



# MALDON COURT

PREPARATORY SCHOOL  
Weekly Newsletter

Spring Term 2021

11th March 2022

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

Please check the school diary on the website.

### MONDAY 14th MARCH

Academic School Reports  
Sent to Parents

### MONDAY 14th MARCH

Fellowship Afloat  
Parent Meeting 4pm

### TUESDAY 15th MARCH

Parents' Evening 3:40-6:00pm

### WEDNESDAY 16th MARCH

Form 5 Netball Tournament  
Colchester High

### THURSDAY 17th MARCH

FOMCS Meeting 8.45am  
Oakhouse

### THURSDAY 17th MARCH

Parents' Evening 5:00 - 8:00pm

### FRIDAY 18th MARCH

Comic Relief - Red Nose Day  
Form 2 Cake Sale

### FRIDAY 18th MARCH

KS2 Tag Rugby Tournament  
Drapers Farm

### MONDAY 21st and TUESDAY 22nd MARCH

Mother's Day Pop up Shop

### TUESDAY 22nd MARCH

Forms 3 and 4 School Trip  
Colchester Zoo



Dear Parents,

Firstly, I would like to thank you for your support this week. As you will no doubt know, we have had many positive Covid cases this week with both staff and children. Through sheer hard work, flexibility and commitment to keeping any disruption to the children to the absolute minimum, my staff have really pulled together and as a result the children have enjoyed another wonderful week. I cannot thank our fantastic staff team enough; it really is appreciated.

On Tuesday, our Form 1 and 2 children enjoyed a lovely trip out to Chelmsford Cathedral. The children were really enthralled and asked some very intelligent, pertinent questions. This links in very well with our Open the Book assemblies which are held every Friday in conjunction with all of our local churches. The children thoroughly enjoy these informative drama sessions and we enjoy being a part of our local community.

Next week we have a very busy week planned. We look forward to welcoming you all into school for Parents Evening. Please do read the letter sent to you yesterday with all information that you require on it. Your child's report will be sent home on Monday so that you can read it before Parents Evening. We also have our much anticipated Science Week starting on Monday. This year it is based on Growth. The teachers have all been working hard to have some fantastic activities planned for the children which we know the children will thoroughly enjoy. Look out around the school grounds as the children will be planting and growing lots next week!

We are always looking forward to our next sporting fixtures. Form 5 are playing against Colchester High School on Wednesday in a friendly Netball Tournament and Forms 3-6 are competing in a Tag Rugby Tournament at Drapers Farm. We wish all the children that represent the school the very best of luck – have a great time!

Finally, on Friday it is Red Nose Day and the Form 2 cake sale. Red Nose merchandise will be available to purchase on the gate next week.

★ **HAPPY BIRTHDAY** ★

Maldon Court wishes  
Emily Tsai  
a very Happy Birthday

**NURSERY** - It has been a very exciting week in Nursery! The children have loved our Science Topic and have been enjoying pretending to create some experiments in our role play science lab. The children made salt pictures and were fascinated to sprinkle salt and then food colouring to see what the reaction would be. We set up a science tuff tray and the children explored this, pouring coloured water into beakers and test tubes. Next week, this topic continues. For optional homework, please complete the floating and sinking worksheet we have sent home or, if you have not already done so, please make some slime. Don't forget to send some photos.

Mrs Kim Callaghan



**PRE-RECEPTION** - We have had a lovely week in Pre-Reception and we have started our new Spring topic. The children have enjoyed exploring our new planting station. They have planted peas, carrots (which we hope to one day eat for snack time), sweet peas and calendula flowers. We have had class discussions about what our plants need to grow, and we've had some lovely suggestions. We have also completed some observational paintings of daffodils and we learnt the parts of the daffodils such as stem, petal, stigma, and the cup. We have also carried out a coloured flower science experiment where we had white Carnations in water and added different food colourings. We made predictions of what would happen to the flowers and observed them over the day which was very exciting! We learnt this reaction happens because plants drink water through their roots which then travels up the stem to the flowers.

Mrs Kennedy and Miss Hansell



**RECEPTION** - This week, Reception have been continuing our topic on Bears. On Tuesday, we brought in our special teddies to school. We painted pictures of our teddies and wrote a sentence about why they are special to us. We produced some beautiful writing. We enjoyed sharing the day with our teddies and they sat on the carpet for us for a very special story time. Well done Reception!

Miss Wayman



**FORMS 1 AND 2** - This week, Forms 1 and 2 went to Chelmsford Cathedral. We had a lovely day learning about the Easter Story and looking round the Cathedral. We split into groups and took part in small workshops led by volunteers who were very knowledgeable and kind. We asked and answered lots of questions and some of us counted over 1000 crosses in the cathedral. As always, the children were very well behaved and a real credit to themselves and the school. We would also like to say a big thank you to Mrs. Vaughan who stepped in at short notice to help make our day such a success. *Mrs Baron and Miss Vaughan*



**FORM 5** - This term Form 5 have been studying Mountains. They have learnt where the major mountain ranges of the world are located, how they are formed and the different types of mountains. The children read texts about Britain's highest mountain – Ben Nevis and the world's highest mountain range – the Himalayas. They then researched a chosen mountain range discovering its location and height, also researching the unique flora and fauna and history of the indigenous people. It was fascinating to find out how people survive in some of the harshest environments on Earth. *Mrs Clark and Mrs Bonner*





**AFTER SCHOOL CARE** - This week in After School Care we have been discussing International Woman's Day. The children in Reception, Form 1 and Form 2 have been discussing which woman in their life or a celebrity is their inspiration and why. We had some lovely discussions. Some children said it was their mum because she loves and cares for them and some said the Queen because she is special. We have also completed a range of maths activities on the playground; on Monday we practised our number bonds! We used chalks to draw them and the children in Form 1 practised making lots of different number bonds with the stickle bricks.



Form 1 practised making lots of different number bonds with the stickle bricks.  
Miss Hansell and Mrs Norton

**FORMER PUPIL NEWS** - We are always delighted to hear about achievements that our former pupils go on to achieve after leaving Maldon Court. Sophia Harvey took part last week in the Essex School Championships and managed 27<sup>th</sup> out of 271 year 7 children. After a tough start to the race Sophia manage to surpass 100 of her peers and only missed competing in the Nationals by two places. Well done Sophia!



PE Timetable - W/C 14th March	
Wednesday	Thursday
On Site PE Lesson	On Site PE Lesson
Pre-Reception	Form 1
Form 1	Form 2
Form 2	Form 3
All Weather Pitch Lesson: 1-3pm	
Forms 3 and 4	Forms 5 and 6
KS2 Sports Club at the all-weather pitch for children in Forms 3 and 4 - Wednesday 16th March - Collection at 4.30pm	

MENU W/C 14th MARCH		
Day	Main	Dessert
Mon	Crispy chicken wraps served with vegetable rice and salad	Shortbread or fruit
Tues	Roast beef served with roast potatoes, broccoli, carrots, Yorkshire pudding and gravy	Yoghurt or fruit
Weds	Macaroni cheese served with garlic bread and salad	Orange jelly or fruit
Thurs	Lasagne served with sweet corn and salad	Rice crispy cakes or fruit
Fri	Brunch— sausage, bacon, hash browns and baked beans	Pancakes and golden syrup or fruit

Wishing you all a lovely weekend  
Mrs E Mason  
Headteacher

**FOMCS** - We are look forward to seeing you at the next FOMCS meeting to be held at the Oakhouse on Thursday 17th March at 8.45am. Everyone is welcome and we hope to see you there. Mrs Tsai and Mrs Jeffrey

