



# MALDON COURT

PREPARATORY SCHOOL

Autumn Term 2021

Weekly Newsletter

12th November 2021

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

Please check the school diary on the website.

### SUNDAY 14th NOVEMBER

Maldon Remembrance Service

### WEDNESDAY 17th NOVEMBER

Combined Military Services Trip  
Form 5

### WEDNESDAY 17th NOVEMBER

FOMCS Meeting at Oakhouse  
8.45am

### THURSDAY 18th NOVEMBER

Odd Sock Day  
Anti Bullying Week

### FRIDAY 19th NOVEMBER

Children in Need  
Form 5 Cake Sale

### TUESDAY 23rd NOVEMBER

Forms 3 and 4 School Trip  
Colchester Castle

### THURSDAY 25th NOVEMBER

Maldon Vintage Fayre

### THURSDAY 25th NOVEMBER

Forms 3 and 4 Cross Country

### FRIDAY 26th NOVEMBER

Flu Immunisations  
Reception - Form 6



Dear Parents,

We have had such a busy week at Maldon Court. On Tuesday the children came in looking very smart for their individual and sibling school photographs. It was wonderful to welcome you back into school for our Parents' Evening on Tuesday and Thursday this week. We have had some lovely feedback from parents in all classes. The teachers really did enjoy seeing you all face to face and getting back to our normal routine. Thank you for your support and positivity; we are a fantastic school community that all work so well together.

This week we were absolutely thrilled to participate in our first competitive inter-school sports tournament in nearly two years. On Wednesday our Form 5 and 6 children competed in a Dodgeball Tournament in Colchester and on Thursday they competed in a Cross Country tournament in Chelmsford. The children excelled themselves in both tournaments and we are so proud of our results. (More information is further on in the newsletter.)

Yesterday, all of the school paid their respects at I am for Remembrance Day. The children conducted themselves admirably. Form 2 and Form 4 visited the War Memorial in the High Street and were outstanding representatives for our school. Today we welcomed John Whittingdale MP into Maldon Court. Mr Whittingdale came in to speak to our Form 5 and 6 children in conjunction with Parliament Week that the children have been learning about. Amongst other things the children learnt about democracy, voting and what happens in parliament. Thank you to our visitor for taking the time to visit our children; the children enjoyed a very informative afternoon.

Finally, I would like to welcome Samuel Smyth who started in Nursery this week. I know that his family will be welcomed into our school community.

Congratulations to Jacob Coyle who won a Cool to be Kind award and Megan Kitterhing-Best who won a Bravery award this week.

## ★ HAPPY BIRTHDAY ★

Maldon Court wishes  
Joseph Crozier, Aimee Risley-Duhrsen  
and Monaé-Bléu Miller a  
very Happy Birthday

**NURSERY-** This week the children have enjoyed the topic: Nursery Rhymes. We have been focusing on the rhyme Humpty Dumpty and used a range of positional language; above, under, over etc using Humpty and placing him on or off his wall! We have also introduced 'Funky Fingers' this week and have set a time aside each morning to encourage the children to use their fine motor skills. A favourite was definitely 'Dough Disco', the children loved singing along and completing the actions to exercise their fingers. Next week our topic is Transport and Road Safety, for optional homework please make a 3D model of a mode of transport.

*Mrs Kim Callaghan*



**PRE-RECEPTION** - This week Pre-Reception have looked at and discussed as a group 'Remembrance'. The children then used peppers to create their own poppy.

We have also looked closely at the book 'The Colour Monster' where we discussed the many different emotions we may feel. The children played a game in small groups relating to this, rolling the dice to show an emotion which they then drew on the big colour monster template. The children drew their own colour monsters showing an emotion of their choice.

*Mrs Kennedy, Miss Hansell and Mrs Dibben*

**RECEPTION AND FORM 6** - In Buddy Time on Monday, Reception and Form 6 worked together to create some beautiful poppies to commemorate Remembrance Day. The children were given various materials and it was wonderful to see the unique poppies the children made.

*Miss Wayman and Mrs Summers*



**FORM 4** - This week, Form 4 were very lucky to join Mission Control on an exciting Earth observation mission, 'Spaceship Earth', to view our beautiful planet from space and visit the orbiting satellites that are helping us combat climate change. 'Spaceship Earth' is an entertaining interactive show that was a live broadcast via Microsoft Teams. The children enjoyed participating with the interactive elements of the show. They had to make decisions such as how their satellites reached space, voting on different questions and sending 'Luna', the space dog, up to one of the satellites. The children had a great time on their space mission – well done Form 4 astronauts!

*Miss Broadbridge and Mrs Dickinson*



**FORM 5** - Last week we joined into a webinar with the Three Engineers. This was an assembly to teach us to stop dropping litter. In the assembly the engineers taught us that all life on earth depends on natural resources and it is important that we keep our trees safe because they take in the carbon dioxide and produce oxygen and this is very important for the balance of gases and for our environment.

The engineers taught us how Global Warming is the cause of more forest fires, floods, melting ice and extreme weather conditions.

The three engineers taught us about their jobs. They are professionals that design create and test new objects that are made. They built things like: wind turbines, solar panels, tidal turbines and they have even built a rubbish collecting boat called the interceptor. The interceptor is used in the most polluted rivers of the world to filter rubbish from the passing river water. All these engineered machines are helping us to save the planet.

We learned that we need to be more sustainable and that means we need to do more things that don't make a mark on the environment such as use electric cars, use LED light bulbs and be mindful of the litter we produce. The three engineers are writing a series of books about how the next generation can save the planet. We watched the first book which was about a girl called Scout who discovered how polluted beaches were and how she helped to clean them up.

India Fisher - Form 5



**DAILY BOUNCE** - We are excited to tell you about the new, whole school physical activity initiative, that we have started this week at school – ‘The Daily Bounce’. Each day, all children will have the opportunity to complete at least 20 seconds of speed bounce – at lunchtimes. The children can work towards achieving their Bronze, Silver and Gold badge awards. This initiative has been introduced, to promote further physical activity and to encourage children to move more each day at school. Good luck everyone and keep bouncing!

Miss Broadbridge and Mr Coyle



**DODGEBALL** - After many months of covid induced hibernation, inter-school sport has finally started to return and Maldon Court have been eagerly awaiting the opportunity to get back in to action. The first tournament to open up was dodgeball on Wednesday. We sent two teams to the brand new Colchester Northern Gateway Sports Centre to participate against teams from 10 other schools in the Colchester and Blackwater district. Dodgeball is a deceptively competitive



and exhausting sport that required our teams to compete in over two hours of relentless dodgeball matches. Our children were superb and quickly found the strength and technique to compete at the highest levels. Our first team finished in joint second place having played 9, won 7, drawn 1 and lost 1, losing only to the eventual tournament winners, Heathlands School of Colchester. Our second team also had 4 wins, finishing 6th. This was a fantastic achievement for both teams, playing against some huge schools who play dodgeball on a weekly basis.



**CROSS COUNTRY** - On Thursday we sent four teams from Forms 5 and 6 to Chelmsford Athletics Centre for the first cross country event of the season. What a course it was, 1.5k over some very tough terrain. These events are open to hundreds of schools across the district and the standards are exceptionally high. We had some fantastic results and all the children performed well. Outstanding performer of the day goes to Sofia Fisher. Sofia, is still in Form 4 and stepped up at short notice to fill in for



a sickness vacancy in our Form 6 team. Sofia finished 15th of 100 girls! Cont...



## FORMS 5 & 6 CROSS COUNTRY



Cont... This made her our school's highest placed finisher and it is a simply breath-taking performance for someone competing against children 2 years older. Well done to all our athletes.

*Mr Coyle and Miss Broadbridge*

PE Timetable - W/C 15th November	
Wednesday	Thursday
On Site PE Lesson - Morning	
Pre-Reception	Form 4
Form 1	
Form 2	
<b>All Weather Pitch Lesson: 1-3pm</b>	
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 November 3.30 - 4.30pm	

**Have a lovely weekend**  
**Mrs E Mason**  
**Headteacher**

**FOMCS** - Hello Parents. We are holding our 1st FOMCS Meeting next Wednesday 17th November at 8:45am in the Oakhouse and would welcome your attendance for a coffee and informal catch up on our current status and this half terms plans. It would be lovely to see you there as your support means so much to us. Have a lovely weekend.  
*Mrs Tsai and Mrs Jeffrey*

MENU W/C 15th November		
Day	Main	Dessert
<b>Mon</b>	Lasagne served with sweet corn and salad	Flapjacks or fruit
<b>Tues</b>	Roast pork served with roast potatoes, broccoli, carrots, Yorkshire pudding and gravy	Yoghurt or fruit
<b>Weds</b>	Chicken korma served with rice and naan bread	Rocky road or fruit
<b>Thurs</b>	Cottage pie served with peas and gravy	Raspberry jelly or fruit
<b>Fri</b>	Macaroni cheese served with garlic bread and salad	Jam doughnuts or fruit

