



MARYLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL JUNE 2024

Message from Mrs Jackson,
MBE, FOB, Headteacher



Dear parents and carers,

We have lots of exciting events and trips coming up during this half term, including our Sports Day and Family Picnic, Family Disco, Y6 graduation and End of Year awards and celebration assembly!

Sun Safety Fortnight

10th June - 21st June and again 1st-5th July

Children may bring money to buy lollies. £2.00 will cover the week for each child.

Summer uniform:

Blue/white checked summer dress.

White or light blue polo T-shirt (a T-shirt with a collar).

Grey trousers, shorts, skirt or pinafore.

White or grey socks. Black sandals or shoes. Sandals must be enclosed or have a strong strap and must be worn with socks. Fabric sun hat/ cap for hot weather. Socks must be worn with all footwear.



Message to Year 1 & 4 parents

Year 1 will be sitting the Phonics Screening Check from Monday 10th June. Year 4 will be completing their Multiplication Check during the same week. Children can use their Times Table Rockstars accounts to practise. Good luck Years 1 & 4!

SCHOOL CLOSURE - THURSDAY 4TH JULY 2024 - POLLING DAY

Tribute: Chris Collings, long standing governor

I am saddened to announce that one of our governors, Chris Collings, has passed away. Chris was a Maryland governor for 48 years and many of you may also remember that his wife, Margaret, worked in our Nursery for many years.

I visited the family to pass on my condolences from the school community. Chris was a key member of our Governing Board remembered for his valuable contributions to the Finance and Premises subcommittee. It was his mission to create our Middle Hall (which was a garden at the time) to extend performance space and capacity in the school. He was also a member of Sarah Bonnell and Rokeby School governing boards.

Chris' family has asked us to purchase a plant in his memory, rather than flowers, to be planted in the school. If you would like to pass on your condolences or make a contribution towards the memorial for Chris, please let a member of the office know.

Mrs Jackson, Headteacher

Tribute from the Chair of Governors

Dear Maryland,

This is indeed sad news to hear, and I can only echo Mrs Jackson's thoughts.

Chris was the driving force behind the planning and execution of the new hall project, and it would never have happened without his vision and passion for improvements to our school.

He was the Chair when I joined the Governing Board and continued to contribute valuable insights throughout his long term of service, he will be sadly missed.

Rest in peace my friend.

Graham Plant, Chair of Governors



Summer term dates

Monday 3rd June	School and Nursery open for all children
Monday 3rd June-Friday 14th June	Year 6 swimming lessons for 2 weeks
Monday 10th - Friday 14th June	Phonics Screening Check Year 1 Year 4 Multiplication Check begins Visit from 30 Chinese educators
Monday 17th June	Assessment week Visit from Director of Education -Annabel Bates & Director of Children's Services - Laura Eden Visit from Professor Tamura, visiting fellow from Cambridge University
Friday 28th June	Visit from Lyn Brown, MP
Tuesday 2nd July	Sports Day & Family Picnic 9am
Thursday 4th July	Year 6 Transition day SCHOOL CLOSED - POLLING DAY
Friday 5th July	Family Disco doors open 5.45pm
Wednesday 10th July	Opening Evening, 3:30-7pm - no appointment needed, collect reports
Thursday 11th July	Y6 graduation ceremony 1.45pm
Friday 12th July	Y6 disco
Wednesday 17th July	End of Year assembly and celebration week
Friday 19th July	School closes for summer 1pm

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VIP visit to Maryland

On Friday 17th May, we had a visit from **Abi Gbago**, Chief Executive Officer of Newham. She was very impressed by the school and called the visit 'Part 1' as she wants to come back and meet the Infants and Nursery staff in 'Part 2'. She visited to find out about the school's equality and sustainability work. The choir gave a fantastic performance and she has already requested to book them for the next big awards ceremony for Newham council. She said, *'Thank you, Maryland School. It was wonderful to hear your passion for the children that attend your school, the work you do around ensuring each belongs and of course listening to the fabulous choir.'* Abi will be returning to Maryland in the summer term with the Director of Children's Services and the Director of Education to find out more about the school.



Maryland's 56th Birthday Celebration

We celebrated Maryland's 56th birthday by having a non-uniform day and organising a fun set of challenges that lasted one minute. Thank you, parents! With your kind donations, we are on our way to purchasing a brand new clock for the Infant playground.



The 'Polly' tunnel

Our polytunnel, called the 'Polly', is now in action. Our Ecowarriors, along with the school's Polyteam have started planting a variety of different plants. Our Ecowarriors have also been making scientific observations on how the climate inside the Polytunnel is impacting the growth of plants e.g. humidity, condensation and precipitation. The temperature inside the polytunnel is approximately double the temperature outside.



Outdoor learning:

The Nursery children have been learning about life cycles by watching their tiny caterpillars transform into butterflies. They were delighted to set them free in the sunshine of the Nature Garden.

Class 1 & 2 have been busy pond dipping and have been keeping tadpole diaries to record their observations. Our beach is now open so all the children have been having fun there, alongside planting in their year group growing beds.



SATs

We are very proud of our year 6 pupils who have worked so hard this year and tried their best in the recent SATs. They attended breakfast club every morning where they enjoyed a healthy breakfast and spent time socialising with their friends in a relaxed atmosphere. There has been a lot in the media about how challenging the tests were this year and we are proud of how the pupils tackled them with such resilience. Well done year 6! We will find out our results in July and results will be shared with parents in end of year reports.



Year 1 Phonics Screening Check - week commencing 10th June

Year 1 will be sitting the Phonics Screening Check week commencing 10th June. This is a statutory assessment that all year 1 must sit. Thank you to all the parents who attended the meeting. Please continue to support your child at home by reading the practice papers that have been sent home. Good luck Year 1!

Year 4 Multiplication Check- week commencing Monday 3rd June

The multiplication tables check (MTC) is statutory for all year 4 pupils in England. The purpose of the MTC is to determine whether pupils can recall their times tables fluently, which is essential for future success in mathematics.

Thank you, Alexandra, Year 3

One of our Year 3 pupils, Alexandra decided to donate her hair to the Little Princess Trust, a charity that provides real hair wigs, free of charge, to children and young people who have lost their own hair through cancer. What generosity and kindness!



Open Evening, Wednesday 10th July, 3.30pm-7pm

You are invited to come into your child's class to collect their end of year report and look through their year's work. Please attend with your child/ren, to discuss their achievements with them. Results for the phonics screening check (for Years 1&2), Year 4 multiplication check, Year 2 end of key stage and Year 6 SATs will also be included in reports. The teacher will be available for a short informal discussion about your child's progress. If you prefer a confidential 1:1 meeting, please book an appointment.

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

Contact Sandra by calling **07852137462**

Email info@wrighteducationuk.com Visit www.wrighteducationuk.com

Young Ballers Football Aspirations (YBFA) - School Football Club.

YBFA Football Camp offer for pupils to enjoy and stay active in. They also run a Maryland after school Football Club which will begin in the new term.

For further information, please see the website linked below.

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

