

Marner Newsletter

Friday 9th October 2026

Dear Marner Families,



Welcome to the final week of this half term!

It has been an incredibly busy start to the school year and, as we reach the end of our first half term together, we would like to thank all of our families for your continued support.

There has been so much to celebrate already. We hope everyone has a positive final week of learning, friendship and achievement before a well-earned break.

SATURDAY

★ **SHINE School@Marner – A Wonderful Start!**

SHINE School started last Saturday and what a wonderful start to our new term!

A very warm welcome to all children joining us.

It was so lovely to see everyone settling in, making new friends and getting engaged in their activities.

The children arrived thriving, smiling and shining brightly – just like the sunshine that welcomed us on our first day! ☀️

We are looking forward to another fantastic term of learning, enrichment and fun together.

The SHINE Team

🏃 **Tower Hamlets Cross Country 2026 – Well Done, Marner!**

The Tower Hamlets Cross Country 2026 competition was a fantastic opportunity for 21 children from Marner to challenge themselves and proudly represent our school.

Every one of our runners showed tremendous determination, resilience and courage – and, most importantly, they really enjoyed the experience.

We are extremely proud of all 21 children.

A special congratulations goes to four children who achieved particularly strong performances and excellent finishing positions for Marner:

- Year 3 Boys – Jesse Ahaotu: 14th
- Year 4 Girls – Yusra Ahmed: 31st
- Year 5 Girls – Eliza Bint Subhan: 18th
- Year 6 Boys – Noah Ibn Subhan: 16th

Well done to all of our children who competed. You represented Marner brilliantly! 💙

Thank you also to Mr Miah for supporting and encouraging our children.

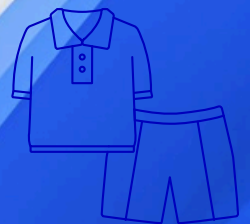


🏃 **Fancy Some More Running?**

Families who would like to continue running together might be interested in Junior parkrun at Mile End Park, which takes place every Sunday at 9:30am.

It is a 2km run for children, and parents can get involved too!

👉 Please see the link shared alongside the newsletter for further information.



👕 **Thank You for Looking So Smart!**

A huge thank you to our families for supporting us with school uniform.

The children are looking incredibly smart and visitors to Marner regularly comment on how well presented they are.

We also really appreciate families choosing plain black footwear, including plain black trainers where appropriate, which helps children look consistent and ready for school.

Thank you for continuing to support us in creating that strong sense of belonging and pride in being part of Marner.





Lost Property – Can You Help Us?

Our lost-property collection has continued to grow and we would really like to get as many items as possible back to the children and families they belong to.

We are looking for some parent volunteers who might be able to help us sort through the lost property so that suitable items can be organised, washed where needed and returned to families.

If you have a little time and would be happy to help, we would be very grateful.

Please speak to us on the gate, leave your name at Reception or email enquiries@marner.towerhamlets.sch.uk.

And please continue to name children's uniform, coats, bags and belongings – it makes returning lost items so much easier!



**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED**

Felix Food – We Need a Parent Team!

We are also looking for parents who can help us with our weekly Felix food delivery.

We are changing the way food is distributed on Fridays and would like a small group of parent volunteers to help us bag the food ready for families, rather than laying everything out at home time.

We hope this will make the system more organised and help us distribute the food as fairly and effectively as possible.

If you are interested and able to help, please speak to Ms Doherty, leave your name at Reception or email enquiries@marner.towerhamlets.sch.uk.

We would love to build a regular parent team around this.



This Week in Assembly – Positive Mental Health

Following World Mental Health Day on Saturday 10th October, one of our assembly focuses this week will be the importance of looking after our mental health and wellbeing.

World Mental Health Day helps raise awareness of mental health and encourages conversations about how people can access support when they need it.

For children, we want this message to be simple and reassuring.

Just as we look after our physical health, we need to look after how we feel, think and cope with the things happening around us.

We will talk with children about recognising their feelings, knowing what helps them feel calm and positive, and understanding that there are times when everyone needs some help.

Most importantly, we will remind every child about their trusted adults.

Every pupil should know that there are adults at home and in school whom they can approach if something is worrying them. Asking for help, talking about a worry and letting someone know how you feel are all important skills.

Our message will be:

Your feelings matter. You do not have to manage worries on your own, and there are adults at Marner who will listen and help. 

Show Racism the Red Card

Our other important assembly focus this week will be Show Racism the Red Card.

The National Wear Red Day takes place on Friday 16th October, bringing schools and communities together to demonstrate their support for anti-racism. We invite everyone to wear red on this day! Show Racism the Red Card uses education to help young people recognise racism, understand its impact and learn how to challenge it.

At Marner, this connects directly with the values we want our children to live every day.

We want pupils to understand that racism and discrimination have no place in our school or wider society. Children should know how to recognise unfair and discriminatory behaviour, how to speak up safely when something is wrong, and how to seek help from a trusted adult.

Our diverse community is one of Marner's greatest strengths. We want every child to feel seen, valued, respected and proud of who they are, while learning to show the same respect and care towards others.

Anti-racism is not simply about saying that we are against racism. It is about developing the confidence and understanding to challenge it when we encounter it.



📅 October Half Term – Important Reminder

A reminder that school closes for the October half term on Friday 16th October at 2:00pm.

Please make arrangements for children to be collected promptly at the earlier finishing time.

We reopen after the half-term break on Monday 2nd November.

School will open at 8:45am for all pupils, with Breakfast Club open from 7:30am for registered Breakfast Club pupils.

We hope all of our children and families have a safe, enjoyable and restful half-term break.

📅 17 Parent Meetings – Save the Dates

Just a reminder that parent meetings with class teachers will take place during the first week back after half term, on:

Tuesday 3rd November 2026

Thursday 5th November 2026

Appointments will be available from 3:30pm to 6:00pm.



📱 Online booking through the Arbor app will open shortly – We will send you a ClassDojo message and an email as soon as booking is live.

These meetings are an important opportunity to meet with your child's teacher, hear how they have settled into their new year group, celebrate the progress they are making and discuss how school and home can continue working together to support them.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Thank you, as always, for everything you do to support your children and Marner.

Have a wonderful final week of the half term. 💙

Sarah Bowmer

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Headteacher

Inspire . Empower . Achieve

Superstars of the week

9/10/2026

Our Praise Card Winners are:

Explore Class- Zaynab and Aisha
Happiness Class- Massiyah-Kai, Aisha, Naila
Curiosity Class- Sulaiman and Liyana
Bravery Class- Sahardid and Naila
Community Class- Dawud and Liana
Friendship Class- Parishay and Is'haaq
Strength Class- Adam and Jesse
Compassion Class- Zayd and Tanveer
Confidence Class- Diana and Hussain
Motivation Class- Zayan and Amira M
Determination Class- Liyanah and Inaya
Growth Class- Rizwan and Aaliyah
Empower Class- Rakkan and Abonti
Justice Class- Aidan R. and Asiyah
Respect Class- Ayaan and Suraiya
Aspire Class- The Whole Aspire Class!
Achieve Class- Zayd and Esme
Leadership Class- Isra and Madyanul
Shine School-Motivation- Amaliyah **Determination-** Nahum
Achieve- Sophia



Attendance Winners Year Reception to Year 3

1st Place- Curiosity 98.1%

2nd Place- Strength 97.4%

Attendance Winners Year 4 to 6

1st Place- Aspire and Empower 100%

2nd Place- Leadership 98.9%

KS1 IN IT TO WIN IT- Explore Hana

KS2 IN IT TO WIN IT- Aspire Saeed

