



# MARYLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL MAY 2022 NEWSLETTER



## Message from Mrs Jackson



Headteacher

Dear Parents,

### Well done staff and pupils

We practiced our yearly lockdown drill this week. Everyone remained calm and followed protocol.

**Can you help?** We are asking for volunteers to help maintain the school garden. It is a great way to exercise. Any time between 8am and 6pm would be appreciated.

### Message to Y6 parents

KS2 SATS Mon 9th May for one week We will be organising Breakfast Club for the Year 6 children. Each morning they will be provided with a healthy breakfast and some fun games to prepare them for the tests ahead. Good luck Year 6!

### Welcome

Congratulations to Mrs Chowdhury who has become an Associate Governor on the Maryland Governing Board. We also welcome Mrs Darie, Mrs Stevens & Mrs Nedelcu as our new Lunchtime Assistants.



Mrs Darie



Mrs Stevens



Mrs Nedelcu

<b>Monday 2nd May</b>	May Day Holiday- bank holiday <b>School closed</b>
<b>Tuesday 3rd May</b>	School visitors—learning how Maryland promote Equality in the curriculum
<b>Thursday 5th May</b>	Local elections <b>School closed—polling station</b>
<b>Friday 6th May</b>	Maryland School's 54th birthday (anniversary). All staff and pupils back in school— Maryland's Birthday quiz to celebrate school birthday. Children can wear their house colours.
<b>Monday 9th— Thursday 12th May</b>	KS2 SATs week SATs breakfast club
<b>Friday 13th May</b>	West Ham Park visit - Year Reception
<b>Monday 16th - Friday 20th May</b>	KS1 SATs week
<b>Tuesday 17th May</b>	Hyde Park visit—Year 6
<b>Monday 23rd May</b>	Maritime Museum visit— Year 1
<b>Friday 27th May</b>	<b>INSET for staff, school closed for children.</b>
<b>Monday 30th May- Friday 3rd June</b>	Half-term break for one week <b>School closed</b>

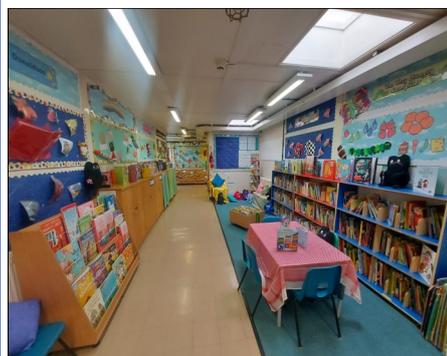
### Jubilee celebrations - Family Picnic Thursday 26th May 12pm-2pm

To celebrate the Queen's platinum Jubilee, we will be having a family picnic and would like to invite you to join our celebrations. The children who usually have school dinners will receive a packed lunch from the school which they will eat outside with their attending families. We would like everyone to wear something red, white and blue to add to the occasion. Further details will be sent closer to the time.

### New libraries and 'Reading Spots' make reading SHOUT!

Both our infant and junior libraries have been redesigned and restocked. We were fortunate to have new book donations from the World of Stories and other organisations. The children have been so excited to visit the inviting reading spaces we have created and to browse the new selection of books. We have discussed with the children how to look after these books both at school and at home. Infant children will be changing library books every week as usual, however the junior children (year 3, 4, 5 & 6) will be changing library books once every 2 weeks to allow them more time to read chapter books.

We hope you enjoy reading these books at home with your child.



## Paper donations

Unfortunately our stock of paper is very low. Despite our children having lovely workbooks to record their work in, there are times when sheets of paper are needed for certain activities. Did you know that the price of paper has DOUBLED in the recent weeks? This is putting an extra strain on school resources therefore we are asking for both lined and plain paper donations. Donations from businesses are welcome, but please cut off any logo. The paper does not have to be A4. If you are able to donate paper or you know of a company who can, please contact the school office.



## Covid Update (NHS guidance)

### Testing

Free testing services have closed at pharmacies, test sites, schools, etc. You might be eligible to order a free pack of rapid lateral flow tests to be sent to your home. Use this service to check if you're eligible: [www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests](http://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests)

### Isolation guidance

While you're no longer legally required to self-isolate, if you've tested positive for COVID-19 or have symptoms of COVID:

- Adults should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for **at least 5 days**
- Avoid meeting people at **higher risk** from COVID-19 for **10 days**, especially if their immune system means they're at higher risk of serious illness from COVID-19, even if they've had a COVID-19 vaccine
- If a **child or young person aged 18 or under** tests positive for COVID-19, they should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for **3 days**. This starts from the day after they did the test.
- Children and young people tend to be infectious to others for less time than adults. **If they're well and do not have a temperature after 3 days**, there's a much lower risk that they'll pass on COVID-19 to others.

## Hygiene & personal space

Please be mindful of social distancing and respect each other's space whilst dropping off and collecting your child. Parents and visitors can choose to wear masks on site if they wish.

## Free Lego Club

Ambition Aspire Achieve  
Charity Registration Number: 167186

### Free Lego Club

GLYN HOPKIN ABBEY HUB  
6 GAY ROAD, STRATFORD E15 2RN  
FREE for 5 to 10 years olds  
Every Tuesday afternoon 4pm to 5:30pm

Competitions & Projects

Lots of fun, make new friends!

Must register on first day

For more information please contact Marie  
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## Summer club Wright Education

As we said goodbye to Miss King in our previous newsletter, this also means that King Coaching will no longer be running at Maryland Primary School. Wright Education will be providing a service, please see below:

*Wright Education is open & taking booking for breakfast, after school, half term & summer club. Opening times 7:30-6pm. Contact Sandra on 07852 137482.*

## Volunteers!

We can now welcome volunteers in school, so if you would like to help in class, in the school garden or with our chickens, please inform the school office. We continue to ensure our environment remains COVID secure.

## Relaunch of Maryland United

We are relaunching our PTA, Maryland United. We are changing Parent-Teacher in the title to *School and Families Association* so we will use the letters SFA instead of PTA. A separate letter is being sent out to parents and carers inviting them to join Maryland United and to volunteer.



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

