



MALDON COURT

PREPARATORY SCHOOL

Spring Term 2024

Weekly Newsletter

12th January 2024

DATES FOR THE DIARY

MONDAY 15th JANUARY

Clubs Commence

FRIDAY 19th JANUARY

Form 4 Cake Sale

WEDNESDAY 24th JANUARY

Forms 5 and 6 Tag Rugby Tournament
Drapers Farm

MONDAY 5th FEBRUARY

Mental Health Week
Dress to Express Day

TUESDAY 6th FEBRUARY

Safer Internet Day

FRIDAY 16th FEBRUARY

Form 3 Cake Sale

MONDAY 19th FEBRUARY— FRIDAY 23rd FEBRUARY

Half Term

MONDAY 26th FEBRUARY

Children Return to School
Clubs Resume
Forms 5 and 6 Life Support Roadshow



STARS OF THE WEEK



KS1 Jacob Coyle
KS2 Elizabeth Neall



KS1 Flora Smith
KS2 Evie Beckett



KS1 Lucas Day
KS2 Sofia Fisher

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Maldon Court wishes
Dominic, Sebastian Dale,
Harper Kirby and Miss Blackmore
a very Happy Birthday

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year, I hope that you all had a lovely Christmas break with your family. It was wonderful to welcome back all of the children on Monday for the start of the Spring term. The children have embraced everything this week, including the snow, with their usual smiley enthusiasm! The children have thoroughly enjoyed being back; getting back into the school routine is always a bit of a shock to the system for us all. However, it is always welcome to get a routine back! On behalf of myself and all the school staff, I would like to thank you all for your overwhelming generosity with our Christmas gifts this year. It is always really appreciated by everyone and we are all so grateful. Thank you.

I would like to welcome Mrs Russell into her role as Office Administration Assistant. We are delighted to have her as part of our staff team and she has already settled in seamlessly.

This week, our Form 1 and Form 2 children enjoyed their first swimming lessons at Blackwater Leisure Centre. As I am sure you can imagine, it is a military operation to have so many of our youngest children go swimming at the same time. However, with the excellent organisation from the staff, we are pleased to report that it went swimmingly! The children were a credit to themselves and they all worked extremely hard not only in lessons but also getting themselves changed independently.

I would like to congratulate our new Form Captains, Sports Captains and House Captains for the Spring Term. The children were presented with their badges in Celebration assembly yesterday. I am sure that they will all excel in their roles. Congratulations to all children. Please see the names of the captains overleaf.

HEADTEACHER'S AWARD - Well done to Ethan Bandakpara-Taylor who won the award this week for always engaging in Music lessons with enthusiasm and developing his musical listening skills.

Reception - Isla Berryman	Form 3 - Aidan Lacey	Australia House - James Hull Canada House - Charlie Ashton New Zealand House - Lorelai Bamgboye Sports Captains - Reuben Crozier and Mia Tolhurst
Form 1 - Henry Hugo	Form 4 - Emily Tsai	
Form 2 - Jacob Coyle	Form 5 - Zara	

NURSERY - Nursery have had a lovely first week of term. We have enjoyed the topic – Winter. The children have been discussing how to keep warm by exercising, wearing warm clothes and by drinking a warm drink. The role play zone became a hot chocolate café, the children enjoyed serving each other pretend hot chocolate and cakes to each other. We created our own winter pictures, which was a winter tree, using paint to create the snow. Next week our topic is Up in the Air, the children will learn about transport such as planes and hot air balloons. We will also discuss birds and start preparing for Birdwatch Weekend, which is later this month. For optional homework, please create a picture of a mode of transport that uses the sky.
Mrs Kim Callaghan



PRE-RECEPTION - Pre-Reception are pleased to be back in school and this week have started our ‘Winter’ topic. The children have been experimenting with oil pastels to create magic winter pictures. First, the children thought of something that reminds them of winter which they drew on the white paper with the white oil pastel - the children were confused as they couldn’t see their drawing! They then washed over the paper with diluted blue paint which magically made their picture appear, the children were fascinated and thought it was magic! The work is proudly displayed in the classroom on our winter display board.
Mrs Kennedy and Miss Hansell



FORM 1 - Form 1 have really enjoyed getting stuck into our new Geography topic ‘Lets go to the Arctic’. This week we have been exploring the world map, looking at it in an atlas and on a globe to find the different countries within the Arctic Circle. After our lesson, we were able to identify that the Arctic Circle is found at the top of the globe, that there are seven different countries and their flags. We are already looking forward to further lessons where we will be exploring the Arctic’s physical features, animals and climate. Well done Form 1, a great start!
Miss Vaughan





FORM 3 - Hola! Form 3 have been enjoying their weekly Spanish lessons this year and were very excited to begin a new topic this week. Over the next half term, we will be learning all about 'La Fruta'. In our first lesson, we learnt the names for our first five fruits before breaking up into two teams. We then had a little challenge competition, where each team had to match the fruits to the correct words in Spanish. Competition was very fierce as the children showed off their knowledge. In the end, team two were victorious! I am certainly looking forward to our next lesson where I am sure the competitive spirit will continue.

Miss Oxford



FORM 5 - There is a hive of activity in Form 5 to kick off 2024, as they are starting to use the 'Spelling Shed' app in class and at home. The children have been working hard and begun and have started to be use the 'hive' games, which has brought lots of competitive fun to earn honey for their hive. The children are applying a variety of skills including their-sylla-buzz and letter pattern recognition to become Queen/King bee on the leaderboard. Well done Form 5, you are doing un-bee-lievably well.

Mrs Dickinson



PE Timetable - W/C 15th JANUARY

Day	Form	Lesson
Wednesday	Forms 3, 4, 5 and 6	Off site PE
	Sports club at the All weather pitch - collection at 4.15pm	Off site
Thursday	Pre-Reception, Forms 1 and 2	On site PE
Friday	Swimming for Forms 1 and 2	Off site

Wishing you all a lovely weekend
Mrs E Mason
Headteacher

FOMCS - Happy New Year to our families! We hope you all had a lovely Christmas break. Following our Christmas events we will appreciate your feedback, a short survey will be sent out soon. Next Friday, 19th January we have our first cake sale of 2024 by Form 4 - we would love your support with this as the children are excited already for this event. Have a lovely weekend.
 Mrs Tsai and Mrs Jeffrey

MENU W/C 15th JANUARY



Day	Main	Dessert
Mon	Macaroni cheese served with garlic bread and salad	Shortbread or fruit
Tues	Roast pork served with roast potatoes, carrots, Yorkshire pudding and gravy	Yoghurt or fruit
Weds	Crispy chicken wraps served with potato wedges and salad	Lemon and lime jelly or fruit
Thurs	Chilli con carne served with rice and warm tortilla chips	Toffee mousse or fruit
Fri	Youngs fish fingers served with chips, peas and salad	Chocolate flapjacks or fruit

