



MARJORY KINNON NEWS

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Key Dates

Tuesday 23 April

Term begins.

Friday 3 May

INSET Day. School closed for pupils.

Monday 6 May

May Bank Holiday. School closed.

Monday 27 to Friday 31 May

Half Term.

Tuesday 23 July

Last day of term - 1pm finish.

Headteacher's Welcome

Welcome back! I hope you all had an enjoyable Easter break. As we start the summer term, for some of the older children exams are just around the corner. They will be working hard to ensure they do the best they possibly can.

I look forward to our second summer in the new school and hope that the weather is as good as last year so that we can spend more time outside. We have a new canopy in the Early Years playground and have been developing the allotment for outdoor learning.

We are extremely pleased to welcome Old School Catering as our new caterers. Some of you were able to join us for taster sessions last term and the feedback from staff and pupils is very positive.

Cultural Celebration

Religious education and PSHE make a significant contribution to pupils' academic and personal development. They play a key role in promoting social cohesion and the virtues of respect and empathy, which are important in our diverse society. To promote cultural awareness, we would like to invite Parents/Carers to share and celebrate their culture, ethnicity, religion with their child's class. To arrange this, please send a note to the Class Teacher in the home-school book with details of the event (Pancake Day, Chinese New Year, Hindu Festival of Colours, etc), what activity you have planned (sharing food, traditional costume, music, dance, crafts, etc) and advance notice of the date you wish to visit. We will do our best to accommodate as many requests as possible.



WORLD BOOK DAY

7 MARCH 2019



We had an amazing **World Book Day** packed with exciting activities, competitions and amazing adjectives!

Lots of pupils in Secondary came to school dressed to resemble their chosen adjective, which included: smart, kind, calm, athletic, fluffy, remarkable and many, many more.

A World Book Day café '**Starbooks**' was an instant hit with all pupils and staff. The pupils enjoyed choosing books from the menu and reading with friends or listening to stories read by staff.

A lot of amazing bookmarks were entered for the bookmark competition. One of the winners was a bookmark inspired by Kenya.





Thank you to everyone who...

- ★baked cakes and biscuits for sale
- ★took part in sports games
- ★took part in film and snack events
- ★dressed in mufti
- ★bought a red nose

It is good to make a difference for **Red Nose Day** whilst having fun!

As always, we're in awe of the amount of effort made and money raised by our brilliant pupils. We know that everyone who participated did so with the support of their families, so we just wanted to say a massive **thank you**.

Parent Engagement Workshops

Letters with more information on upcoming Workshops will be sent out to Parents/Carers next month:-

The first cohort of Parents have signed up with their child for Sarah Gray's **Parent & Child Sensory Session** which is being trialled this half-term. Following the session, the school will incorporate the participant's feedback into the development of further sessions. More information to follow.

Cygnets Workshop - A session for the Parents/Carers of Secondary pupils who would benefit from Autistic Spectrum Condition strategies. Run by Sarah Gray and Julie Harvey (Therapy Team). Date to be confirmed (in June/July).

Occupational Therapy Workshop - Letters will be sent out to all Parents/Carers asking whether they would like to attend. Run by the Occupational Therapy Team. Date to be confirmed (in June/July).

Communication In Print Workshop - A session for Parents/ Carers to learn how to prepare visual support (symbols) for their child. Run by Jozsef Kalman & Sarah Gray. Date to be confirmed (in June/July).



Please don't forget...

To respond to the **Parent/Carer Stakeholder Survey** by the **Wednesday 1 May** closing date.



The school is currently working to achieve a school improvement award. In order to evaluate our current provision, we need your input as your views are important in helping us understand what we are doing well and how we can do even better. The survey was emailed on 1 April to families who have provided the school with an email address.

If you did not receive an email but you would like to participate, please copy and paste this address into your webpage URL to open the survey.

<https://app.awardplace.co.uk/stakeholder-evaluations/user-survey/5ca1fc06c94ce>

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

Newsletters will be emailed (so please make sure we have your email address) and published on the website.

Completing the survey takes a couple of minutes. All (anonymous) responses and suggestions will be carefully considered and used to plan a range of school improvements.

If you have any questions about the survey, please contact Annette on ageraghty@marjorykinnon.hounslow.sch.uk. Thank you!

Please don't forget...

To make a **Parent Governor Nomination** in time for the **1 May 2019** deadline.

The benefits of being a Parent Governor are that you will get to see things from the school's perspective and see how the school is managed. You'll gain an in-depth understanding and play an integral part in how decisions are made. It will allow you to develop many new skills (strategic planning, board experience, holding senior leaders to account, finance and oversight of budgets, human resources and performance management, project management, communication and teamwork, decision making, etc).

If you would like **more information on the role**, please make an appointment to meet with the Chair or another Governor, or pop in to speak to Annette (Clerk to the Governing Body) who would be glad to answer any questions you may have.

We hope the information below addresses any concerns that you may have or misconceptions about the role or the process:-

- Being a Governor usually requires about 8 hours per month (term time only) and attendance is required at meetings (3-4 evening meetings per year) and at committees (3-4 daytime meetings per year). Papers for meetings are sent out ahead of time for reading and preparation.
- Parent Governors are not delegates and do not speak 'on behalf' of the parent body. The role and responsibilities of parent governors are no different from those of the other Governors.
- If you feel you are not experienced enough because you haven't been on a board before, please do not worry. We have a very friendly and welcoming Governing Body made up of volunteers just like you! We provide free training for new Governors and encourage ongoing training to support all aspects of the role.
- "Someone else will do it" - Parent Governor is an important role and we are in need of applicants... so please don't assume that there is a better candidate out there.
- We ask nominees to provide a statement explaining how they meet the expectations and criteria of the role, so that (if more than one nomination is received) it helps other parents make an informed decision when voting on who they would like to elect.

Details on how to make a nomination are set out in the letter sent to Parents/Carers on 29 March and on the school's website: <http://www.marjorykinnonschool.co.uk/Parent-Governor>



FREE HEALTH WALKS

Free short walks are taking place across Hounslow.

Our group walks are led by friendly, specially trained volunteers who are on hand to provide encouragement and support.

There is no need to book just turn up at the meeting point. See our map below to find out about the health walks available.

020 8973 3530

ONE YOU HOUNSLOW

Thinking about being more active, but not sure where to begin?

[One You Hounslow](#) offer free one-to-one support from a local health advisor.

Call for information about local activities in Hounslow.

 **REGISTER NOW**