



# MARYLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

## February 2024



Message from Mrs Jackson, MBE, FOB, Headteacher

### Dear parents and carers,

Following on from the tragic news that one of our pupils passed away, the children have chosen to prepare a memorial assembly to



In loving memory of Addrib

remember and honour Addrib. Staff and pupils are being closely supported by the Children's Bereavement Team at this difficult time. Our thoughts and best wishes remain with the family.

### Nursery Big Build

Unfortunately due to weather conditions, we had to postpone the Nursery Big Build. The new date is **Saturday 24th February**. Please let us know if you can spare a few hours to help us transform our Nursery garden.

### Calm zone

The water feature in our calm zone has looked beautiful in the recent cold weather, as the water froze. Unfortunately, there have been a few children who have not been respecting the area before and after school. A few individuals have been throwing stones and putting them inside the water feature, causing damage. Parents, please remind your children to not step on the white stones and not touch the globe when you are dropping off and collecting.



### Spring term dates

Thursday 1st February	Year 6 Stratford Youth Zone theatre visit
Monday 12th - Friday 16th February	Half term holiday
Monday 19th February	School reopens
Thursday 22nd February	Year 3 visit to British Museum
Saturday 24th February	Nursery Big Build
Wednesday 28th February	Year 6 trip to West Ham Park: Blitz Detectives
Thursday 29th February	Year 5 trip to British Transport Museum
Friday 1st March	Year 4 visit to Cody Dock
Tuesday 5th March	Pippa Lockhart author visit
Thursday 7th March	World Book Day (pupils are invited to dress as a book character)
Monday 11th March	Science Fair 3:30-4:30pm
Tuesday 19th March	Year 6 visit to British Library
Wednesday 20th March	Class photos Parents' Evening 3:30-7pm
Thursday 21st March	Parents' Evening 3:30-5pm
Wednesday 27th March	Easter assembly 2pm-3pm
Thursday 28th March	Last day of Spring term
Friday 29th March - Friday 12th April	Easter holidays

### Parents' Evenings - 20th and 21st March 2024

Our Spring Parents' Evenings will take place on these dates. You will receive a notification to book an appointment with your child's class teacher early in March. These meetings are an opportunity to discuss your child's progress and targets. We will also have a book fair and an exhibition of children's home learning projects on this date.

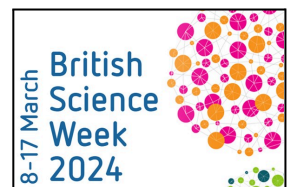
### Numbots

All pupils in Reception and Key Stage 1 have been given login details for an exciting website called Numbots. Logging in and playing the maths games regularly will help children to develop their fluency in key number facts and it's fun too! Key Stage 2 pupils can join in too, using their Times Table Rockstars accounts. If you need help logging in, please speak to your child's teacher.



### Science Fair Monday 11th March, 3.30pm- 4.30pm

Once again, we will be hosting a Science Fair. Please come along with your children and enjoy some fun and fascinating science experiments together in celebration of British Science Week. Our Science Fairs are always really popular with children and parents!



Gurney Road, Stratford, E15 1SL  
www.maryland.newham.sch.uk  
020 8534 8135  
Fax: 020 8534 4426  
E-mail: info@maryland.newham.sch.uk  
@MarylandPrimary



### School closure! - Thursday 2nd May - Local election

There will be a local election on Thursday 2nd May. The school will be used as a polling station and therefore we will be closed to staff and pupils on this date. Home learning activities will be set for children.

### Maryland wows again!

The school welcomed visitors from St Johns Green Primary School in Colchester. They came to learn about how we teach equality and diversity. They were most impressed with Maryland. *We wanted to extend our sincere thanks for the wonderful opportunity to visit your school and witness firsthand how you embed diversity throughout your curriculum. It was truly inspiring! It was also lovely to hear your pupils talking so passionately about being at Maryland Primary, they were brilliant ambassadors!*

We have a number of schools and visitors from all over the world booked in to learn about Maryland's curriculum. They will be visiting in the coming months.



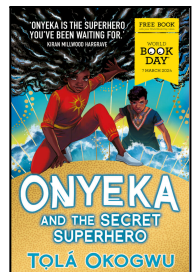
### Snakes and spiders at Maryland!

Our Reception and Year 1 pupils took part in some animal encounter workshops last week and got to look at and touch a range of animals, including giant cockroaches, a corn snake, a millipede, a tarantula and an African giant snail. The children learnt lots of amazing facts. One of the favourite facts was that cockroaches can run through fire and can hold their breath underwater for up to one hour! The children (and teachers) were really brave and had a great time!



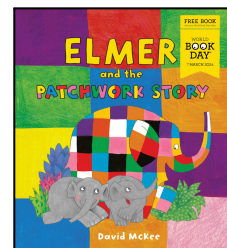
### World Book Day - Thursday March 7th March

Pupils are invited to dress up as a book character to celebrate World Book Day on Thursday 7th March. Please join in and get your children excited about reading! Your children will be able to dress up as their favourite book character for the day and also collect their £1 voucher that can be used in a variety of book shops. Here is just a small selection of the books that you will be able to purchase whilst stocks last.



### Home learning project

After last year's success, we will be setting up another home learning project. We would love parents/carers to work with their child at home to make either a character, a story scene, setting or object linked to a favourite book. These will then be exhibited at our March Parents' Evenings. We will send out more information nearer the time.



### 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)

Contact Sandra by calling 07852137462

Email [Info@wrighteducationuk.com](mailto:Info@wrighteducationuk.com)

Visit [www.wrighteducationuk.com](http://www.wrighteducationuk.com)

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

