



# MARYLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL JULY 2021 NEWSLETTER



## Message from Mrs Jackson



Headteacher

### Staffing

Mrs Furlonger is leaving us on Friday to go on maternity leave and will return next year. We wish her and her family all the best and eagerly await to meet Mrs Furlonger's new bundle of joy when he or she arrives.



A fond farewell to **Selina Opoku-Acheampong**, our cleaner, who is leaving us after 17 years to return to Ghana. We wish her all the best.

### Face coverings

Please follow the government's directive by ensuring that you wear face covering whenever you are on our premises.

### End of year closure

School will finish at 1pm on Friday 16th July so that staff can attend training. Children will have lunch and then can be collected from classroom doors. Wright Education services will be available if you have no childcare provision in the afternoon. Your child will find out who their new teacher is on this day when they visit their new classes

Have a lovely summer holiday.

Regards,

Mrs Jackson

## Extended Lolly Week until the end of term .

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| <b>Wednesday<br/>7th July</b><br>In-house sports day | - 1pm - YR Sports Day / Afternoon—no parents<br>- 1pm - Years 5&6 Sports Day / Afternoon—no parents   |
| <b>Thursday<br/>8th July</b>                         | -1.00pm - Years 1&2 Sports Day/ Afternoon—no parents  |
| <b>Friday<br/>9th July</b>                           | -1.00pm - Years 3&4 Sports Day/Afternoon—no parents<br>-3.30 - 5pm - Year 6 Disco   |
| <b>Tuesday<br/>13th July</b>                         | -9.15am - End of Year Assembly & Awards- no parents<br>-2pm- 3pm - Year 6 Graduation - Y6 parents invited<br>-2.30pm - Graduation photos in the garden              |
| <b>Wednesday<br/>14th July</b>                       | Last day for nursery—Garden party in the Nature's Garden  |
| <b>Thursday<br/>15th July</b>                        | EYFS Open Morning/Afternoon—for families who are new to Maryland:<br>-AM - New Nursery admission meetings 8.45-11am<br>-PM - New Year R admission meetings 1-2.30pm |
| <b>Friday<br/>16th July</b>                          | Last day for all pupils - <b>parents to collect pupils at 1pm</b>   |
| <b>Monday<br/>19th July</b>                          | INSET DAY for staff . School closed to pupils<br>School reopens 2nd September 2021  |

## Director of Education Visits Maryland

Education 4 Change is attracting many visitors to the school, this recently included a visit from Anita Stewart, Director of Education on 8th June. She made the following comments after her visit:

*"The reflective and curious nature of the children during the assembly about fairness and 'social justice' was impressive."*

*"The member of staff delivering this assembly did it with such clarity and enthusiasm."*

*"The passion, creativity and commitment to embedding the ethos of Education for Change was clearly demonstrated during my tour."*

*"(Maryland Primary School is) Calm, ambitious, curious, (seeks) opportunity (for) celebration and is creative."*



## School Improvement Advisor's visit– Judith Wilson

All school's in Newham are assigned a School Improvement Advisor (SIA) from the Local Authority. SIA's have a wide range of experience and visit many schools across the country to offer knowledge and share best practice. The SIA toured Maryland Primary School on 29th July and met with the Senior Leadership Team. After her visit, when asked for 3 words/statements that best describe Maryland she stated:

**"Ambitious"**

**"Courageous"**

**"Leaders know the strengths of the school and have strategies in place to address areas for further development"**

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## P.E kit

The staff and governors of the school have reviewed Maryland's P.E. kit and we are delighted to be introducing a new kit from September 2021. We hope that by wearing house coloured T shirts, children will take more pride in wearing their kit. The new kit will consist of:

- a round neck P.E. T shirt to match your child's house team colour
- black shorts made with shiny PE material where possible
- Children should continue to wear black trainers or plimsolls for P.E.

Coloured T shirts will need to be purchased through the school at a cost of £4 each. This is so that P.E. kit colours are consistent across the school. Black shorts can be purchased from a range of high street shops. New children joining the school will be allocated the same house team as their sibling that is closest in age, so that eventually families will all wear the same colour. In colder weather, children should wear a black unbranded tracksuit or jogging bottoms. More information to follow via Parentmail.



## Support for St. Vincent

A big thank you to parents, staff and pupils for their generous contribution toward the **St. Vincent volcano appeal**. The boxes were collected by Mr. Charles Challenger from Challenger Shipping. We hope to receive photos of when the parcels arrive in Georgetown, St. Vincent.



## Pupil Punctuality

Please be reminded that the bell rings to signal the start of the morning (**8.55am**); your children are therefore expected to be ready to go into their classes at this time. The second bell will ring at **9.00am** to signal that registration is beginning, classroom doors will be closed (not locked) and any late-comers will have to go **directly** to the office to gain access into school. At the office your child will be registered as late on the InVentry system and have their temperature checked.

## Windrush Commemoration Day June 22nd

All our assemblies in the week beginning 21st June have been themed around Windrush. The Year 1 children interviewed Mrs Jackson and this was recorded. On Tuesday 22nd June Maryland held a storytelling session with Quincy Brome, Comedian, DJ and TV presenter. The event recognised the contribution of the Windrush generation to British society and their legacy today. Students from across Newham read from Quincy's story published in *Place for Me, stories from Windrush*. The children really enjoyed the Caribbean lunch on Wednesday, everyone commented on how delicious it was.

Even the Department for Education expressed their interest in our Windrush festivities—the DfE requested to share (re-Tweet) one of our Maryland Windrush tweets on their official DfE twitter page. The DfE is a section of the government who are responsible for children's services and education so our Tweet would have been passed on to many other schools around the country. How exciting!

## Half term holiday clubs

**Wright Education** will be offering a holiday club on during the holiday.

Dates: Friday 16th July (afternoon only on this date) — Wed Sept 1st

Times: 8-6pm

Location: Children's Centre, via Buxton Road

Cost: £20 per day. Siblings discount available.

Breakfast and evening snacks included.

Children must bring their own packed lunch.

To book a place please email [info@wrighteducationuk.com](mailto:info@wrighteducationuk.com) or call [07852 137 462](tel:07852137462)

**King Coaching Holiday Club** @ Maryland Primary school aims to enhance your child's wellbeing including their levels of physical activity and engagement during the upcoming school holiday.

Club is suitable for children aged 5-14 years old and will run from

Tuesday 20th July - Friday 20th August 8am - 6pm

Half day offer 8am -1pm or 1pm – 6pm cost @ £10 per half day.

Cost £18.50 per day (5% sibling discount offer 3 days minimum)

Holiday club places are limited, so please book early to avoid disappointment.

**Booking deadline: Tuesday 13th July**

**For bookings or more information contact Miss King:**

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