



MARYLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

APRIL 2022 NEWSLETTER

Message from Mrs Jackson



Headteacher

Dear Parents,

We are pleased to welcome Mrs Nedelcu, Mrs Stevens and Mrs Darie, our new lunchtime managers, to the staff team.

We wish Mrs Ashby and Miss King all the best for the future, as they have both now left Maryland.

We are recruiting for a new teaching assistant and a learning support assistant. If you know anybody who may be interested in applying, please see the advert on our website.

Thank you to all the parents and children who came in to school on Saturday 26th March and helped us prepare the garden for a Summer of planting. The garden is looking beautiful and we couldn't have done it without your help.

Library: We have lots of exciting new books and will be revamping the libraries. We have therefore collected all library books in over the Easter holidays so that we can organise this. You can still do lots of reading over the Easter holidays! The Book-trust and Oxford Owl have lots of online books, which you can use, or you could visit the local library to borrow some books.

Have a great Easter holidays. School will reopen on Tuesday 19th April to pupils and staff on, except for the Nursery, which will reopen Wednesday 20th April.

Save The Date—Queen’s Jubilee celebrations—Thursday 26th May

We will be celebrating the Queen’s Platinum jubilee on this date. Children can come to school dressed in red, white and blue or as a king or queen. Parents and carers are also invited to join us at lunchtime for a family picnic with traditional games to play. More details to follow.



Science Fair

We had our Science Fair on 22nd March in celebration of British Science Week. It was great to see so many families enjoying the science experiments together! One of our governors commented, *“It was the best one yet! Parents and pupils were really engaging with the experiments and there was something to catch every child’s attention regardless of their age.”*



School closure!—Thursday 5th May—Local Election

Please be reminded that the school will be closed to all pupils and staff on this date, as it will be used as a polling station.

Reading spots

Have you seen our new reading spots? We’ve been busy getting lots of brand new, exciting books for the children and have set up some cosy reading spots around the school as places to enjoy them in! Thank you to World of Stories and The Children’s Book Project who have donated many of these books.



We also had our Book Fair last week and it was great to see so many of you buying books to enjoy at home! We will use the commission to purchase even more exciting books for our libraries!



Covid - Isolation period for pupils

There is no longer a legal requirement for people with Covid-19 to self-isolate, however the public health advice for people with any of the main symptoms of Covid-19 or a positive test result is to stay at home and avoid contact with other people. The guidance is that pupils should isolate for at least 5 days and have a negative lateral flow test before returning. We are finding that some of our pupils are coming back to school quite quickly after they have reported sick with Covid-19; some as early as two days after their symptoms are first reported. In order to ensure that everyone is kept safe, we have continued with our stringent hygiene routine in school. Can you please ensure that your child does not return too soon, if they have had Covid-19 in order to prevent the infection spreading.

Scoters

If your child rides a scooter to school, please ensure that this is labeled with an indelible pen. There has been a lot of issues regarding mixed up scooters which is creating a lot of upset for children and their parents.

Under 11 football tournament

The year 6 football team represented Maryland in an inter-borough football tournament for a chance to represent West Ham Football Club in the finals. The boys showed great teamwork to get through to the final stage of the tournament. Unfortunately, we did not win the tournament, however, the team did the school proud and it will be an experience that will make them stronger in terms of resilience for the future and other tournaments to come.



Street Tag

Maryland has joined the ‘Street Tag’ scheme. Street Tag is a free child and family-friendly mobile application that uses virtual tags to motivate communities and families to become more physically active and boost mental health. Information on how Street Tag works and how to join is on www.streettag.net or you can simply download the app using the QR code below to start right away. In return, the school will be awarded free sports equipment. Go Maryland, healthy bodies, healthy minds!



Lunch menu

Our Summer term lunch menu is now available to look at on our website. We now have three main meal choices each day, so there will be more choice for children.

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Children's Centre Changes

We want to extend a big thank you to Diana Malcolm and Osita Ugbole for their efforts in continuing to support our families through Maryland Children's Centre services, particularly through the pandemic whilst having a reduced number of Maryland staff in the team. They have been working more closely with our partner Children's Centre, Kay Rowe, who have been very supportive by sending Kay Rowe staff over to support with delivery of sessions. In the absence of a Maryland Children's Centre Deputy Coordinator, the Kay Rowe Children's Centre Lead has stepped in to support the line management of the Maryland team.



Best Start In Life (BSiL) who commission the Children's Centre services have agreed for Forest Gate Children's Centre (which is made up of Maryland and Kay Rowe) to become a 'single neighbourhood model' which means that the delivery of Forest Gate Children's Centre services will continue from the Maryland Primary School site but they will be delivered solely by Kay Rowe staff meaning that Ms Malcolm and Mr Ugbole will become Kay Rowe members of staff. They will therefore be based at Kay Rowe Children's Centre but will still be deployed at times to deliver sessions and work on the Maryland site. So this is not goodbye - but we wish them well.

This means that the Maryland Children's Centre that we know, will no longer be the same. It is now a Maryland building which Forest Gate Children's Centre will rent to deliver their services from. Parts of the building will continue to be used by the school and services connected to the school e.g. Wright Education who provide extended day care.

Easter holiday activities

Ambition Aspire Achieve are running an Easter holiday mobile play scheme at locations across Newham. There is no booking required and activities are offered on a first come, first serve basis. For more information about venues for the play scheme and other clubs on offer please visit <https://www.theaaazone.com/whats-on.html>



We Are Active Newham!

Newham are running free activities for children and young people to start the celebration of the up and coming 10 year anniversary of London 2012. Come and try a variety of Olympic and Paralympic Sports. Sessions include Combat Sports (Taekwondo, Judo, Karate, Boxing), Racquet Sports (Tennis, Badminton, Table Tennis) and Team sports (Football, Basketball, Volleyball, Hockey, Handball, Baseball/Softball, Rugby)

VENUES:

- Central Park, High Street South, East Ham E6 6ET
- Keir Hardie Recreation Ground, Tarling Road, Canning Town E16 1LQ
- New Beckton Park, Savage Gardens, East Ham E6 5NB

Plashet Park, Plashet Grove, Forest Gate E6 1DQ
Stratford Park, West Ham Lane, Stratford E15 4PT

DATES:

Monday 4th April – Friday 8th April
Monday 11th April – Thursday 14th April

TIMES/AGES:

12-2pm – 5-11 years
2-4pm – 12-16 years

EASTER HOLIDAY PROGRAMME. Book at: https://newham_easter_youth_activity.eventbrite.co.uk/ For more information: sports@activenewham.org / 07741 293506

Holiday Care Wright Education

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



APRIL/MAY 2022	
Tuesday 19th April	School open. Children return to school. Start of the summer term
Wednesday 20th April	Nursery opens for the Summer term
Monday 2nd May	School closed for bank holiday
Thursday 5th May	School closed for polling day
Week beginning Monday 9th May	Year 6 SATS week
Tuesday 17th May	Year 6 visit to Hyde Park, The Lookout
Thursday 26th May	Queen's Jubilee Celebrations and family picnic. Children can wear red, white and blue or come dressed as a king or queen.
Friday 27th May	School closed to pupils. Staff INSET day.

Please contact Mrs Gajowska, Technical Manager, if you wish to advertise in our

