



MARYLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

JULY 2024

Message from Mrs Jackson,
MBE, FOB, Headteacher



Dear parents and carers,
Staffing

We are pleased to welcome back Mrs Iqbal to our teaching team - she will be joining us from September as a cover teacher.

Congratulations to Ms Boreham who is having a baby during the Summer holidays. We wish her all the best for her maternity leave.

We say farewell to Miss Chowdhury, Miss Storey, Miss Tanvir and Miss Z. Khan at the end of this term and wish them all the best.

Welcome to Cluckingham Palace

We have welcomed 5 new hens to Cluckingham Palace this term and they have started laying eggs. Each class suggested a name as part of our competition to name them. The winning names are:
Heather (Class 13)
Starlight (Class 9)
Snowflake (Class 12)
Misty (Class 5)
Shadow (chosen by Mr Lewis)

End of year closure

School will finish at 1pm on Friday 19th July so that staff can attend training. Children will have lunch and then can be collected from classroom doors. Wright Education services will be available if you have no childcare provision in the afternoon. Your child will find out who their new teacher is on this day when they visit their new classes. The last day of term for Nursery pupils is Thursday 18th July.

Summer term dates

Tuesday 2nd July	Sports Day & Family Picnic 9am-1pm Children to arrive wearing their P.E. kits
Thursday 4th July	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
Tuesday 16th July	Nursery graduation ceremonies 11am - morning children 2:30pm - afternoon children
Wednesday 17th July	End of Year assembly and celebration
Friday 19th July	Last day of Summer term for pupils. School finishes at 1pm
Monday 22nd July	INSET day School closed to pupils
Monday 2nd & Tuesday 3rd September	INSET days School closed to pupils
Wednesday 4th September	School re-opens for the Autumn term. Y1 -Y6 start 8.55am
Thursday 5th & Friday 6th September	Reception (YR) classes begin. Nursery opens Thursday 5th September.

Windrush Day - Friday 21st June

We celebrated Windrush Memorial Day on Friday 21st June. The pupils were wowed by an outstanding carnival performance from Year 5 and the choir sang Bob Marley's Redemption Song beautifully during assembly. Children also got to take part in a range of fun activities throughout the day including a limbo on the beach! We were treated to a delicious Caribbean lunch. Thank you to the hardworking kitchen staff for preparing such a wonderful meal. We are very proud to announce that an article about this event will appear in The Voice Newspaper.



Open Evening - Wednesday 12th July 3:30-7pm

No appointment necessary. Come and collect your child's end of year report, meet their teacher and look through this year's books. We will also have a book fair and will be selling refreshments and revision guides. Entrance through the middle hall doors. Refreshments available. Parking from 3pm in the Junior playground.

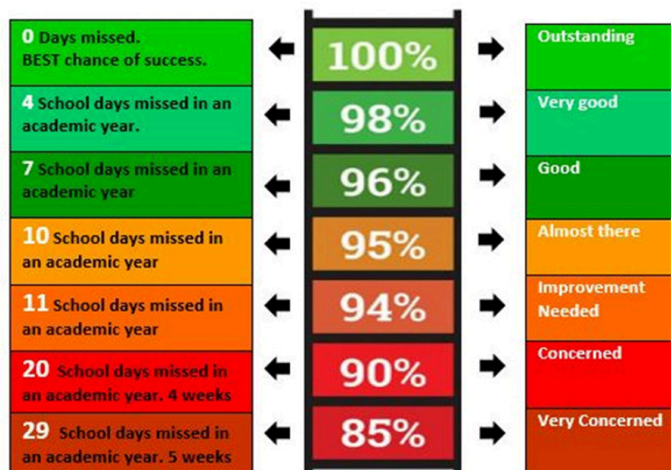
Orienteering Competition

Congratulations to our Year 6 Orienteering team who came 2nd place at a competition in the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park last week! They competed against 18 other teams and demonstrated excellent teamwork at the event.



Fundraising

Thank you for your support with our recent fundraising efforts, including lolly week. We have raised enough to buy our new clock for the playground. We are now raising funds for a table tennis table. Please do support by attending our events. Disco tickets are now on sale before school in the Calm Zone. We have limited numbers available so buy them early to avoid disappointment!



Attendance matters

From September, the government is changing the guidelines for giving penalty notice fines for poor attendance. The amount will be increased to £80 and the school will have to consider instructing the Local Authority to fine parents if your child misses 10 sessions (half days) of unauthorised absence in a rolling period of 10 school weeks. Leave from learning will only be granted in exceptional or unavoidable circumstances. Please note that if you would like to request leave from learning, you should book an appointment with a member of the senior leadership team so that they can discuss the impact on your child's learning and consider whether the leave will be authorised before you buy any travel tickets.

You will be informed of your child's attendance percentage for this year in their end of year report. This chart will help you to understand if their attendance needs to improve. Attendance lower than 90% is a cause for concern.

Chess Competition

Well done to our Chess team who came 2nd place in their competition last week, hosted by Chess In Schools and Communities. Pupils from Years 2-5 took part and represented our school excellently.



Year 4 Multiplication Check results

We are delighted with how well our Year 4 pupils have done in their recent multiplication check test. 43% of pupils scored full marks! Last year 29% achieved full marks nationally. Parents will receive their child's results in their end of year report at Open Evening. Year 3 pupils are encouraged to start practising early by using their Times Table Rockstars accounts regularly over the Summer holidays.

London Zoo visit

Year 5 visited London Zoo as part of their Amazon Rainforest topic, experiencing a rainforest environment and seeing the animals and plants that live there. They saw so many amazing animals, including a baby gorilla learning to climb for the first time and an okapi!



School closure! - Thursday 4th July - General election

There will be a general election on Thursday 4th July. 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. Wright Education will be open for chargeable childcare services on this date from 7.30am-6pm. Call Sandra Wright on 07852137462 to find out more.

Summer Reading Challenge

All children are encouraged to take part in Newham Libraries' Summer Reading Challenge. Children will earn stickers and rewards for reading books over the Summer holidays. There will also be a Summer Festival at Forest Gate Library on 20th July, from 11am-3pm.

News from the 'Polly' tunnel

Nature is thriving in our recently opened polytunnel. We have planted tomatoes, beans, carrots, radishes and sunflowers and the plants are thriving. We are amazed by how rapid the growth has been in just a short space of time! If you would like to get outdoors for a few hours over the Summer holidays, please volunteer to help out in our garden and polytunnel.



Summer Holiday Playschemes

Ambition Aspire Achieve are providing a number of Holiday Activities and Food schemes during the Summer holidays including a Playwheels Mobile Playscheme. See <https://www.theaaazone.com/> for more details on venues and how to book.



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. Holiday club will be running over the Summer holidays 7.30am-6pm.

Available Monday-Friday, Contact Sandra by calling 07852137462, Email Info@wrighteducationuk.com

Visit www.wrighteducationuk.com

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