



MARJORY KINNON NEWS

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Key Dates

Friday 18th December

Last day of Autumn Term - 1pm finish.

Monday 4 January

First Day of Spring Term

Monday 15 February to Friday 19 February
Half Term

Thursday 1 April to Friday 16 April 2021
Easter Holiday

Headteacher's Welcome

I would like to thank all parents for supporting us during the first half-term to implement all the restrictions and Government guidelines. I would also like to welcome all new parents whose child started with us in September. Usually we would have events and coffee mornings where I could welcome you in person but Covid-19 has sadly prevented these events from happening this year. I am hoping that at some point this academic year in the Spring Term we will be able to invite you in to meet us. At Marjory Kinnon we love to invite our families and community into the school and sincerely hope that this can happen again in the not too distant future.

This is a very tough time for us all, and as you will see on the news, cases are rising worryingly. Please can I ask you not to send your child in if they have any of the symptoms of Covid-19. If your child has a temperature or persistent cough we have to ask you to keep them home and get a test and we will need to see evidence of a negative result before they can return. I am hoping we can keep the school open until Christmas and we did manage to successfully keep the Primary open for most of last term. Unfortunately, having 3 positive cases in Secondary did mean we had no option other than to collapse most classes.

If this happens again throughout the winter season all the teachers will be available on Google Classrooms to continue teaching your child remotely. I know that the vast majority of you would expect the school to put safety first and follow Public Health England advice but I would ask the few parents that disagree and resort to blaming the staff to please understand that it is no-one's fault that this is happening, least of all teaching staff who just follow Government guidelines.

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I have been asked by the London Borough of Hounslow to alert you all to the fact that Hounslow is a very high risk area and to please follow the Government guidelines at all times. Please wear face masks when dropping and collecting the children.

New Guidance: **What to do if your child develops symptoms of COVID-19**

If your child develops symptoms of COVID-19, they should remain at home for at least 10-days from the date when their symptoms appeared.

All other household members who remain well must stay at home and not leave the house for 14-days. The 14-day period starts from the day when the first person in the house became ill.

Household members should not go to work, school or public areas and exercise should be taken within the home.

Household members staying at home for 14-days will greatly reduce the overall amount of infection the household could pass on to others in the community.

If you are able, move any vulnerable individuals (such as the elderly and those with underlying health conditions) out of your home, to stay with friends or family for the duration of the home isolation period.

I am hoping that with your help and vigilance we will be able to prevent any further outbreaks and closures of class this half-term.

England enters a second lockdown on **Bonfire Night**, Thursday 5 November. With major displays cancelled and strict rules about gathering, what can we and can't we do?

All major fireworks displays are off in 2020, due to the coronavirus lockdown, but some people might still want to let off some rockets in their own back gardens. Here are some useful things to know.



Can I invite family or friends to a fireworks party in my back garden?

No. Under the lockdown restrictions, you must not meet inside or in your garden with family or friends, unless they are part of your household - that is, the people you live with or a support bubble.

Anyone caught in breach of lockdown rules on household mixing, even in a garden, could face a fine starting at £200. If you are found to be the organiser of a gathering of more than 30 people - such as a firework display for family and friends - you could face a fine of £10,000.

If you are still planning to go ahead with a fireworks display, please follow the Firework Code:

- Only buy fireworks with a CE mark
- Don't drink alcohol if setting off fireworks
- Keep fireworks in a closed box
- Follow the instructions on each firework
- Light them at arm's length, using a taper
- Stand well back
- Never go near a firework that has been lit. Even if it hasn't gone off, it could still explode
- Never put fireworks in your pocket or throw them
- Direct rockets away from spectators
- Always supervise children around fireworks
- Light sparklers one at a time and wear gloves
- Never give sparklers to a child under 5
- Keep pets indoors
- Don't let off fireworks after 11pm

Summer Play Schemes

To support pupils in Years 2, 3, 4 & 5 who had not had an opportunity to return to school over the lockdown, the school offered two 3-day Summer Play & Catch-up Programmes in July and August.



↑ Who is going to win the game of 'Guess Who', Mr Dooley or Charlie?



↑ Good weather for Maluke to keep fit



↑ Max captures the blue sky in his drawing.

The children participated in physical activity, Arts & Crafts and Reading catch-up.

Christian is using all the pens for his colourful drawing of flags →



↑ Wimbledon was cancelled but Kevin, Katy & Haris still enjoyed their tennis drills



Jayden signs his artwork



NOTICEBOARD DISPLAYS OF PUPIL WORK

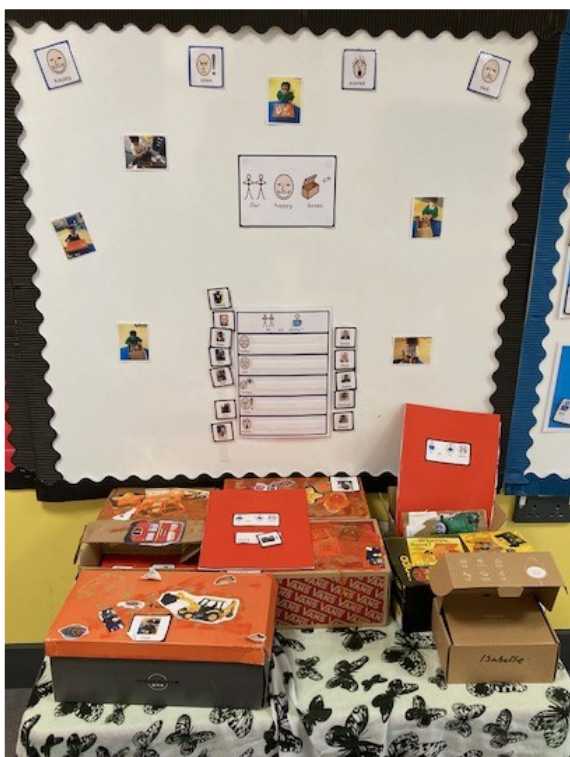
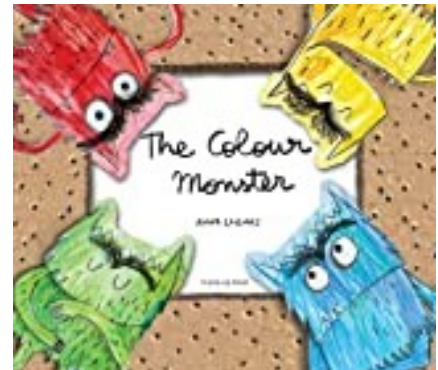
The Heads of Departments shared with Governors the good work completed across the school.

Early Years & Primary

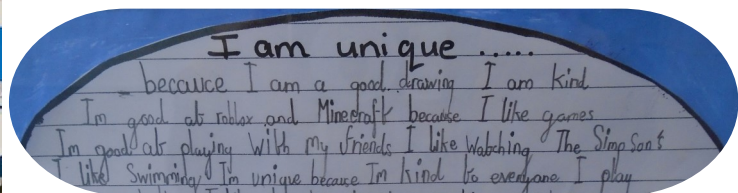
The Departments demonstrated examples of work towards the recovery curriculum including a classroom project with pupils looking at the Kandinsky Tree of Life. The children were able to express themselves through the artwork and show their individual personalities.



Classes did a project on emotions, learning to recognise, name and talk about emotions and used the Colour Monsters book as a guide.



Pupils designed their own 'Happiness Box' as introduced by Ms Meredith at the autumn whole school assembly. The children stuck images of preferred items onto them and filled them with their favourite classroom toys. The teaching staff created an area for pupils to display the boxes and to express their feelings.

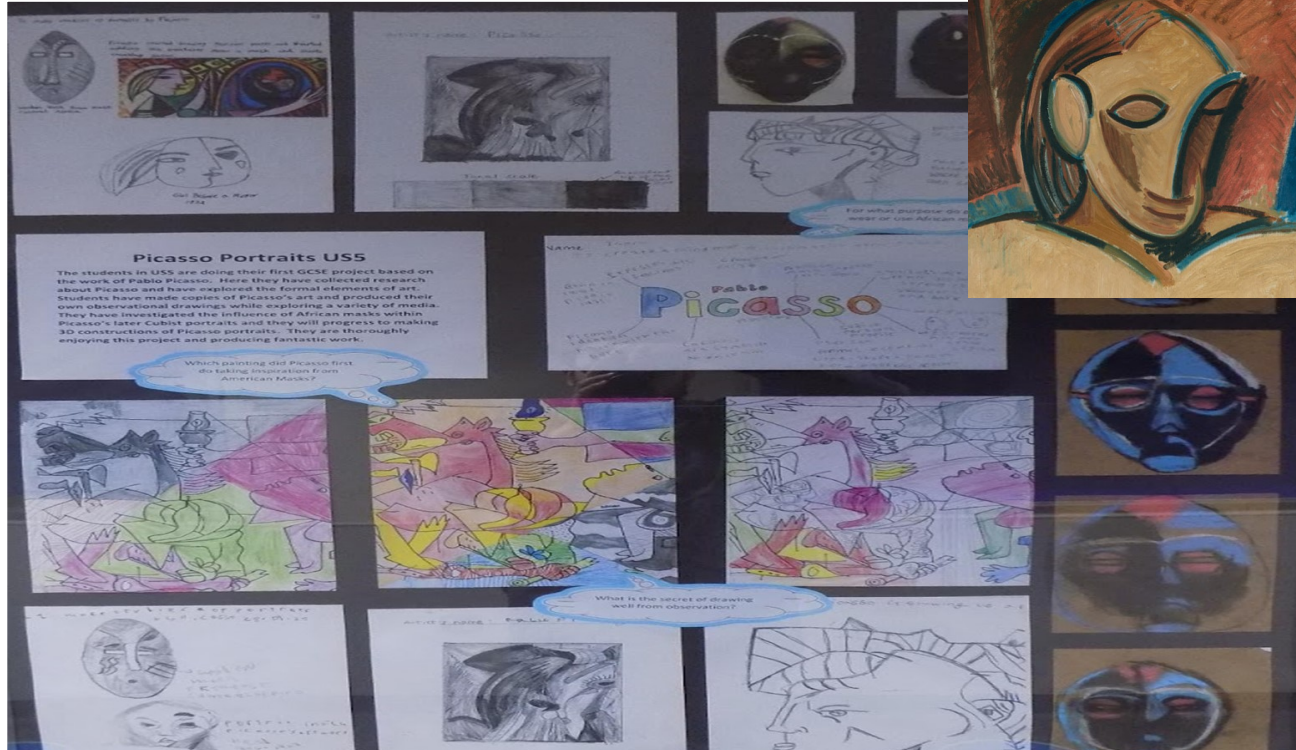


Each child also created an 'All About Me' book with images of themselves and their families, which is kept with the 'Happiness Boxes' for pupil reflection.

NOTICEBOARD DISPLAYS OF PUPIL WORK

Secondary

Students in US5 have based their GCSE project on Pablo Picasso. They have researched his work and explored the formal elements of his art. Using copies of Picasso's art, students have produced their own observational drawings using a variety of media. They have investigated the influence of African masks within Picasso's later cubist portraits and next steps will include the construction of 3D portraits.



Take One Picture is the National Gallery's scheme for schools with the focus on art to inspire cross-curricular work in classrooms. The challenge is to use images imaginatively in the classroom, both as a stimulus for artwork, and for work in more unexpected curriculum areas.



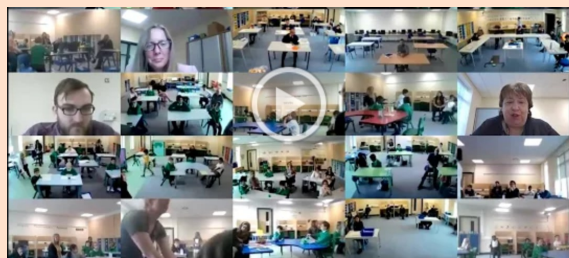
WHAT THE GOVERNING BODY DID THIS TERM

The term started with a virtual **Extraordinary Full Governing Body** meeting to consider the Risk Assessment for the reopening of the school. The document was written by the SLT in conjunction with the Local Authority Health & Safety Advisors. Governors recorded that the Risk Assessment catered for all possible eventualities and was a credit to the contributors. The document (which was published on the school's website) was fluid and would continue to be updated with ongoing Government guidance.

The Governors sent a letter to staff thanking them for their professionalism and for all their work to get the school ready for the autumn term under such challenging circumstances. The Governors asked staff to let them know what support the Governing Body could provide to help them do their jobs and for their wellbeing.

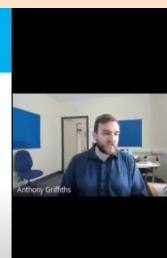
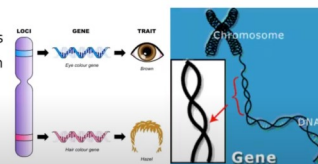
The Governing Body are holding a regular schedule of virtual meetings to ensure the safety of everyone at school during these unprecedented times and are in frequent touch to fully support the school leadership.

Although the **Teaching & Learning Committee** will not be conducting its usual in-person monitoring visits for the time being, the Governors are exploring ways to connect with the school and experience the great work the pupils are doing first-hand. This latest monitoring included noticeboard displays (as mentioned in this newsletter), virtual assemblies (snapshots below) and livestream observation of remote teaching via Google Classrooms.



GENES

A section of DNA that codes for a function in an organism



The Governors would like to thank all parents and carers for your continuing goodwill and messages of support and positivity. If you would like to get in touch directly with the Chair of Governors please email the Clerk on ageraghty@marjorykinnon.hounslow.sch.uk or call 020 8890 8890 and Annette will forward your communication.

Marjory Kinnon School are pleased to welcome **WilsonJones Catering Ltd** as our new contract catering provider. The service will launch from November 2020. WilsonJones specialise in education catering and have a passion and drive to provide the very best school meal service using the very best ingredients.



Local Testing Locations

Hounslow hosts a Mobile Testing Unit every three days.

If you have symptoms of coronavirus, it is important that you get tested. You and your household should self-isolate and only leave the house to go and get tested.

If you are a Keyworker in Hounslow, you are entitled to be tested regularly, even if you do not have symptoms, to prevent asymptomatic spread of coronavirus.

Mobile Testing Units usually operate from **10.30am-3.30pm**. You need to book an appointment online before you go to the site.



Date	Location
Tuesday 3 November	Bell Road Carpark, Hounslow, TW3 3NX.
Friday 6 November	
Monday 9 November	
Thursday 12 November	
Sunday 15 November	
Tuesday 17 November	Please note: Parking is not be available at this site on testing days, except for those getting a test done for coronavirus.
Wednesday 18 November	
Saturday 21 November	
Tuesday 24 November	
Friday 27 November	
Monday 30 November	

Appointments are open from 6pm the night before the testing opens e.g. if the Mobile Testing Unit is on a Sunday, appointments open on the Saturday at 6pm.

You can book an appointment at the testing site by visiting www.nhs.uk/coronavirus or by calling 119. When you book an appointment, you'll be asked to provide your postcode and other details. You will then be provided with available testing sites close to you. If you have any issues or queries, please contact publichealth@hounslow.gov.uk.

CAN YOU HELP?



PARENT GOVERNOR NOMINATIONS

Our two Parent/Carer Governors play a vital role in our Governing Body. You do not need formal qualifications or governance experience. Instead you need a keen interest in the school, a commitment to improving the educational outcomes for all pupils and be prepared to play an active part in the governing body's work.

Time commitment is a minimum of four Full Governing Body evening meetings and three daytime Committee meetings each year. Training is available and this governing body has an expectation that those new to being a governor, attend free induction training.

We will be sending a letter and Nomination Form to all parents today. If you would like more information about the process, please contact Annette Geraghty on 020 8890 8890 or email via ageraghty@marjorykinnon.hounslow.sch.uk.

PTA VOLUNTEERS

If you are not sure how much time you can commit but would be interested in volunteering, we are looking for parent ambassadors to help us form our Parent Teacher Association.

The PTA's purpose is to build strong relationships among parents, teachers and the school, in support of our pupils. Would you like to be part of a team playing a part in setting up the PTA's constitution (rules), encouraging others to join, proposing topics for parental workshops, coordinating fundraising events like the Summer Fayre and much more. The PTA will work with the school to jointly decide how any money raised can be used to best benefit the children.

If you would like an informal chat to find out more, please contact Jozsef Kalman on 020 8890 8890 or via email at jkalman@marjorykinnon.hounslow.sch.uk.

THINGS TO DO IN NOVEMBER

It looks likely that public Bonfire Night firework displays will be cancelled. Even without fireworks, November in London is brimming with things to do.

Christmas at Kew is selling fast but there are still some tickets for this year's technicolour trail which features some favourite installations on a new route that leads through the park.



Kew Gardens have worked hard to ensure that the one-way trail is Covid safe with additional entry/exit gates, thorough cleaning and spaced-out arrival times.

18 Nov to 3 Jan, Wed-Sun, 4pm-10pm.

£19.50-£24.50. www.kew.org/kew-gardens/whats-on/christmas

*Waterman's Children's Theatre presents **Zoom!** on **Sunday 22 November at 1.30pm or 3.30pm.***

A play for children aged 3-8 years with music, songs and puppetry. An introduction into ways children can help to protect their environment.

Price £10. *You'll be allocated 2 extra seats when booking to allow for social distancing.*

www.watermans.org.uk/events/zoom-3-8yrs/



Molly knows everything about space. All the planets and their moons; even the number of Saturn's rings. EVERYTHING! Molly is definitely, absolutely going to be an astronaut when she grows up. But when, one wintry night, Molly meets a visitor from outer space she realises she still has a lot to learn about looking after our very own planet, Earth.



*The National History Museum have turned their **Dawnosaurs** events into a set of free activities aimed at children with neurodiverse conditions including autism and other sensory processing difficulties.*

www.nhm.ac.uk/events/dawnosaurs.html

Enjoy fun, educational resources and take part in mini-beast-themed activities you can do at home, including learning how to make a pitfall trap, colouring in different mini-beasts like a bumblebee and luna moth, and reading a letter from scientist Adrian about the different types of woodlouse you may find.



Oral Health Parent Workshops

You are invited to join our free online parent/carer workshops!

It's absolutely essential to look after our teeth especially during the Covid-19 pandemic. These informal sessions will give you information, knowledge and ideas on how to make healthier choices for your children and family.

Topics covered:

- Brushing tips and techniques
- The process of dental decay and how to protect our teeth
- Tooth-friendly foods and drinks
- Advice on visiting the dentist
- And much more!

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Join us virtually on Thursday 05.11.20 at 1:30 pm

Join us on Zoom, click on the link below and enter the passcode:

<https://zoom.us/j/97807830590?pwd=VVUrMnk4TFdjQXVnRlBINUh6YlRkZz09>

Meeting ID: 978 0783 0590

Passcode: OHP20

Ghalia the Oral Health Promoter will be there to answer any questions you may have on your child's dental health.



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