



MALDON COURT

PREPARATORY SCHOOL
Weekly Newsletter

Spring Term 2021

11th February 2022

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Please check the school diary on the website.

MONDAY 14th - FRIDAY 18th FEBRUARY
Half Term

MONDAY 21st FEBRUARY
Children Return to School
Clubs resume

FRIDAY 25th FEBRUARY
Swimming Starts for
Forms 4, 5 and 6

MONDAY 28th FEBRUARY
Life Support Road Show
Forms 5 and 6

WEDNESDAY 2nd MARCH
KS2 Netball Tournament

THURSDAY 3rd MARCH
World Book Day

TUESDAY 8th MARCH
School Trip to Chelmsford Cathedral
Forms 1 and 2

FRIDAY 11th MARCH
Academic School Reports
Sent to Parents

TUESDAY 15th MARCH
Parents' Evening 3:40-6:00pm

THURSDAY 17th MARCH
Parents' Evening 6:00-8:00pm



Dear Parents,

This week marked our Mental Health Awareness and Online Safety week. The children have participated in many excellent activities to raise awareness of these vitally important issues. On Monday, the children were all involved in a 'Reach for the Stars' assembly. Miss Broadbridge and Miss Vaughan even managed to get the older children dancing! On Tuesday, the whole school participated in Dress To Express Day. The children all came in their choice of clothes and I am delighted to say that we raised a super £147.36 for Mind and Place2Be, the mental health charities that we chose to support. Thank you to everyone who supported us with this. As part of our Mental Health week, FOMCS also sold bags of sweets to symbolise being kind to everyone. I know the children were excited to buy these but most importantly the message behind the gesture being that we are always kind. Thursday saw us participating in the County Active Essex incentive of 'Walk and Talk'. Please see further on for more information and photographs.

On Tuesday, I was delighted to present the children with their ESB certificates with Mrs Deakin. The children worked so hard and as a result achieved some fantastic results with every child gaining either a Distinction, Merit Plus or Merit. I know that the uptake for Form 2 and Form 3 has been very popular. We look forward to seeing how these children learn and perform after half term. Thank you to Mrs Deakin for all of your hard work teaching the children.

HEADTEACHER'S AWARD - Congratulations to Jack Gower in Form 6 who won the Headteacher's Award this week for being a finalist in the ISA National Poetry Competition. We are delighted that he has won a top 5 position in the National Finals and we hear about his final position imminently. What an achievement; we are so proud of you, Jack. Congratulations also to Riley Tai in Form 1 who won the award for always putting 100% effort into all lessons.

Finally, welcome to Jimmy Crowley who started in Pre-Reception this week. I know that you will welcome him and his family into the Maldon Court family.

★ **HAPPY BIRTHDAY** ★

Maldon Court wishes
Lachlan Jones, Noah Prempeh Bonsu,
Finn Lacey, Henry Allen,
George Fisher, Rose Hayes,
Aliya Procter, Jessica Strong,
Miss Hansell and Mrs Dibben
a very Happy Birthday

NURSERY - The children enjoyed another cooking activity this week. As part of our food topic, the children made their own pizzas to taste. We also used this as a maths opportunity and discussed halves and quarters. Our role play zone has been a breakfast bar this week, the children have been making toast, cooked breakfast and porridge as part of our pretend play. Alongside this topic, we have also visited Mental Health Week with the children. We dressed in our favourite clothing on Tuesday for Dress to Impress Day, all the children looked lovely and proudly stood up during Circle Time to tell us why they had chosen their item of clothing. We have also been discussing being kind and helpful. This really came into force on Tuesday, when one of our children came in for a little visit. Two of our little Nursery girls took her under their wing and looked after her for the session, showing how kind our children are! After half term, our topic is The Jungle and Rainforest, for optional homework please create a picture of your favourite jungle animal.

Mrs Kim Callaghan



PRE-RECEPTION - This week in Pre-Reception we have been looking at colours. We completed a colour hunt in the classroom finding items that were all different colours, painted a colour wheel and learnt basic colour mixing where we mixed the primary paint colours together to make green, orange, and purple. The children engaged beautifully and saw the change happening as they mixed the paint which they painted onto their sheet where they could see the simple colour mixing process. Pre-Reception would also like to say a big thank you to Mrs Simpson (Jacob's Mummy) for bringing into two baby chicks to share with us, they are super cute and the children loved this!

Mrs Kennedy and Miss Hansell

FORM 5 - We have had a busy half term in Form 5. In maths the children have been studying fractions and many can now add, subtract, multiply and divide fractions. In English we have been practising our non-fiction writing. The children enjoyed producing some informative biographies about Sir David Attenborough. They have also been reading Holes by Louis Sachar and are completing a non chronological report on Yellow Spotted Lizards found at Camp Green Lake as their final assessed piece.

In art we have been studying colour in different mediums and have been looking at warm and cool colours, the colour wheel and exploring shade, tone and tints. The children have pulled this study together with our topic on City Scapes and after producing fantastic artist studies related to city scape artists, they have now produced their own city scape artwork. These marvellous pictures that you can see are a background created with food colouring (a method of painting that the children have explored over the past couple of weeks) collaged with zentangle city building shapes. The city buildings should be complementary colours to the background (opposite on the colour wheel) to help them stand out. I think you will agree that the children have produced some outstanding art work and they have really enjoyed exploring different painting mediums and collage. These will be displayed in the school hall for everyone to enjoy. Well done Form 5. Have a super half term break.

Mrs Bonner and Mrs Clark



MENTAL HEALTH WEEK AND DRESS TO EXPRESS DAY

The whole school have had a fun week participating in Children's Mental Health Week. As you can see from the photos, we have all been very busy! The theme of the week was about 'Growing Together'.

On Monday we started off with a bit of a different assembly by Miss Vaughan and Miss Broadbridge. We made up a dance to 'Reach for the Stars' and had a great discussion about how we can all grow mentally. On Tuesday, all the children took part in Dress to Express day. We all had so much fun learning in our own unique clothes - everybody looked great! On Wednesday, the children completed a step-by-step reflection on how they have achieved a certain goal, it was so lovely to hear all the children's achievements. Thursday was our 'Walk and Talk Day', Pre-Reception and Reception walked around the school grounds, Forms 5 and 6 walked to the Astroturf and along the way had some lovely discussions with friends. Forms 1 and 2 walked to Hythe Quay and Form 3 and 4 went for a lovely walk to Leeches Garden. To finish off our week, on Friday we all took part in a whole school display where we all wrote what we were proud of. It was lovely to hear that the children were all proud of something they have achieved and this will be displayed in the Wellness Room.

In Wellness Club the children have been completing some Growing Together colouring sheets and Word Searches. We all sat down together and thought about some 'Growing Together' words and ways we could aim to understand our thoughts and feelings, what we would do when we face a challenge, new things we would like to try and how we could help others to grow emotionally. It has been such a lovely week and we really do pride ourselves in how amazing the support is for mental health at Maldon Court.

Miss Vaughan, Miss Broadbridge and Mrs Wilkins



FORM 4 AND FORM 5 - Form 4 and Form 5 children have been working really hard with the new tablets and interactive screens. The tablets can be linked to the boards and so all children can collaborate in a lesson. We have recently learnt about Jam Board. This application has made it possible for the teacher to pose questions to a class and rather than use sticky notes and park it grids, the children can “throw” their answers up onto the main screen for all to see. The teacher can then discuss ideas with the class as a whole group. Furthermore, Padlet boards allow us to work and create collaborative class work. For example Form 5 have created a tourist information leaflet to visit Ben Nevis. All working pairs were given an area to research and add to the collaborative leaflet to work on and add to. Form 4 have been creating a Rainforest information board.

We feel this is an excellent way of learning for the children and they love it. There are clear examples of different levels of work being added to the class board which the children read and this may give them ideas or spur them to improve, add more detail and improve their input.

Mrs Bonner, Mr Coyle and Miss Broadbridge.



PE Timetable - W/C 21st February

Wednesday	Thursday
On Site PE Lesson	On Site PE Lesson
Pre-Reception	
Form 1	Form 5
Form 2	Form 6
All Weather Pitch Lesson: 1-3pm	
Forms 5 and 6	Forms 3 and 4
KS2 Sports Club at the all-weather pitch for children in Forms 5 and 6 - Wednesday 23rd February - Collection at 4:30pm	

Wishing you all a lovely half term

**Mrs E Mason
Headteacher**

FOMCS - Happy Friday to our Maldon Court Families. We have had a wonderful school week supporting and celebrating Mental Health Awareness and know the children have had a lot of fun with all the activities taking place this week in school. Thank you for supporting our sweet bag sales and today's Cake Sale from our Form 3 parents and children who had a brilliant selection of treats available. We hope you all have a lovely, restful half term break. *Mrs Tsai and Mrs Jeffrey*

MENU W/C 21st FEBRUARY

Day	Main	Dessert
Mon	Chilli con carne served with rice and warm tortilla chips	Flapjack or fruit
Tues	Roast pork served with roast potatoes, broccoli, carrots, Yorkshire pudding and gravy	Yoghurt or fruit
Weds	Macaroni cheese served with garlic bread and salad	Toffee mousse or fruit
Thurs	Sausages served with pomme noisettes and baked beans	Rocky road or fruit
Fri	Harry Ramsden fish fillet served with chips, peas and salad	Strawberry ice cream or fruit

