

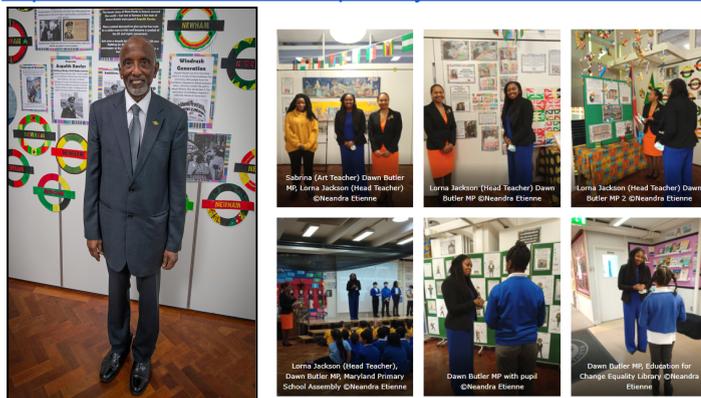
**1. KEY POINTS FROM SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT PLAN (SDP)**

- a) To deliver an art and design curriculum that champions diversity and equality.
- b) To increase emphasis on looking at skills during art and design lessons.
- c) To carry out formative assessment in Art.
- d) Develop opportunities to work with outside artists.
- e) To invest in better quality creative journals to help improve presentation and creativity in recording artwork.

**2. PROGRESS AND IMPACT TO DATE**

- a) Maryland Primary School proudly hosted a very successful children’s art exhibition to commemorate Black achievement and diversity and showcased work from the Art4Change (E4C) anti-racism art project. Since the time of the last governors report, other notable guests who had attended the exhibition were:
  - 1) The High Commissioner for St Vincent and the Grenadines, His Excellency Cenio Lewis.
  - 2) Member of Parliament for West Ham Lyn Brown, MP
  - 3) Dawn Butler, MP for Brent (who was featured in the art exhibition as an honorary Black Newham hero. The artwork recognised her achievements and recognised how her work helps communities and brings them together)
  - 4) Neandra Etienne, Journalist and artist, also visited the exhibition and wrote an article on it.
- ii) The art exhibition got further compliments and recognition from numerous other lead education practitioners and teachers (over 100 visitors), who highly praised Maryland for their innovative way of tackling racism and showcasing black achievement.
- iii) We featured again in the local free newspaper, ‘Newham Voices’, which included a feature on Dawn Butler’s visit to the Art Exhibition. Local residents will be able to have a look at Maryland’s achievements using the link below.

<https://newhamvoices.co.uk/primary-school-honours-newhams-black-heroes/>



- b) Another achievement post the art exhibition was that Maryland’s Art4Change, which is an anti-racism art curriculum which was developed, has been acknowledged and is a part of Newham’s Cultural Strategy plan. This strategy is a 15 year plan to demonstrate how Newham can build community and cultural wealth. Maryland Primary Schools has received even more recognition as being pioneers in curriculum, educating and integrating achievements and impact of a diverse set of inspirational people. This art curriculum is to be used across all Newham primary schools and early year settings, encouraging all children from Nursery to Year 6 to have conversations about challenging racism. See page 44 in the link for more details:



- c) The artwork from the exhibition has been displayed around the whole school in commemoration of the children's achievements and to model to other schools during equality visits of best practice when diversifying the curriculum.
- d) The art and design lead has been training/partnering with other schools and having conversations with guests (regarding Art4Change) who come to visit Maryland on Equality visits.
- e) Stemming from previous art projects the school has carried out in association with the British Council (The Story of Water project), Year 6 have had a great opportunity to join 'The Line' project which was a sustainability art focused project, which worked closely with international Ghanian artist Serge Attukwei Clottey. Each class received full art sessions with a professional artist and then had a chance to showcase their work in a sustainability celebration at Greenwich.
- f) The art lead has been liaising on art and design plans and working with teachers to help develop confidence and skills when teaching art and producing plans to help reduce teacher workload.
- g) As requested by the curriculum lead, an art and design progression skills map was devised and posted on the school website, to inform a range of stakeholders.
- h) Mrs Jackson commissioned Maryland's Art Club to develop a special art piece to commemorate Maryland's values and pride in our stance on tackling social justice issues. The children along with the art lead created a bespoke art piece with key words depicting what Maryland stands for. This special artwork developed by our Year 3 students will be placed in the main hall.



- i) Art clubs in the summer term have been started for Year 3 and Year 2 pupils in a way to create more opportunities for them. These will be carried out by the art lead.
- j) Better quality creative journals for art have been purchased so that children can take greater pride in their work and experiment more art skills and presentation skills in them in order to raise standards further within this curriculum subject.

### **3. LOOKING AHEAD**

- a) To increase more opportunities to have arts and creative activities at school. An art club will run termly to help ensure that children get more creative opportunities.
- b) To request for funding from the Black Newham History to do another art exhibition celebrating black identities in Britain and Newham.
- c) To continue to provide staff support to develop knowledge and confidence in teaching art lessons and skills.
- d) To keep an eye out for art opportunities and competitions outside our school to further enrich children's enjoyment of art.
- e) To train staff on how they can use creative journals effectively to display and present children's art journeys.