



MARJORY KINNON NEWS

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Key Dates

Friday 5 April

- Last day of term (1pm finish)

Monday 8 to Monday 22 April

- Easter Holiday

Week Commencing 18 March

- Structured conversations

Headteacher's Welcome

I hope you all had a restful and relaxing half-term break.

Following recent articles in the news headlines, I particularly wish to flag up to Parents the e-Safety Update included in this Newsletter. The safeguarding of our pupils is of the utmost importance and we want Parents to know how we are addressing these issues in school and the advice we offer to them at home.

I would like to introduce our two new Co-opted Governors who we welcomed to our Governing Body in February:

Mr David Harris



Ms Nadia Salam



The school will no longer send paper copies of newsletters unless specifically requested.

Newsletters will be sent by email or can be accessed on the website.

If you have not already done so, please respond to our recent letter asking for your preference for receiving the newsletter.



Wellbeing Award for Schools

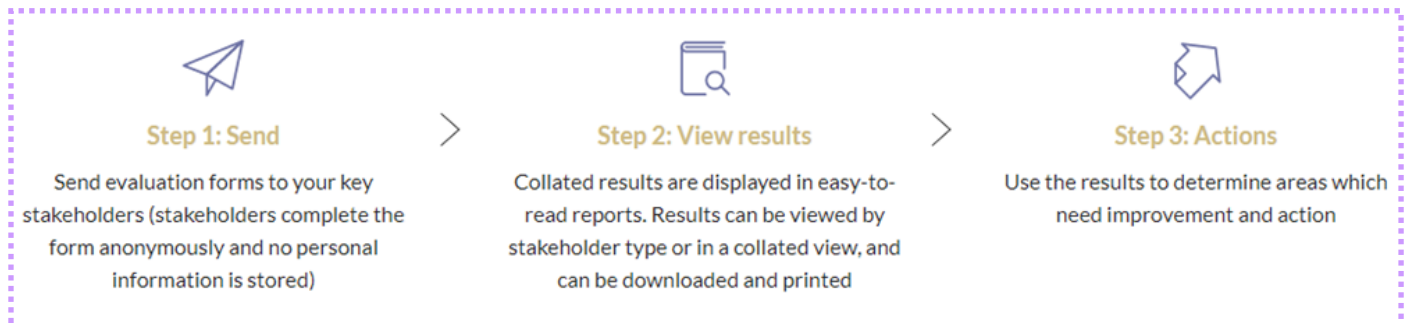
As mentioned in the last newsletter, Marjory Kinnon is working towards achieving the Wellbeing Award for Schools.

In order to make sure that we improve the support we offer, we want to understand how well we are currently supporting the emotional wellbeing of our pupils, parents/carers and staff.

Our whole-school approach is a collaborative one and a Change Team has been established - incorporating staff volunteers, a governor, a parent and pupil representatives - to drive engagement and disseminate information across the whole school community.

We started the initiative by completing a School Self-Evaluation exercise to enable an initial assessment of the school's current level of achievement in terms of the Award's Key Performance Indicators (KPIs). This was followed by a Stakeholder Evaluation Survey of staff in January - the feedback from which informs the action planning process.

The next step is Stakeholder Evaluation Surveys for Parents/Carers and we will be writing to you shortly to invite you to complete a Parent Evaluation Form.



The information from these surveys will help our school to improve its work in providing better provision for emotional wellbeing and mental health. All information collected is anonymous and will be kept confidential.

Parent Governor Vacancy

The school will shortly have a vacancy for a Parent Governor and we will be writing to ask Parents/Carers to stand for election or to nominate another parent to do so.

Keep an eye out for our letter which will set out the responsibilities of the Parent Governor and the election process.



School Uniform

Marjory Kinnon School is delighted to announce that we will begin to introduce a school uniform for students after the Easter Holiday break.

We will start with polo shirts that will be available from a local school shop, based in Hounslow.

Parents will also have an opportunity at upcoming Structured Conversation Meetings to view a variety of sizes of polo shirts on display.

If your child is entitled to **Free School Meals**, the school will offer a 50% discount on the cost of purchasing school uniform.



If you are not sure if your child is entitled, or if you have not yet had an opportunity to complete the application for **Free School Meals**, we would encourage families to please investigate further as pupils recorded in the local authority census trigger Pupil Premium funding for the school.

If you would like assistance with the process, please call into Reception and a member of staff will be found to help with the online application. Information on the qualifying criteria and an online Application Form can be found at:

https://www.hounslow.gov.uk/info/20025/schools_and_colleges/61/free_school_meals

E-Safety Update

We take an active role in educating your children about internet safety and recently we have hosted a number of assemblies; as well as formal computing lessons and in two weeks time there will be a Parent Workshop on cyber bullying. Despite this, there is always a worry about what your child is exposed to online. To help your child understand the risks and develop healthy internet habits, you can visit our website which has lots of useful information and links. You can also visit dedicated internet sites such as www.nationalonlinesafety.com or www.internetmatters.org or the NSPCC.

You can help your child at home by asking these seven basic questions to initiate a conversation:

- Which apps or games are you using at the moment?
- Which websites do you enjoy using and why?
- How does this app or game work? Can I play?
- Do you have any online friends?
- Do you know where to go to for help?
- Do you know what your personal information is?
- Do you know your limits of time spent online?

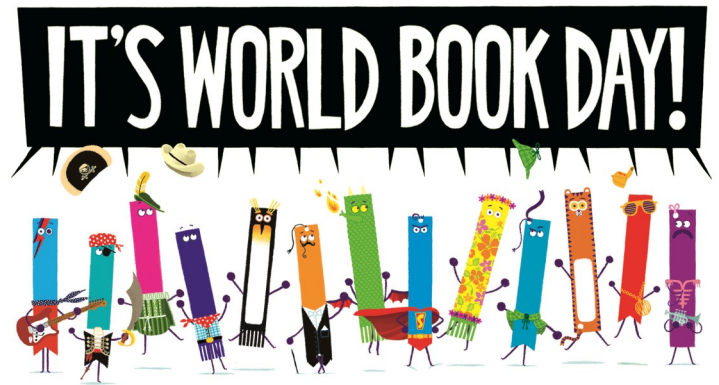


Teach kids
Internet safety.
It's like teaching
them to swim.

WORLD BOOK DAY

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World Book Day Activities in the Primary Department

This World Book Day we will be celebrating by holding a **sponsored read** throughout the week to raise money to purchase new books for our school Libraries.

On World Book Day itself, the Primary Department will be exploring books through lots of different activities within our classroom. We will also be developing our library skills by going on a **book hunt** in the library. The children have been invited to **dress up as book characters** and the staff will be joining in too with prizes for the best costumes!

We will also be writing stories as a class to **create a Primary story book**. We are looking forward to lots of fun with books!

World Book Day Activities in the Secondary Department

Dress up as an Adjective - pupils are asked to choose and come to school dressed to resemble their selected adjective (wild, athletic, green, sophisticated, valiant, stripy, etc). This will help pupils to discover new adjectives to use in their writing for which they will be rewarded on the day.



The most interesting adjectives with corresponding costumes will win a prize. Teachers will join in too!

Those who wish to wear mufti* can participate by choosing an adjective to match their outfit. Pupils in football kit could choose sporty, fit, muscular, athletic or pupils in a nice dress could be posh, fancy, frilly, beautiful, etc.

*£1 mufti charity donation

Library Book Café - pupils can purchase soft drinks, cakes, biscuits, fruit, etc and bring along a favourite book to share / or select a book to read from our (book recommendation) menu. This is a chance for students to relax, read and share stories in our library. Each pupil will be given a World Book Day Book Token and each class will be gifted a picture book, wrapped in brown paper with a short description attached.

Later in the month each class will be asked to make a presentation on the book that they have chosen at an Assembly as a follow-up to World Book Day.



Who is Reading that Book? - a fun competition in the Cafe: Teachers will be photographed behind a book taken from the library shelves. Pupils will guess who the teacher is behind the book. This is a fun task for the pupils to see some of the books we have in the library by viewing their favourite Teachers reading our books.

Bookmark making competition - pupils will make 3D bookmarks to match the theme of their book.