



MALDON COURT

PREPARATORY SCHOOL

Spring Term 2021

Weekly Newsletter

12th March 2021



DATES FOR THE DIARY

Please check the school diary on the website.

FRIDAY 19th MARCH

Red Nose Day

FRIDAY 26th MARCH

Academic Reports sent to Parents

MONDAY 29th MARCH - FRIDAY 9th APRIL

Easter Holidays

MONDAY 12th APRIL

INSET DAY

TUESDAY 13th APRIL

Children Return to School
Clubs Resume

WEDNESDAY 14th - FRIDAY 16th APRIL

Fellowship Afloat - Form 5 TBC

TUESDAY 20th APRIL

Class Photographs

TUESDAY 20th APRIL

Zoom Parents' Evening
3.45pm - 6.00pm

THURSDAY 22th APRIL

Zoom Parents' Evening
5.00pm - 8.00pm

WELCOME.....

Mya Chambers
to the Maldon Court family

★ HAPPY BIRTHDAY ★

Maldon Court wishes -
Emily Tsai
a very Happy Birthday

Dear Parents,

It has been the week that we have been waiting for with all of the children returning to school after the second lockdown. It has been a wonderful week and it really is a pleasure and a privilege to have the children back in school. It has been fantastic to see them playing with their friends in the playground and back enjoying their sport again. The children have thoroughly enjoyed their PE and they certainly haven't lost any of their flair and enthusiasm for their lessons. In addition to this, Mrs Wilkins has started her wellness club at lunchtimes for the children. We have also started our individual wellness talks with all the children to ensure that they are all happy returning to school and if there is anything we can do to ease their transition back into school life.

On Tuesday, I did a celebration assembly for each bubble. It was lovely to present badges to the newly elected Form Captains and also to present the Headteacher Awards. It was at this point that I showed the children their gift bags from the school. This was to say just how proud of how resilient they have been through lockdown and how pleased we are to have them back at school. The personalised journal with the quote in and the pen (a personalised red ball for the younger children) along with the sweets and homemade cookies were gratefully received and it was a pleasure to hand them to the children on the gate on Tuesday afternoon. Thank you for the many emails we have received about the bags; we are delighted that you loved them.

The children have thoroughly enjoyed our Farming Science week. The teachers have worked so hard to show the children some fantastic innovative experiments and the children have embraced each and every activity. Please see further on in the newsletter for more information.

Congratulations to the following children who were elected as Form Captain:

Reception	Gracie May Thorogood	Form 1	Arthur Heath
Form 2	Evie Beckett	Form 3	Isabel Dunkin
Form 4	Jacob Tsai	Form 5	Jake Rainger

HEADTEACHER'S AWARD

Pre-Reception	Jacob Coyle	Nursery	Rosalind Stevenson
Form 1	Millicent Smith	Reception	Zoe Hull
Form 3	Isabel Dunkin	Form 2	Sophia Nguyen
Form 5	Harry Jones	Form 4	Vincent Lower
		Form 6	Natasha Adkins

NURSERY - The Nursery children were very excited to see that we had turned our construction zone into a science laboratory for our Science topic. We used the coloured construction bricks and the link toys to pretend to make science experiments. It was great fun! We also enjoyed a range of real experiments, we added coke and washing up liquid to cocoa pops and oats to make volcanoes. During physical time this week, we pretended to be volcanoes and exploded into the sky! Next week our topic Spring and Easter begins. For optional homework, please complete the 'Signs of Spring' worksheet that your child will have in their school bag over the next fortnight.

Mrs Kim Callaghan



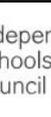
PRE-RECEPTION - This week in Pre-Reception, we have been continuing to look at Spring. We have been looking closely at life cycles of plants, butterflies and even frogs. Pre-Reception have enjoyed exploring the life cycle of a frog through a water tuff tray. First, we looked at the eggs, then the tadpoles, then young frogs, finishing with adult frogs. On Tuesday, Pre-Reception made the most of the wonderful sunshine by spending most of the day on the decking area, exploring the coloured pasta tray using the buckets and scoops.

This week we have also been discussing Mother's Day, what we love about our Mummies and why they are important to us. We have also linked this with our Spring topic, with an animal matching activity. The children have looked closely at all the different Spring animals and have done a brilliant job at matching the baby animals with their Mummy animals.

Our topic for the next two weeks will be Easter. For our optional home activity, we would love to see photographs of you completing an Easter Egg Hunt!

Miss Washbourne and Miss Denyer

FORM 2 - Form 2 had a great time on Tuesday making butter. This was part of their Science Week studies into home produce and reducing their carbon footprint. They had to shake, shake and shake a bit more to get the cream to turn to butter. Everyone was rather tired afterwards, but they assure me the butter tasted delicious on bread, toast and bagels. *Mrs Baron*



FORM 3 - Form 3 have had a fantastic week settling back into normal school routine and we have loved welcoming our new class member Mya. Continuing from home schooling, we started the week off with some smarties fraction work which all the children thoroughly enjoyed! The hardest part of the lesson was resisting the temptation to eat the smarties halfway through, but we somehow managed! As you can see from the photos, all the children worked brilliantly and we enjoyed the practical element of the lesson most. Well done for a great week Form 3! *Miss Vaughan*



FORM 5 - FARM STEMTERPRISE - As part of this years Science Week Form 5 are taking a closer look at Farming. Farming STEMterprise projects take children through each stage of setting up a farm shop business: considering seasonality when deciding which crop to grow, growing their own ingredients, calculating expected profit, designing responsible packaging and much more.

This week began with looking at the different crops grown in the UK and identifying some of the crops the children have grown themselves, with the aim of creating a Maldon Court Farm shop selling the produce and plants they will grow.

The children looked at the different types of seeds under a microscope including a green bean, garlic clove and seed potato – comparing their differences and similarities.

They researched how to grow their chosen crop and identified the care and attention it would need in order to grow healthily.

Over the next few weeks the children will continue this project ready to start sowing before the holidays.

FUTURE FARMING ROBOTS - Form 5 continued their Science Week Farming theme with a look at Future Farming Robots. In this lesson the children were considering the importance of soil in farming – including ensuring soil is healthy, not compacted by heavy machinery and suitable for growing particular crops.

They learnt how robots are being created by innovative engineers to help reduce weeds in an environmentally safe, organic and cost effective way. This led to the development of a robot that could identify weeds based on their size and removing them through laser technology zapping the weeds.

Mrs Clark and Mrs Bonner



WORLD BOOK DAY BOOKS FROM FOMCS

Thank you to FOMCS who kindly bought every child in the school a most wonderful book to celebrate World Book Day. The children were thrilled to receive them and I know that they will enjoy reading them.

Well done to the following children who won the potato competition; Scarlett Snoad, Tobias Venus-Bishop, Daniel Baker and William Bruce. They were presented with a £5 Amazon voucher in Celebration assembly. Mrs Mason



PE Timetable - W/C 15th March	
Wednesday	Thursday
On Site PE Lesson - Morning	
Pre-Reception	
Form 1	Form 3
Form 2	Form 4
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 17th 3.30 - 4.30pm	

Have a lovely weekend
Mrs E Mason
Headteacher

FOMCS - We're so pleased to see the children returning to school with lots of smiles, welcome back. We hope the children enjoy creating their tin can creatures in honour of Global Recycling Day. We are sorry that our wonderful Mother's Day shop couldn't go ahead this year but nevertheless hope you all have a wonderful day.
Mrs Lopez and Mrs Stevenson

MENU W/C 15th MARCH		
Day	Main	Dessert
Mon	Chilli con carni served with rice. Warm tortilla chips and salad	Shortbread or fruit
Tues	Roast gammon served with roast potatoes, carrots, peas, Yorkshire pudding and gravy	Yoghurt or fruit
Weds	Ham, cheese and tomato pasta bake served with garlic bread and salad	Rocky road or fruit
Thurs	Sausage rolls served with duchess potatoes and baked beans	Orange jelly or fruit
Fri	Chicken burgers served with potato wedges, peas and salad	Strawberry ice cream or fruit

