



# MARYLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL OCTOBER 2021 NEWSLETTER

## Message from Mrs Jackson



### Headteacher

#### Parent Information Evening

Thank you to all of the families and governors who attended our very successful Parent Information Evening event which replaced our previous 'Meet the Teacher' evening. A special thank you to all staff who helped with organisation and presentations on the night. It was so heartwarming to have my 20 years of service as Headteacher at Maryland Primary recognised.

#### Health and safety

Please continue to be mindful of your child's health and their symptoms. Please visit the NHS website for more information:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/coronavirus-in-children/>

#### Trips are back!

Year 6 had a great time at the Tower of London this week and the children were so pleased to get out exploring and learning again. Year groups across the school will be visiting a range of places including: museums, the Royal Observatory, the Discovery Centre and Fairplay House (residential trip for Year 6).



#### Letter from the High Commissioner

Families, thank you to those of you who were able to kindly donate the resources that were sent to St. Vincent after the hurricane. Even the smallest act of kindness will make a difference to the children who were so badly affected by the disaster. Please see below extracts from the letter sent to Mrs Jackson from the High Commissioner of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines:

*"I was very touched by the **compassion** and **support** displayed by you, your staff, pupils and their parents."*

*"I wish to express our **heartfelt thanks** and **gratitude** to everyone for their effort in making the initiative such a **success**."*

In the meantime, I wish you, the other Headteachers, all the pupils, staff and parents, a happy and successful academic year and also protection from the Coronavirus and its variants.

*With much appreciation,*



#### Have you seen our new 'Peace Garden'?

All of our staff, parents and children are familiar with our famous 'Calm Zone' which we designed and built a few years ago to enhance the school environment. But have you seen our latest addition...our fabulous 'Peace Garden'. We transformed the overgrown area by the front office entrance which now contains a lemon, an orange & a peach tree amongst other flourishing plants.

We hope you take as much pride in our premises as we do as we are very fortunate compared to some other schools. A special thank you to Mr. Lewis, Mr. McDonald and Mr. Preville for making the mini garden a wonderful talking point.



#### Bee Keeper's visit:

As part of the science curriculum, the children in years 2 and 4 spent part of their school day with the Bee keepers on 28th September. It was a remarkable day for them as they were taken through the contribution of these tiny animals to our food production. They experienced the honey making process and the natural benefit to humans.



#### Donating food for Harvest:

Harvest festival this year will be an in-house affair. We would like to reassure you that we are still committed to supporting families that are in need in our community. Please send in your donations of tinned or packet food to the school office latest 15th October so that we can send to appropriate charities in our community. Thank you very much.



## Education4Change (E4C) visits:

Since returning in September, the school has welcomed a number of visitors to see the work that is being done to challenge racism through conversation and curriculum. Maryland welcomed Bernard Bruce, project leader for Tackling Racism, Inequality and disproportionality for Newham, who visited to see recent research that the school has carried out on racial literacy. We also welcomed local schools Sheringham and Sandringham. They described the school as:

*'inspirational, supportive. Your creative input is incredible.'*

*'wow, incredible. This builds community.'*

*You have created such a fantastic site, from Cluckingham Palace and the peaceful square with the beautiful water feature, to the amazing garden and pond, and inside the school was just as impressive. Seeing how articulate and engaged your students were (not to mention how well the choir sang!) was a real highlight for me - they were a real credit to the hard work of your staff.*

*Seeing how embedded and obvious your anti-racist curriculum was throughout all aspects of the school really was inspirational, and I have come away with several practical ideas and thoughts to develop back here at Sandringham. As I said yesterday, I think the resources your staff have created will be incredibly supportive to our work given how structured and thorough they are and I'm very grateful for the sharing of these.*

## Face-to-face sessions are back at the Children's Centre!

We are pleased to announce that in line with our revised risk assessment using government and local authority guidance, face-to-face services are now being reinstated at Forest Gate Children's Centre (this includes Maryland Children's Centre and Kay Rowe Children's Centre—both centres work in partnership with each other). Please note:

- All sessions will be booked on a first come first served basis and there is a limit on numbers attending.
- If a session is full, you may be turned away but we would encourage you to try and attend another session during the week at either Maryland or Kay Rowe site

You can register with FGCC by visiting: [https://newham-self.achieveservice.com/service/Best Start in Life Registration](https://newham-self.achieveservice.com/service/Best%20Start%20in%20Life%20Registration)

## October half term holiday clubs

### King Coaching

Suitable for children aged 5-14 years old. Will run from Monday 25th October - Friday 29th October 8am - 6pm. Cost £18.50 per day (5% sibling discount offer 3 days minimum). Half day offer 8am - 1pm or 1pm - 6pm cost @ £10 per half day. Breakfast & tea time meal provided. Holiday club places are limited, so please book early to avoid disappointment. Booking deadline: Tuesday 19th October. For bookings or more information contact Miss King via email or telephone: [kingcoaching@yahoo.com](mailto:kingcoaching@yahoo.com) or 07960 890 304

### Wright Education

Monday-Friday, 7:30-6pm. Price £20 per day. Contact: Sandra by calling 07852137462 or emailing [Info@wrighteducationuk.com](mailto:Info@wrighteducationuk.com)  
You can also visit the Wright Education website [www.wrighteducationuk.com](http://www.wrighteducationuk.com)

## Help...OFSTED need your views

In the very near future, our school will be having an Ofsted inspection. They will want to know your views on how well the school is doing. Parentview is an online survey which aims to capture the view of parents.



In the coming weeks, we will be organising Parentview drop-in sessions where you can come into the hall before school starts or after it has finished, to share your views and complete the Parentview survey on our Chromebooks/laptops. More information to follow.

## Diary October-November 2021

Friday 8th October	<b>Deadline to return flu vaccination consent forms – FORMS MUST BE RETURNED REGARDLESS OF CHOICE</b>
Wednesday 13th October	<del>Harvest Assembly 2pm-3pm</del> <b>CANCELLED</b>
Monday 18th October	Flu Vaccines
Wednesday 20th October	Open Evening for E4C Art Exhibition—all welcome
Thursday 21st October	-Open Evening for E4C Art Exhibition—all welcome -Individual & sibling photos <b>NEW CONFIRMED DATE</b>
Friday 22nd October	Last day of term—school closes for one week
Monday 1st November	First day back to school after half term

## Extra stock – get yours now

We have available some large and extra large sizes of our House team coloured t-shirts which may be suitable for some **adults** to wear. Adults may wish to purchase so that they can wear them at school sports events and cheer on their child's House team. Alternatively you may wish to purchase these sizes for an older sibling or adult to wear casually outside of school (as there is no Maryland logo printed). Price £4 each.



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