



MARYLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

April 2024

Message from Mrs Jackson,
MBE, FOB, Headteacher



Dear parents and carers, Nursery Big Build - April 13th

We have been making some exciting changes in the Nursery. The family library has been refurbished and will be open for Nursery families to visit after the Easter holidays.

We are also revamping the Nursery garden and have a brand new mud kitchen for the children to enjoy. We would still love for families to help out at our Nursery Big Build event on April 13th from 10am-2pm. Please come and help out if you can!



Uniform shop

We are changing the uniform shop opening times after the Easter holidays. From Monday 15th April, the uniform shop will be open on Mondays 2:45-3:00pm and Fridays 8:45-9:00am.

Calm Zone

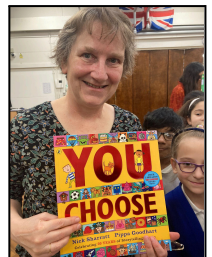
The school has invested a lot of money to create our Calm Zone, an area which everyone enjoys. Please make sure you supervise your children closely in this area before and after school. Unfortunately, some children have not respected the area by throwing stones and putting them in the globe, which is costly to fix.

Spring term dates

Friday 29th March - Friday 12th April	Easter holidays - school closed
Monday 15th April	School and Nursery open for children. Summer term begins
Thursday 2nd May	Polling day - school closed
Monday 6th May	May Day Bank Holiday - school closed
Monday 13th May-Thursday 16th May	Year 6 SATS
Monday 27th May-Friday 31st May	Half term holiday - school closed
Monday 3rd June	School and Nursery open for children Summer term
Monday 3rd June-Friday 14th June	Year 6 swimming lessons

World Book Day

We had a wonderful time celebrating World Book Day. It was great to see so many children and staff dressed up as book characters. Children were also treated to a book themed quiz, including a 'masked reader' round in which pupils had to guess which staff member was reading a famous story. Well done to all of the children who represented their houses in this quiz, especially to Charles House who won! We also had a visit from Pippa Goodhart, author of the 'You Choose' series of books.



Professor Kihara, Osaka University

We were pleased to welcome Professor Kihara, from Osaka University, back to the school for two days this term. He visited the school to research best practice in UK schools and was impressed once again. He was very impressed by the way we give feedback to pupils about their learning and the children's writing stamina. He commented that the school has a "Thoughtful curriculum design and there are lots of opportunities outside of the classroom" and "Children were learning deeply." He was also extremely interested in our work on equality education, which we have developed since his last visit in 2020.



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Parent View Survey results

Thank you to all parents who attended our Parents' Evenings in March. We had a great turn out and many parents completed our Ofsted Parent View survey to share their opinions about the school. We had very positive feedback!

- 100% agree that their child is happy at Maryland.
- 98% agree that their child is safe.
- 99% agree that their child is doing well at our school.
- 99% would recommend the school to others.



Fundraising

Thank you for supporting our recent events. Our Mother's Day Sale made over £300 in profit and our Easter raffle made £379, which will go towards our new polytunnel and playground clock. We will continue to fundraise for the clock which costs £500.



Science Fair

Thank you everyone for attending our Science Fair in March! Families enjoyed a number of fun experiments, including launching rockets and making raisins 'dance' using fizzy water. Congratulations to our visitor, Professor Kihara, who won the time challenge (for most accurately calculating how long a minute is without a timer).

Health and Safety

We have noticed that parents and pupils are frequently walking across the staff car park as they are entering and leaving the school site, which is not allowed due to health and safety reasons. Please use the pedestrian gate.

Chess Competition

The Maryland Chess team competed in a Newham Borough Chess competition. The team played extremely well and were strong competitors. They came in 2nd place! What a fantastic achievement!



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.

Term dates

Our term dates for 2024/25 have been confirmed. Please see below for key holiday dates. Travel plans should be within school holidays.

Autumn

First day of term for pupils: Wednesday 4th September
Half term holiday: Monday 28th - Friday 1st November
INSET days (school closed to pupils): Monday 2nd September & Tuesday 3rd September
Christmas holidays: Monday 23rd December-Friday 3rd January

Spring

First day of term: Monday 6th January
Half term holiday: Monday 17th - Friday 21st February
INSET day (school closed to pupils): Monday 31st March
Easter holidays: Monday 7th April - Monday 21st April

Summer

First day of term: Tuesday 22nd April
Half term holiday: Monday 26th - Friday 30th May
INSET day (school closed to pupils): Monday 21st July
Summer holidays: Tuesday 22nd July 2025 to *To be advised*

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

Holiday Club 8.00.30am- 6pm (Breakfast is served until 8.30am)

Contact Sandra by calling **07852137462**

Email Info@wrighteducationuk.com Visit www.wrighteducationuk.com

Young Ballers Football Aspirations - Easter Camp and School Football Club.

Young Ballers Football Aspirations has an Easter Football Camp offer for pupils to enjoy and stay active in.

They also have a Maryland after school Football Club which will begin in the new term.

For further information and booking details please see the website linked below.

<https://www.youngballers.co.uk/book-online>



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