

MARJORY KINNON NEWS

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Key Dates

Friday 23 July 2021

Last Day of Summer Term - 1pm finish

Monday 6 September 2021

Autumn term begins.

Week Commencing 6 September

Parents Evenings with new Class Teacher.

Monday 25 to Friday 29 October 2021

Half-term.

Friday 17 December 2021

Last day of term - 1pm finish.

Headteachers Welcome

I cannot believe we are almost at the end of what has been a very difficult year for everyone. We have been very lucky at Marjory Kinnon to have very limited disruption to our recent Summer Term and we are all really pleased because we have had so many events and outdoor activities planned as part of our recovery curriculum. All these events have been able to go ahead including a Secondary Residential Trip that you will see great photos of in this Newsletter.

We have to say 'Goodbye' to our amazing Year 11 pupils for whom we had a lovely social barbeque outside and a socially distant outdoor Leavers Assembly. All these events culminated in a Circus Big Top on the field with Circus Workshops that the children from Early years to Year 10 loved. Even the weather has been good to us for these important days and events.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for the good wishes and messages you have sent to myself and all the staff. I am really hoping that from September we will have a year with minimal disruptions so that we can focus on catch-up for the children.

I wish you all a good and safe summer break.



LS7 PUPIL TRIP TO THE NEW FOREST



Last month the school organised the first Residential Trip in many years.

Great fun was had by all the children.

As Government restrictions are lifted, it is hoped that this can now become an annual event.





Rocket launch !



The pupils developed and improved their social, team building and problem-solving skills, as well as having lots of fun.



Vinnie, Callum, Isla and Anne taking a break in the sunshine between activities.





The children support and encourage each other.



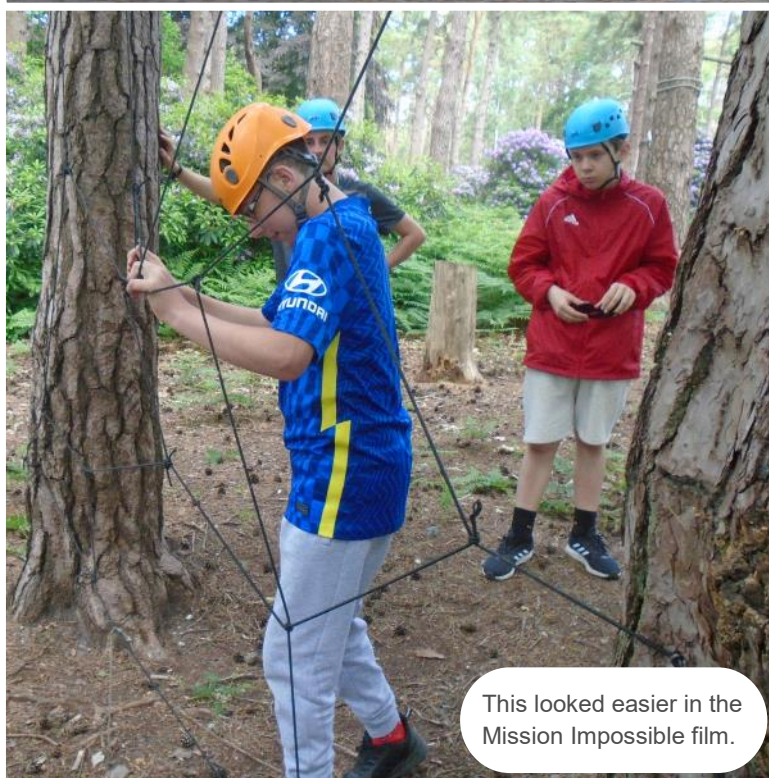
Teamwork !



Preparation for the high ropes.



Which way is upstream?

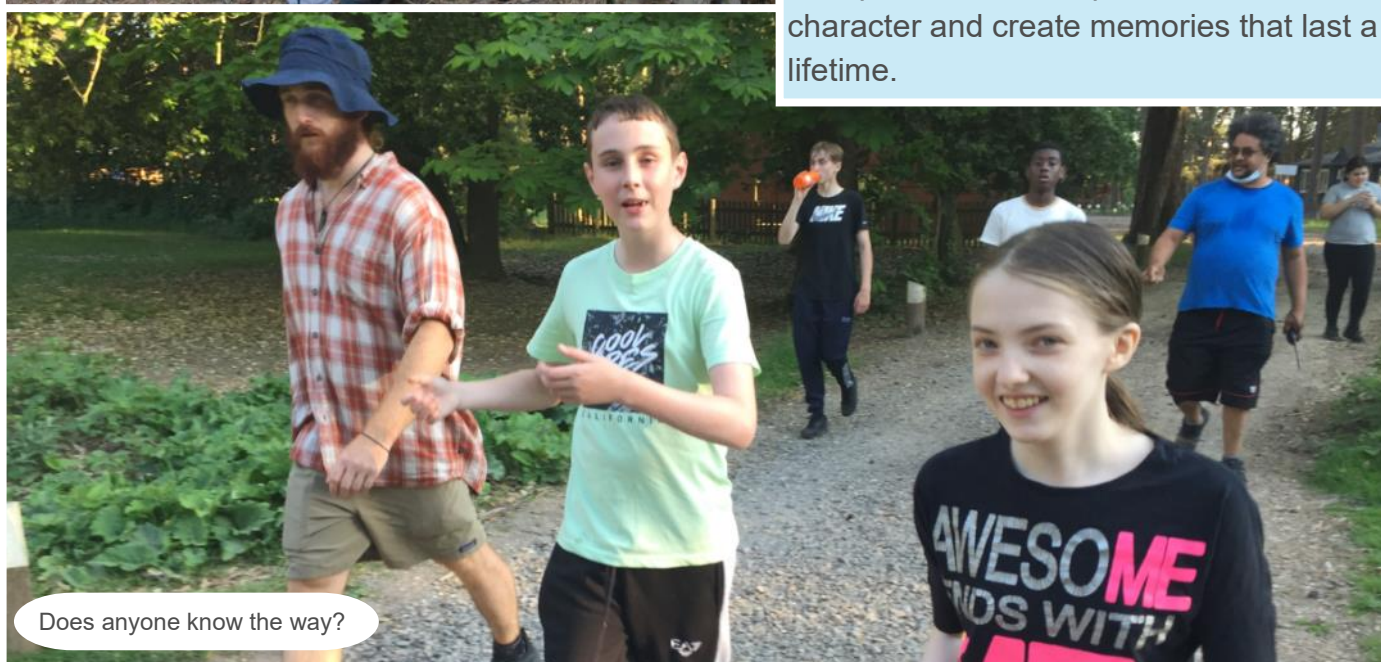


This looked easier in the Mission Impossible film.



There is light at the end of the tunnel for Archie.

The children took part in kayaking, high ropes, low ropes, climbing, mountain biking, trust walk, bottle rockets and many more activities that helped them realise their potential, develop life skills, build character and create memories that last a lifetime.



Does anyone know the way?



The activities were beneficial for boosting confidence, physical health, learning outside the classroom, appreciation for the environment and the ability to work as part of a team.

NEW FOREST
ACTIVITIES 



Step four

Last week the Secretary of State for Education wrote [an open letter to parents](#) encouraging continued regular testing, to support all the hard work schools and colleges have been doing to increase participation.

COVID-19 TEST





From 16 August 2021, children under the age of 18 years old will no longer be required to self-isolate if they are contacted by NHS Test & Trace as a close contact of a positive COVID-19 case. Instead, children will be contacted by NHS Test & Trace, informed they have been in close contact with a positive case and advised to take a PCR test. We would encourage all individuals to take a PCR test if advised to do so. Please speak to your child's Class Teacher if you would like to collect a Lateral Flow or PCR test before the end of term.



Following DfE guidance, we will encourage Secondary pupils to resume testing on return to school for the autumn term.

If your child is willing to participate but you have not yet given your permission, please contact Mrs Pelikan (KS3) or Mr Griffiths (KS4) for a Parental Consent Form for Covid-19 Testing.

 HM Government

 NHS
Test and Trace

Covid-19 Testing

With symptoms

'PCR' tests

When to take the test


- If you have Covid-19 symptoms
- To confirm your positive lateral flow test result

How long it takes

- These tests are processed in labs
- Up to 3 days, most results the next day

Get a test

- At home
- At a test site



Without symptoms

'rapid lateral flow' tests

When to take the test


- If you do not have symptoms of Covid-19
- As part of routine testing twice a week

How long it takes

- Result processed by test device
- Around 30 minutes

Get a test

- At home
- At a test site
- At work
- At your nursery
- At your secondary school
- At your university
- Collect from a pharmacy
- Order online



Find out more at [GOV.UK](#) or call 119

Summer Reading Challenge 2021

WILD WORLD Heroes

Presented by The Reading Agency
Delivered in partnership with libraries



The annual Summer Reading Challenge 2021 will be taking place in Hounslow Libraries. Organised by charity The Reading Agency www.readingagency.org.uk and the UK public library network since 1999, the **Summer Reading Challenge** is the UK's biggest annual reading promotion for children aged 4 to 11.

It's FUN! It's FREE! It's LOCAL!



How the Challenge works

- Wild World Heroes begins on **Saturday 24th July 2021** and finishes on **Saturday 12th September 2021**.
- Children sign up through their local library and receive a Wild World Heroes collector poster. **Please Note:** the following Libraries are closed at the moment; **Heston, Hounslow** and **Isleworth**. Children can sign up to the Reading Challenge at any of the other Hounslow Libraries.
- Children set a reading goal and borrow and read library books of their own choice during the summer, collecting special stickers to complete their poster and extra incentives along the way
- Children who complete the **Summer Reading Challenge** are presented with a certificate and a medal
- The official Challenge website wildworldheroes.org.uk hosts digital rewards, author videos, games and more for children to enjoy all summer.



Letter from Marcus Rashford and Henry Dimbleby on Holiday Activities and Food Programme

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We hope you are well and that your children are enjoying the summer term and the warm weather!

Ahead of the summer holidays, we wanted to let you know about the brilliant new [Holiday Activities & Food](#) programme which is operating in your local area. We are helping to launch a new film to promote the programme so parents know that their children can get involved in a local holiday club when the school term ends this July.

We know that the holidays can be a really difficult time for families who are struggling to make ends meet or who are juggling work and childcare. The holidays should be a time for every child to enjoy themselves rather than worrying about having enough to eat or how they can spend their free time.

That's why we're really excited about the summer holiday programmes that are being funded by the Government and will take place across the whole of England. This was recommended by the National Food Strategy when it was published last year. A petition supporting the recommendation was signed by over 1 million people.

Places on the holiday schemes are available for free to children who receive free school meals, but children and young people of all ages and backgrounds are welcome to attend. Each local programme will provide delicious, healthy meals, allow kids to get active, help them learn new things, make friends and have fun. And that is what the holidays are all about!

You can find out more by watching this new film that we've made:

<https://youtu.be/KDgm8KpXAXE>

The holiday programmes are open to children of any age and are free for children eligible for free school meals. They will:

- Provide a safe and supportive environment for children.
- Be led by experienced local coordinators teaming up with a range of different partners in their communities.
- Serve children tasty and nutritious food and opportunities to learn about food and nutrition.
- Organise lots of activities so every child can find something they enjoy - from Kung Fu and cooking to bushcraft.
- Keep children and young people happy, healthy and active.
- Offer a flexible childcare option for busy parents.

You can find out exactly what's available in your local area either by visiting your [council's website](#) or by searching online for HAF (that stands for Holiday Activity & Food).

We hope you and your family have a great summer with the Holiday Activities & Food programme!

Yours sincerely

Marcus Rashford MBE

Henry Dimbleby MBE (Founder of Leon, Independent Lead of the National Food Strategy)

Every child in reception, year one and year two will be given a free nutritious meal at lunch time. This includes:

- Infant pupils in maintained infant and primary schools.
- Free schools.
- Academies.
- Schools for pupils with special educational needs and pupil referral units.



Could your child be entitled to a

FREE school meal?



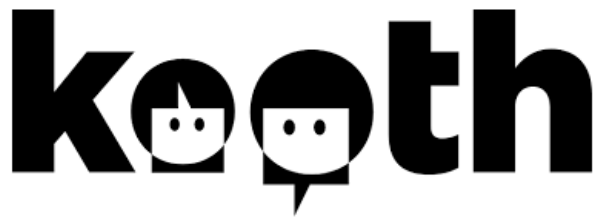
Your children are entitled to free school meals if you receive one of the below benefits:

- Income Support.
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance.
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance.
- Universal Credit and have an annual income of no more than £7,400.
- Child Tax Credit, but not entitled to a Working Tax Credit and have an annual income (as assessed by the Inland Revenue) of no more than £16,190.
- Guaranteed Element of State Pension Credit or are being supported by the National Asylum Support Service (NASS).



To apply for free school meals please click [here](#).

Please note: Applications for free school meals cannot be backdated.



Kooth is an online **mental wellbeing** community for young people

Here are some of the features young people can access on Kooth:



Magazine

The Kooth magazine shares personal experiences and tips from young people and our Kooth team



Discussion Boards

Young people can start or join a conversation with our friendly Kooth community, with lots of topics to choose from



Chat

Young people can chat with our helpful team about anything that's on their mind



Daily Journal

Young people can view their daily journal to track feelings or emotions and reflect on how they're doing

Free mental health support for all young people in Hounslow aged 11-25

Kooth is a free, safe and anonymous space for all children and young people aged 11-25 to receive counselling and mental health support. Kooth has been fully commissioned by the NHS North West London Collaborative of Clinical Commissioning Groups since 1st June 2021.

To find out more, visit - www.kooth.com



Are you feeling inspired by the super summer of sports taking place in 2021?

From Harlequins' emphatic double-championship winning season, to England's amazing campaign at the Euro's, the annual wonder of Wimbledon to a British & Irish Lions tour to South Africa, or perhaps even the excitement surrounding cricket's newest format, The Hundred and not to mention the Tokyo Olympics & Paralympics. This summer has something for everyone!

And so do we! Come and join The Harlequins Foundation for an action-packed summer of sports fun and games, including competitions, challenges and some very special guests!

As part of the nationwide Holiday Activity & Food programme, the Foundation are running their biggest summer holiday programme yet! Find out how you can get involved, below:

Who can take part?	Anyone living or going to school in Hounslow, Richmond or Kingston, aged 5-16 years. All abilities are welcome.
When?	10am til 2pm daily throughout August (Monday – Thursday).
Where?	Richmond & Kingston: Twickenham Stoop Stadium, Langhorn Drive (TW2 7SX) Hounslow: Springwest Academy, Browells Lane, Feltham (TW13 7EF) Hounslow: Kingsley Academy, Cecil Road, Hounslow (TW3 1AX)
Cost?	£25.00 per day. *places are fully subsidised for those eligible to receive benefit-related free school meals.
What's included?	Fully qualified sports coaching with The Harlequins Foundation. Healthy lunches prepared by Harlequins' chef team, delivered daily to each venue. Opportunities to learn how to 'Eat like a Harlequin'. Giveaways and prizes up for grabs each week.
Bookings?	Twickenham Stoop: https://bit.ly/2U2y5W7 Springwest Academy: https://bit.ly/3AO7UmR Kingsley Academy: https://bit.ly/3hxtl3H

Governors Update



Mr Shahid Khan **Chair of Governors**

I have been Chair of Governors for about 4 years at Marjory Kinnon School and I will be stepping down as Chair this autumn.

I just wanted to assure you that the school has performed amazingly during the Covid-19 epidemic and, like me, you should be proud of the school. The school is doing very well and that has been achieved through teamwork and everyone has duly played their part.

I hope you and your family have a great summer and enjoy the lockdown easing the Government is proposing.



Mr Andrew Wood **Chair of the Child, Family & Community Committee**

Much of the CFC Committee's work has focused on building stronger connections with MKS's families and staff through conversation, communication and engagement. We've supported the school's initiative on parental engagement, advised the school on collecting and acting on equality measures, shared regular governor updates with staff and parents, and reviewed staff engagement and wellbeing over the year. Heathrow was, of course, eerily quiet for much of this year, which inevitably impacted on our plans to connect with the local community outside of MKS. I'm hopeful that we can focus more on building stronger links with the school's external community in 2021-2022, and to hold events for families and staff at MKS once more.



Mr Paul Goulden **Chair of the Health & Safety Committee**

In an unprecedented year of massive change, it has been business as usual with all usual H&S checks undertaken in liaison with the Site Team.

Inspections were undertaken out of school hours and meetings by zoom.

Governors are pleased to announce that the school has received the Unicef Rights Respecting Schools Silver Award. This signifies

We would like to thank those staff who have empowered the children across the school and embedded this ethos. Our pupil community has knowledge and understanding of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child.

This silver level recognises that teaching and learning about, *through and for rights* is becoming established in aspects of the community.



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RESPECTING
SCHOOLS**

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SILVER – RIGHTS AWARE



‘Asthma Friendly’ School Status



Marjory Kinnon accepted the NWL Champions of Asthma Team's invitation to all schools in North West London to achieve '**Asthma Friendly School**' status. This is part of the strategy for early intervention to improve the management of all children with asthma throughout North West London.

What does this mean for Marjory Kinnon School?

We named Debbie Lee, our Medical Officer, as our 'Asthma Champion' responsible for asthma in school; linking with community asthma services and to attend annual Schools Asthma Workshops.

- Debbie oversees:
 - Maintenance of the school's Register of all known asthmatics.
 - Creation of the school's Asthma Policy.
 - Availability of accessible inhalers for all children with asthma and emergency Inhaler Kits.
 - Scheduling of whole school Asthma Training for staff.
 - Display of the Asthma Emergency Plan in school.
 - Completion of an annual Asthma Audit.

We are very pleased to report that we are the first school in the borough to be awarded '**Asthma Friendly**' School status and Sanjeev Beharee (Lead Asthma Nurse) presented a certificate to Debbie Lee.