



MARYLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL NOVEMBER 2021 NEWSLETTER

Message from Mrs Jackson Headteacher



We have had an action packed month in October - this time last year we couldn't go anywhere - now we are as active as can be!

Even more clubs will be up and running after half-term break.

Congratulations to our newly formed **Maryland Choir** who entertained the Mayor and council officers with their rendition of one of our favourite songs 'Rise Up'. It brought tears to everyone's eyes.

We have another busy half-term ahead with Christmas around the corner - tickets for our **Family Disco** will be on sale from **2nd November** in the Children's Centre. Limited numbers this year so get yours' quickly. The disco will be on 10th December, from 6pm - 8pm.

Finally, thank you to **Miss Charlery** for organising our Newham Heroes Art Exhibition which is open until 5th November. It has received huge acclaim from visitors, including the Mayor, Rokhsana Fiaz, OBE.

'In awe of the Heroes Exhibition by pupils at @MarylandPrimary to celebrate #BlackHistoryMonth. This is education at its best - art honouring Black history and celebrating the achievements of Black Newham heroes. Well done to everyone involved.'

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Newham Heroes Exhibition

The children have created some exceptional artwork this month for an exciting art exhibition that took place from the 21st - 22nd October at school. The Newham Heroes project celebrates black history and culture. The children were inspired by local heroes in Newham and learnt about the significance of speaking up for their own and other's freedoms and liberties.



The Art4Change project has been shared with schools across the borough to use too. We have had a number of high profile visitors to the exhibition including the Mayor of Newham, Rokhsana Fiaz and Deputy Mayor, Charlene McLean. Thank you to Miss Charlery, who created this project and worked so hard to put the exhibition together.



P.E and Sports News

Our new house coloured P.E. t-shirts have really helped to raise the profile of sports and fitness at school and promoted team work. There are still supply issues, caused by the national HGV driver shortage but we expect to have colours for all sizes in stock very soon.



Basketball Champions!

Well done to the Year 6 basketball team, who won in our first sports tournament this year! Six Newham schools took part and our team won three matches and drew in one. Their hard work in training has certainly paid off! Thank you to Miss King and Miss Page for such fantastic training and support and a special well done to Jogaila, who was chosen as MPV (Most Valuable Player) for the whole tournament.



Panathlon

A team of Year 5 and 6 pupils attended a Panathlon and came 3rd in the competition, out of 12 teams from across the borough. They demonstrated the Maryland values brilliantly at the tournament. What a great achievement!



The Eco-Warriors meet Lord Paddick

Our Eco-Warriors are taking their mission to improve sustainability to the government! Last week the team met with Lord Paddick to ask him about what the government are doing to tackle issues such as climate change, recycling and plastic pollution. Next month they will be meeting with Lyn Brown, MP for West Ham, to discuss these issues too.

A visit from Newham Music Hub

We have had yet more visitors this month. Newham Music Hub came to visit the school: John Bergen (CEO), Alison Venner (Diversity Ambassador) and Julie Sharp (Head of Teaching and Learning). They came to find out how to introduce diversity when delivering music to Newham schools. We always ask visitors to give us 3 words to describe their visit and this is what they said:

'inspiring, courageous' (John - violinist), 'This is much needed work' (Alison - conductor, violinist and vocalist), 'You are truly changing lives' (Julie - piano)

They were bowled over by the singing in KS2 and said that they had not heard singing in a school for a long time due to the Covid procedures.



Colourful Friday

Thank you for all your donations towards our school fund for **Colourful Friday**. As a special end of term reward, the children were treated to a surprise staff quiz to watch in the afternoon. Well done to all the staff who competed, especially CORNWELL who won! The event raised £256, which we will spend on paying for the DJ at our Christmas Disco!



TutorMate UK

Thank you to TutorMate UK, who have provided the school with 4 laptops, for our Year 1 and 2 classes. Some of our Key Stage 1 pupils are fortunate to be receiving free reading tuition with volunteer readers online. They have been really enjoying gaining fluency and confidence with their reading!

Assessment News

Our current Year 2 pupils will be completing their Phonics Screening Checks this term during the week commencing 29th November. They were not able to complete this check in the summer of Year 1 as would usually be the case because of the pandemic. The check covers all the sounds that children are learning both in their daily RWI lesson and in class throughout the day to enable them to read fluently. Parents and carers of Year 2 pupils will receive a report detailing how their child has performed at the end of the Autumn term. Any children who require further practise will receive additional support and will take the check again in June 2022.

Assessment week is coming up during the week commencing 15th November. Children from Years 1-6 will complete tests in Maths, Reading, and Grammar.

Global Award

The school has been awarded a Bronze award by the Global School Alliance. This award recognises our work to create international links. We have hosted visitors from Osaka in Japan, who have learnt about best practice in schools. We also work in collaboration with the British Council and have developed a partnership with Amuman M/A Basic School Ghana. Roll on Silver!



Disco Tickets - limited availability

- £3 per adult
- £1 per child (over 5)
- Under 5s go free

Tickets can be purchased from the main school office and the Children's Centre. Tickets are available from **2.11.21**, limited availability due to Covid restrictions and the school's risk assessment.

Diary November-December 2021

Monday 1st November	First day back to school after half term Year 3 visit to the Horniman Museum
Tuesday 2nd November	Year 5 visit to the Royal Observatory Year 1 visit to Discover Centre
Wednesday 3rd November	Year 2 visit to Tower of London
Thursday 4th November	Year 4 visit to the Science Museum
Friday 4th November	Reception Freshwater Theatre visit in school
Wednesday 1st—Friday 3rd	Year 6 residential trip to Fairplay House



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