



MARYLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

January 2024

Message from Mrs Jackson,
MBE, FOB, Headteacher



Dear parents and carers,

Happy New Year to you all and welcome back to a new term. Thank you for all your support last term, especially with attending our parent events. The SFA (our School & Families Association) is happy to hear your views and ideas about the school so if you are unable to attend the face to face meetings, we will invite you to attend by Zoom.

International Visitors

Once again, we will be hosting a research visit from Japanese educators on 11th and 15th March. Professor Kihara, and his team from Osaka University have visited the school almost annually since 2015 and describes Maryland as 'a most excellent school'.

Recognition from the BBC for Headteacher

I would like to share the news that I was presented with an award by the BBC as part of their 100 year celebration. I was voted as one of 100 most influential Londoners and attended a presentation at Broadcasting House in December where I met the other 99 award winners.



Maryland's Equality Work

We are proud to say that our Equality Team has been busy training other schools in the borough and speaking at conferences on how Maryland School 'embeds equality' into the school curriculum.

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Spring term dates

Thursday 18th January	Reception and Year 1 Zoolab animal encounter workshops
Thursday 25th January	Year 4 visit to The British Museum
Thursday 1st February	Year 6 Stratford Youth Zone theatre visit
Monday 12th-Friday 16th February	Half term holiday
Monday 19th February	School reopens for new half term
Thursday 28th February	Year 5 trip to British Transport Museum
Tuesday 5th March	Pippa Lockhart author visit
Thursday 7th March	World Book Day (pupils are invited to dress as a book character)
Tuesday 19th March	Year 6 visit to British Library
Wednesday 20th March	Class photos
Thursday 28th March	Last day of Spring term
Friday 29th March - Friday 12th April	Easter holidays



Newham Civic Awards 2023

It was such an honour to attend the Newham Civic Awards at Stratford Town Hall on 5th December to collect Maryland's Green Champions Award. Mrs. Jackson, Mr. McDonald and our Head Girl collected the award on behalf of the Eco-warriors. It is on display in the trophy cabinet by the office.

Well done to the Eco team and Eco-Warriors, who have new green caps to wear in school. The team have pioneered projects, such as the installation of a heated compost bin which breaks down leftover food much faster than an ordinary compost bin. The heat is emitted from the food content due to the design of the bin. The compost is used for the school garden.



Paul Whiteman visit

Paul Whiteman, General Secretary of the National Association of Headteachers visited the school last month to learn about our equality work. He was so impressed by our wonderful choir and enjoyed having lunch with our Head Pupils too. He said "I think your work is an important contribution to education", "your school truly lifted my spirits" and "seeing how bright and engaged your young people are gives hope."



Start Young UK

Thank you to Ricky and Marilyn from the charity Start Young for delivering Christmas hampers and gift bags to 35 of our families. These were generously provided by the charity, which we have been working with since 2020. They also provide buddies who sponsor some of our pupils by providing financial support, advice and encouragement. We encourage those families who received a gift to please write thank you letters which we will pass on on your behalf. Congratulations to Angela Caroo, the founder of Start Young, who received an MBE in October, for her services to the community. We are so fortunate to have links with the charity and are delighted that Angela has been recognised for her charitable work.



Newham Family Hubs

The local authority is developing new services for family hubs across the borough and are seeking the views of families. You can have your say by completing the survey at www.newham.gov.uk/survey

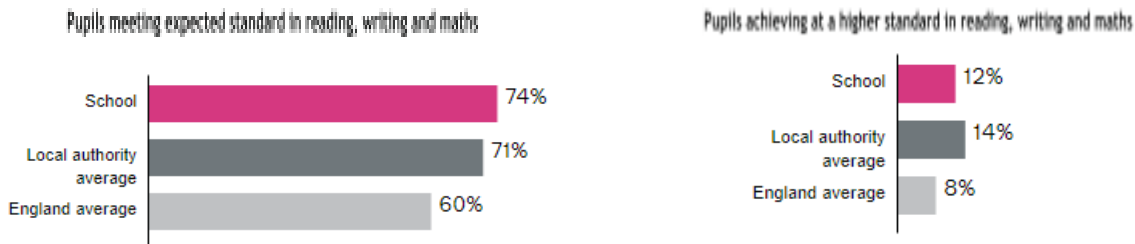
Education Partnership Conference

Our head students were invited to the annual Headteacher's conference in December to speak with the Mayor about education in Newham. It was attended by over 100 educators from the local authority, as well as the Mayor and senior LA officers. The children were asked about what inclusion means to them and how we can ensure that young people are equipped to grasp opportunities available to them in Newham. The children also spoke about what they love about Maryland. The children received heaps of praise from the Mayor and Director of Children Services.



KS2 performance tables have been published

The government has recently published performance tables to show how Year 6s performed in last year's SATS. We are **delighted with our results!** You can explore the data and compare it to that of other schools at <https://www.compare-school-performance.service.gov.uk/school/102730/maryland-primary-school/primary>



NHS Children's health presentation: Monday 22nd January 2pm to 3pm

The Year 6 and Reception height and weight measurement programme took place in December. Parents of children in these year groups are invited to attend a presentation in the Children's Centre to discuss children's health. The NHS school nurse team will be giving more details on children's health information and the outcome of the measurement programme. All questions are welcome so come along to find out more. Parking is available on the junior playground from 1.45pm.



News from Cluckingham Palace

Our hens have been busy laying lots of eggs over the Christmas holidays. Before the Autumn term ended, they had stopped laying as the weather was turning colder but as we have had mild weather recently they have started once again.

Wright Education Academic after school club - academic support and fun all in one club!

We offer lessons and activities in a safe, enriching environment that children will enjoy. After school club 3.15pm to 6.00pm. Also WrightEd Minis cater for 3-5 year olds for after school care. Available Monday-Friday

Breakfast Club 7.30am- 8.55am (Breakfast is served until 8.20am)

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