



# MALDON COURT

PREPARATORY SCHOOL

Autumn Term 2022

Weekly Newsletter

11th November 2022

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

### MONDAY 14th NOVEMBER

Anti Bullying Week  
Odd Sock Day

### WEDNESDAY 16th NOVEMBER

Form 1 - Class Assembly

### THURSDAY 17th NOVEMBER

Forms 3, 4 and 5  
Cross Country  
Northern Gateway, Colchester

### FRIDAY 18th NOVEMBER

Children in Need  
Form 5 - Cake sale

### THURSDAY 24th NOVEMBER

Flu Immunisations  
Forms 5 and 6 - Dodgeball  
Tournament at Wentworth School

### FRIDAY 25th NOVEMBER

Forms 5 and 6 Cyber talk

### TUESDAY 29th NOVEMBER

Parents' Evening 3.40 - 6.00pm

### WEDNESDAY 30th NOVEMBER

Parents' Evening 5.00 - 8.00pm

### THURSDAY 1st DECEMBER

Forms 1 and 3  
Colchester Zoo Trip  
Singing around the Christmas Tree



Dear Parents,

It has been a fantastic week at school and the children have had a fun filled week with many wonderful activities. On Monday, our Nursery children went to visit Maldon Fire Station. This was linked to their topic People who help us. What a brilliant trip that they all thoroughly enjoyed. On Wednesday, our Form 4 and Nursery 2 children visited Moot Hall. This was predominantly linked to finding out about some local history but it was also a great opportunity for Form 4 children to start getting to know their potential new buddies.

On Sunday morning, I will be accompanying the Head Boy and Head Girl, Eli and Scarlett, to the Remembrance Service where they will lay the wreath on behalf of Maldon Court. It is always a very special and moving morning and we are proud to be part of the community for this service. On Thursday, I took the children to do a very quick practise so that they would be confident on Sunday. It just so happened that we managed to find our way into Greggs for a little treat on our way back to school!

**HEADTEACHER'S AWARD** - Congratulations to Rose Galpin who was presented with the Headteacher's Award this week for always trying so hard in every subject and displaying excellent behaviour. Congratulations to Harry Bunting who also won it for an outstanding effort in practising his times tables on TT Rockstars. Cool to be Kind awards were awarded to Zara in Form 4 and Jimmy Crowley in Reception class. Well done to all children.

Finally, as part of Anti-Bullying week, we are participating as always in Odd Sock Day on Monday. I look forward to seeing them all on the gate.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Maldon Court wishes  
Monaé-Bléu Miller and Joseph Crozier  
a very Happy Birthday

**NURSERY** - Nursery have had a busy and fun week! On Monday, we visited the Fire Station, as part of our topic 'People who help us'. The children were thrilled to be able to sit in the fire engine and use the special torches. They also had a go at spraying water from the hose. In the role play zone this week, the children have enjoyed pretending to visit the dentist. We have been discussing the importance of looking after our teeth and eating healthy foods. Next week, this topic continues. For optional homework, please create a picture of a person in the community that helps us or send a photo of your child enjoying an activity in our local community.

*Mrs Kim Callaghan*



**NURSERY 2 AND FORM 4** - Nursery 2 and Form 4 joined together for some extra special buddy time this week. On Wednesday the two classes joined together to visit the Moot Hall in the town. Form 4 children were very helpful towards the Nursery children and helped them walk to and from the town. Whilst there, the children listened to the tour guide as she explained about the history of the hall. The children learnt that the front hall used to be a police station and a prison. They were very interested and asked lots of questions. The children also got to sit in the court room and discuss where the judge would have sat many years ago. When we were in the Moot Hall, we heard the clock strike 10 o'clock. It was exciting to be so close to the chimes.

*Mrs Callaghan and Mrs Baron*



**PRE- RECEPTION** - Pre-Reception have been enjoying our weekly P.E. lessons, this term we are focussing on balance and co-ordination. The children enjoyed experimenting with their bodies and moving across the bench in a variety of ways, they walked, crawled, slid and side stepped. The children learnt the importance of bending their knees when they jump to dismount from the bench. We discussed why we have a warm up, why we cool down and why our hearts beat faster when we exercise.

Pre-Reception and Form 5 love spending time together and are forming close bonds as the weeks go by. This week in buddy time the children have been working together to create poppies for Remembrance Day. The children worked together developing fine motor skills to finger print poppies.

*Mrs Kennedy, Miss Hansell, Mrs Mays and Mrs Warman*



**RECEPTION** - Reception have been learning about The Gingerbread Man this week as part of our Traditional Tales topic. On Thursday, we baked our own gingerbread people. We had lots of fun stirring the mixture and rolling out the dough. We used a gingerbread shape to cut out our biscuits and put them in the oven to bake. Our classroom smelled of gingerbread all day! We had a great time decorating our biscuits in the afternoon and took them home to enjoy. Well done Reception.

*Miss Wayman*



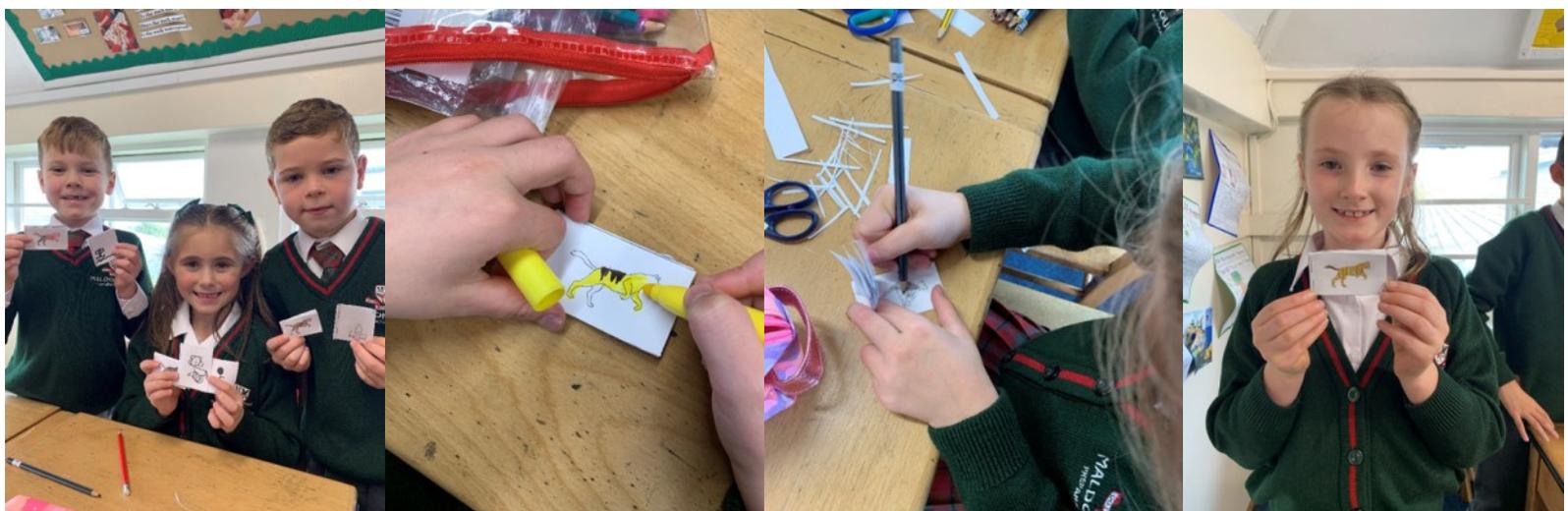
**FORM 1** - Form 1 had a very special visitor on Thursday afternoon. Mr Guest kindly took time out of his day to spend the afternoon in Form 1 talking all things toys! We all know how much Mr Guest loves his trains and the children really enjoyed listening to all of his stories about where his passion for trains began, with his Grandfather being a station master. Mr Guest showed us his Hornby trains that still run 90 years later. We then compared it to a newer model of a modern locomotive and discussed the differences between the two. He told us that his complete set up only takes him an hour to do, we were all amazed by this! The children loved this demonstration! Lastly, Mr Guest showed us his Meccano car, which is 90 years old, we compared it to modern day Lego and monster trucks, how times have changed. A massive thank you to Mr Guest for this wonderful lesson, what an exciting and informative afternoon for Form 1.

*Miss Vaughan*



**FORM 3** - Form 3 really enjoyed their computing lesson this week. We have started to learn about animations and how they are made. After looking at some examples, we discussed that animations are made with a series of slightly different drawings or photos that give the impression that the picture is moving. We then went on to make our own flipbook animations. We had lots of fun, and they were very effective.

*Miss Oxford*



**PUPIL VOICE** - As Heads of School, we have been asked by Mrs Mason to write a piece for the Newsletter. We can choose what the focus is each week. This week we interviewed Form 1 and they told us what they have been learning. This week Form 1 have enjoyed learning about the Enormous Turnip and using capital letters, full stops and finger spaces correctly in their writing. They have learnt a dinosaur song and are doing part whole models in maths. They have been learning the five senses, experimenting with their senses (taste was enjoyed the most). In PE they have been making dance routines with Miss Vaughan. In art, they were mixing black and white paint with different colours to make tones.

**PE AND SPORT** - The children across all year groups have had a flying start to the second half of the term. We have an extensive schedule of curriculum sports and competitive fixtures this term. Children have enjoyed hockey, rugby, dodgeball, tchoukball, cross country, dance and tennis so far this term. We were joint winners of the Year 3/4 District Ruby tournament with cross country and dodgeball tournaments arranged for the coming weeks. The children are performing exceptionally and always willing to push themselves to take on new sports and challenges. Reception Class have excelled themselves today in their lesson on teamworking and instruction taking. Building the attached hoop towers as a team and independently of adult assistance with only one teaching demonstration. This is a remarkable in children so young. Well done everyone.



**PE Timetable - W/C 14th November**

**Onsite PE lesson**

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Pre-Reception Form 1 Form 2		Reception Form 4 Form 5 and 6
<b>All Weather Pitch Lesson: 1-3pm</b>		<b>Swimming</b>
Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Forms 5 and 6	Forms 3 and 4	Forms 1, 2 and 3
<b>Sports Club - Forms 3 and 4 on Thursday 17th November</b> <b>Will be held at school - Collection at 4.15pm</b>		

**Wishing you all a lovely weekend**  
**Mrs E Mason**  
**Headteacher**

**FOMCS** - We are delighted to be going ahead with our whole school tea towel fundraiser this year and your children have created beautiful portraits for us. Letters to place an order with payment for these will be sent soon via ParentMail. As always we appreciate you support. Have a lovely weekend.  
*Mrs Tsai and Mrs Jeffrey.*

**MENU W/C 14th November**

Day	Main	Dessert
<b>Mon</b>	Sausage rolls served with potato puffs and baked beans	Flapjack or fruit
<b>Tues</b>	Roast chicken served with roast potatoes, broccoli, carrots, Yorkshire pudding and gravy	Yoghurt or fruit
<b>Weds</b>	Pasta bolognese served with sweetcorn and salad	Victoria sponge or fruit
<b>Thurs</b>	Sweet and sour pork served with rice and prawn crackers	Chocolate mousse or fruit
<b>Fri</b>	Young's fish fingers served with chips, peas and salad	Sugar doughnuts or fruit

