



# MARYLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

## March 2024

Message from Mrs Jackson,  
MBE, FOB, Headteacher



Dear parents and carers,  
Staffing

I would like to say a big thank you and farewell to Miss Page, who will be leaving on 15th March. Miss Page has worked closely with our SEND pupils and families and will be missed. We wish her the best of luck in her new job as a SEND Family Support Worker.



Parents' Evenings 20th & 21st March

These are very important meetings to discuss your child's progress 1:1 with the teacher, so please book your appointment time when you receive your Parentmail notification.

Teachers will:

- update you on your child's progress
  - explain how they performed during assessment week and advise you on next steps expected of your child
  - discuss behaviour or attendance
  - answer questions if time allows
- The book fair will be open during both Parents' Evenings to give you the opportunity to stock up on books for your child's home library.

International Visitors

Maryland will be welcoming Professor Kihara from Osaka, Japan who is researching best practice in British education. He is visiting the school on Monday 11th March and Friday 15th March. We have a long standing relationship with Osaka University and Professor Kihara has been visiting Maryland since 2016. He will be visiting three other schools in Newham that week as part of his research visit. How exciting!

### Spring term dates

Tuesday 5th March	Pippa Lockhart author visit
Thursday 7th March	World Book Day (pupils are invited to dress as a book character)
Friday 8th March	Mother's Day Sale 3pm- 4pm
Monday 11th March	Science Fair 3:30-4:30pm Professor Kihara visits Maryland
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
Monday 15th April	Summer term begins

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

The teachers have been busy planning experiments for our Science Fair. The theme this year is 'time' and we would love you to take part in a number of activities together as a family, including 'Gravity Defying Water' and 'Dancing Colours'. Please come along and join in to celebrate all things science!



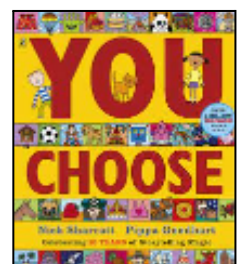
### Hands on History

Lots of classes have been out and about this term, on educational visits to learn more about their History topics. Year 3 visited the British Museum to learn all about the Romans, Year 6 became 'Blitz Detectives' in a workshop at West Ham Park and Year 5 had a great time at the London Transport Museum, taking part in a Windrush workshop.



### World Book Day - a month of Celebrations!

We will be celebrating World Book Day on **Thursday 7th March**. Children are invited to dress as their favourite book characters and we will also have a number of exciting events on the day, including a 'Masked Reader' quiz for the children to enjoy and more surprises. We are very fortunate to also have a special visitor, Pippa Goodhart who is the author of the 'You Choose' series of books coming to the school on **Tuesday 5th March** to lead workshops and assemblies with the children.



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### Mother's Day Sale Friday 8th March

We will be selling gifts and cakes for Mother's Day from 3pm in the junior hall. Children will also have the opportunity to buy gifts during the school day. If you would like them to do this, send money in a sealed envelope, clearly labelled with their name. Prices will start at 50p.



### Gold award for sustainable travel!

Transport for London has awarded Maryland Gold status for our impressive school travel plan which promotes healthy ways to travel to school and care for the local environment. Well done Maryland!



### Start Young UK

The charity, Start Young UK, works closely with many of our families providing buddies, organising day trips and gift hampers.

Start Young UK is on the lookout for compassionate individuals to join their Buddy Program. As a buddy, you'll play a vital role in supporting and empowering a younger generation. Whether it's lending a listening ear, offering guidance, or simply being a positive influence, your impact can be transformative. For more information visit:

<https://www.startyounguk.com/be-a-buddy>



### Home Learning Project - celebrating our love of reading

After the success of last year's home learning project, we have launched it again this year. Children have been set the task to use their artistic skills to make a character, a story setting or object linked to a favourite book. Please bring in projects between **Monday 11th and Friday 16th March**. We can't wait to see your creations!



### Maryland gets cooking!

Lots of pupils across the school have been enjoying cooking in school during Design Technology week. Year 2 made bread, Year 4 made hot chocolate, Year 5 made ginger cake and Year 6 used a World War 2 rationing recipe to make biscuits. Staff were treated to some of the ginger cake in the staff room and agreed it was delicious!



### Newham Music Hub

Newham Music has opened a brand new venue at Westfield Stratford City, complete with soundproof recording and practice booths, a stage for performances and a flexible workshop space. There are a number of free and paid workshops available for children of all ages, including studio sessions to learn the basics of music production, a vocal academy and First Steps sessions for babies and toddlers. Find out more at

<https://www.newham-music.org.uk/venue/newham-music-hub-westfield-stratford/>

### 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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