

MARJORY KINNON NEWS

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Key Dates

Friday 22 October 2021

INSET Day School closed for pupils

Monday 25 to Friday 29 October 2021

Half-term.

Monday 1 November

Pupil Photography

Friday 17 December 2021

Last day of term - 1pm finish.

Tuesday 4 January 2022

Spring term begins.

Headteachers Welcome

It is great to be back in school with less restrictions for pupils in their learning. However, I am concerned about the high number of positive infections we have had amongst the children since we have returned. As we go into winter, I want there to be as little disruption as possible due to the continuing pandemic. I would therefore ask for your support with regular Lateral Flow testing of the older pupils who can cope with it. Hopefully, we can all work together as a school community to protect the children's education this term.

We are looking forward to lots of events and activities this autumn term and will be working hard at putting catch-up interventions in place, particularly focused on reading. We are taking part in a 'Get Hounslow Reading' project that promotes reading for pleasure. Even if your child struggles with reading, it is so valuable for them to share a book read by you. Parents who read with their children and share books from a young age make a huge difference to their child's future reading development. It creates a love for books. It would be great if you supported us at home with this reading initiative and shared a book with your child on a daily basis.



**IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR
SECONDARY PARENTS WHO MISSED
THE OPPORTUNITY FOR THEIR CHILD
TO GET THE VACCINE AT SCHOOL**

NHS NW London Vaccination Team
15 Marylebone Road
London NW1 5JD

NWL vaccination team
nhsnwccg.c-19.vac.group@nhs.net

RE: Offer of further opportunities to take up the COVID-19 Vaccination for 12-15 year olds

Dear Parents and Carers

Covid vaccinations are now taking place for 12-15 year olds across North West London including at your child's school. All 12-15 year olds are being offered one dose of covid vaccine.

We are aware that there are some children who were unable to be vaccinated on the day we were at their school for various reasons including:

- A large number of eligible children meaning it may not have been possible to vaccinate all 12-15 year olds on the day of clinic - If this included your child then we'd like to apologise for any inconvenience caused;
- They may have been unable to attend school on the day due to illness;
- Your child may have tested positive for covid and was not eligible on the day as there needs to be 28-days between getting a positive covid test and being able to take up the COVID-19 vaccination;
- or they were not aged 12 on the day the clinic took place but have subsequently turned 12 and are now eligible.

Similarly, you may home educate your child and would now like the opportunity to take up the vaccine but need to know how and where to go to get your child vaccinated.

In order to ensure that every child gets the opportunity to take up the vaccine, our vaccination team will be operating clinics during the October half-term at the locations listed below:

Location: Cranford Community College, High St, Hounslow TW5 9PD

Date: Monday 25th October

Time: 9am to 5pm

Or:

Location: The Hub/Beavers103 Salisbury Road, Hounslow, Middlesex, TW4 7NW

Date: Friday 29th October

Time: 9am - 4pm

You don't need to book a slot, you can simply turn up and walk-in on the day.

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However, please can we ask you to:

- **Provide consent:** we will need parents or legal guardian to sign the attached consent form and bring it with them, even if you have already previously done so. If you are unable to print the consent form in advance a copy will be available at the clinic.
- **Ensure that your child is accompanied on the day of clinic:** please make sure that your child is accompanied by a parent or legal guardian, ideally by whomever has signed the consent form.

Depending on demand there may be a short queue, but we will aim to see children as soon as possible.

In addition to the clinics running during half-term, you may be invited by your GP to vaccination clinics they are running. It is your choice where to go, but please remember that 12-15 year olds will only receive one dose of the vaccine.

Once again thank you for your understanding while we work to make sure every eligible child in NW London who wishes to receive their Covid-19 vaccine does so as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely

NWL vaccination team
nhsnwccg.c-19.vac.group@nhs.net

PLEASE CONTACT THE SCHOOL OFFICE FOR A CONSENT FORM

Who should have the COVID-19 vaccines



The vaccine is most important for the small number of children and young people who are likely to get poorly with COVID-19.

They include those with:



Severe neurodisabilities.



Immunosuppression – those whose immune systems don't work as well. Also those who live with someone who is immunosuppressed.



Profound and multiple or severe learning disabilities.
Being on the learning disability register.
Those living with Down's syndrome.



Those living with long term serious conditions affecting your body.
Your GP will know if you need to have the vaccine.

Who should have the COVID-19 vaccines



All these children and young people who are aged 12 to 15 years of age, should have the COVID-19 vaccinations.

About the vaccine



You may need 2 injections of the vaccine usually 8 to 12 weeks apart.



The vaccine has been tested to make sure it is as safe as possible.

DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD



The Duke of Edinburgh's Award is achievable by any young person who chooses to take up its challenge, regardless of ability, gender, background or location. Marjory Kinnon had four intrepid adventurers take part in this expedition.



Well done to Dotun, Sam, Shalemraj and Yaqub (from US5 and US6) who braved the elements to explore the countryside and earn a certificate based on their personal challenge.

This is a prestigious Award that colleges, universities and employers look out for, as it shows resilience, confidence, team working, communication and drive.

Big Top Day & Circus Skills Workshops



The children were very excited to welcome **CIRCUS SENSIBLE** who set up their tent on the playing field. The Circus Skills Workshop was a whole school event which took place on a beautiful sunny day in mid-July.



Activities took place outdoors in the tent and also in the Sports Hall with magic tricks and illusion and plate spinning.



Circus Skills encourage creative thinking, reinforce positive learning, enhance kinaesthetic skills, instil enthusiasm in the learning process, boost self confidence, aid social & personal development, promote cross curricular education, are a fun gateway into physical education, develop language skills, increase self esteem & self awareness and most of all are FUN!



To maintain social distancing, each class attended a drop-in workshop of skills in the Big Top including beginners stilt walking and tight rope walking.



The activities helped the children with their coordination, balance and motor skills, as well as their concentration and perseverance.





Does your child suffer with sleep issues?

Do you struggle with your child's bedtime?
Will your child not sleep in their own bed?

MKS PARENTAL WORKSHOP

Thank you to those who responded to our recent survey below sent out by the Office. Due to the large number of parents who expressed an interest, the session will take place remotely to avoid large gatherings in school. Date and other details will follow shortly.



Workshop- Want to know more about Sleep?

Marjory Kinnon School is planning to organise a workshop on Sleep (Want to know more about sleep) for parents during School hours. Following topics will be covered:

- *Importance of sleep*
- *Sleep physiology*
- *Impact of sleep deprivation*
- *Common sleep issues in children & young people*
- *Strategies to improve sleep / practical tips*
- *Q&A*

Please reply by 22nd October 2021 at the latest so we can see if there is enough interest to go ahead with the workshop.



Our Parent English Club flyer was sent out to parents this week. For more information, email wmir@marjorykinnon.hounslow.sch.uk



15 October 2021

Parent English Club!

Would you like to develop your English language skills?

Do you need some help with reading?

Could you do with a bit of conversation practice?

If any of the above fits you, we're here to help!

*You Never Know What
You Can Do Until You Try*



*Kindness, Respect,
Tolerance*

This club will help develop your reading, writing and speaking skills. You will hopefully gain more confidence using the English language!

The club will take place every Monday until Christmas break from 2pm-2:45pm

The first session is scheduled for Monday 1st November 2021

If this is something that you are interested in, please write your name and contact details on the bottom of this slip and return it with your child to their class teacher or to the Office.

Your name: _____

Child's name: _____

Contact number: _____

Email: _____

Class teacher: _____

Alternatively, you can send an email to wmir@marjorykinnon.hounslow.sch.uk to register your interest

Mr Mir can communicate in/understand the following languages: Urdu, Hindi, Punjabi and Gujarati

Refreshments will be provided

In Early Years we want to encourage all our children to take part in role-play related to their real life experiences and to build upon the wealth of cultural diversity we have within our school. We are hoping to build a resource bank of cultural and religious artefacts which we can use within our home corners and in teaching and learning activities which support the children's learning, social and emotional development and reflect their home environments.

We are looking for donations of everyday home objects to support us in this, such as:

- Roti pans and rolling pins. → Woks. → Balti pans. → Bamboo steamers.*
- Mortar and pestles. → Small pots, pans and baking tins. → Diva lamps.*
- Electronic items which are no longer working and used by your family such as home phones, keyboards and CD players. Please do not send in equipment with glass screens.*
- Traditional clothing such as saris, Indian suits, traditional African style dresses and suits, traditional Chinese and Asian style dresses and suits.*
- Decorations for Diwali, Eid, Hanukah, Chinese New Year and Christmas such as lanterns, candles, cards.*
- Books, rhyme and song sheets in your home language.*



We would be grateful if items can be handed to your child's class teacher please for forwarding on to Early Years classrooms. Thank you.

Pupil Photography

Tempest Photography will be visiting Marjory Kinnon School on Monday 1st November.



They will be taking photographs of all the students and the school will use these images to update our pupil records.

Parents will receive an email with a digital image for you to be able to purchase a photograph of your child if you wish.



2020 was the first time in their history that the Poppy Appeal were unable to carry out face to face collections. This year, as they celebrate 100 years of the Poppy Appeal, they are asking for your help to create better futures for our Armed Forces and their families. **Please buy a poppy from Reception.**



Pupil Premium & Free School Meals

If your child is eligible for 'free school meals' and you register them for this, Marjory Kinnon School will receive extra funding called 'pupil premium'. We use this extra money to improve the educational provision and resources at the school.

What is pupil premium funding?

Pupil premium funding from the Government is given to schools to help pupils reach their full potential, regardless of their background or financial situation. It's provided for pupils who:

- ♦ Are registered for free school meals
- ♦ Have been registered for free school meals at any point in the past 6 years
- ♦ Are, or have been, in care
- ♦ Have parents in the armed forces

Is my child eligible for free school meals?

Your child might be eligible if you access:

- ♦ Income Support
- ♦ Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance or Employment and Support Allowance
- ♦ Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- ♦ The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- ♦ Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- ♦ Working Tax Credit run-on
- ♦ Universal Credit, provided you have an annual net earned income not exceeding £7,400 (£616.67 per month)

Universal infant free school meals

Currently, pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to a free school meal thanks to a different Government funding scheme known as universal infant free school meals (UIFSM). UIFSM is different to free schools meals and the pupil premium.

If your child is eligible for free school meals (according to the criteria above) and you register, the school will receive the extra pupil premium funding.

Does my child have to eat the free school meals?

Pupils who are registered for free school meals do not have to eat them. If you're eligible but you want your child to have packed lunches you should still register because the school will receive the funding which can support your child in other ways.

How do I register?

For more information and to register go to the London Borough of Hounslow website:

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



The London Borough of Hounslow provide breaks for children with disabilities and their carers. These breaks can be for a few hours, half day, full day or overnight.

The aim is:

- for the child to have fun
- enjoy educational activities as well as leisure or therapeutic activities.
- to let carers take a break from their responsibilities.

We aim to improve the quality of life for families particularly if they feel they are in crisis or experiencing difficulties.

A short break is an enjoyable and fun activity for your child to do after school

Or on the weekends or during the school holidays. Children take part in either one to one or group activities, giving the carer a break to carry out other activities.

The short breaks on offer provide a mix of different activities for children and young people up to the age of 18. Siblings are welcome to join in.



Short Breaks for Disabled Children

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**London Borough
of Hounslow**

Go to the LBH Shortbreaks website to see the timetable of activities for each school holiday so that you can plan activities for your children.

To book onto a short break please call 020 8583 3636 or email:

<https://www.hounslow.gov.uk/shortbreaks>

shortbreaks@hounslow.gov.uk

THE MORE YOU RAISE WEARING THESE

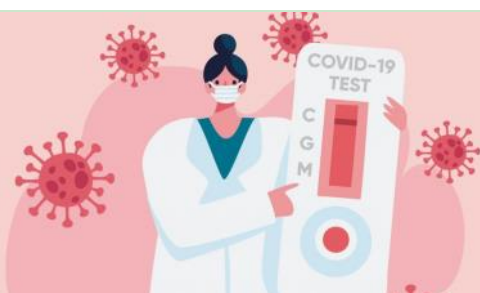
THE MORE LIVES WE CAN TRANSFORM



THANK YOU!

To date we have raised £462 for Jeans for Genes day!
You can still donate if you wish to.

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/marjory-kinnon-school>



Following DfE guidance, we encourage Secondary pupils to Lateral Flow test in school. 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.

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