by one of our Year 5 pupils all about Maryland Primary School. We think it sums up the school really well and makes us excited for everybody to return on 8th March!

*First, pour a good amount of KS2 and KS1 to the pot.
Next, gently sprinkle some Reception to live up the pot.
Add some joyful teachers to the mixture and let the pot rise.*

Blend some rules and let them settle.

*Carefully, throw a pinch of playtime into the mixture.
Gently, place everything into classrooms.*

Add a dollop of school lunches.

Sprinkle a bit of golden time and a hardworking head teacher.

Note—all of these ingredients are equally important, giving an ingredient too much work will make them stressed.

Diary March/April 2021

Screen free afternoon	Tue 2nd March
World Book Day - dress up as a book character	Thur 4th March
Half day closure Collect children from 12.50	Fri 5th March
School opens to all pupils Return loaned school devices	Mon 8th March
Colourful Friday	Fri 26th March
Red Nose Day (more details to follow)	Fri 19th March
Last day of term Family Easter Raffle	Thur 1st April
Spring holiday	Fri 2nd April-Fri 16th April

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