



# MALDON COURT

PREPARATORY SCHOOL

Autumn Term 2020

Weekly Newsletter

13th November 2020

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

Please check the school diary on the website.

### MONDAY 16th NOVEMBER

Odd Sock Day

### TUESDAY 24th NOVEMBER

Form 4 11+ Zoom Meeting  
10.00am

### FRIDAY 27th NOVEMBER

Birthday Party Afternoon

### THURSDAY 3rd DECEMBER

Forms 5 and 6 Netball Match

### MONDAY 7th - TUESDAY 8th DECEMBER

Class Christmas Parties

### FRIDAY 11th DECEMBER

End of Term

### MONDAY 4th JANUARY

Children Return to school  
No Clubs this week

### MONDAY 11th JANUARY

Clubs Commence



Dear Parents,

It has been another fun and busy week at school. The children have all been working exceptionally hard. On Tuesday and Thursday we held our Parents' Evenings. We were overwhelmed with the positive responses by everyone. It really is very special to hear how we all work together as a cohesive team- staff, parents and children alike.

This week, we have focused our thoughts on Remembrance Day. All of the children have discussed and completed activities in class. On Wednesday, the whole school observed the two minute silence at 11am. Form 2 also represented the school at the Maldon Memorial. It was a very special time; the whole of the High Street stood in silence to pay their respects and the children listened to beautifully to the prayers and readings. Our Nursery children also visited the Memorial on Thursday to look at all of the poppies. Please do look at our Facebook page for additional updates and photos.

We are delighted that we are continuing as much as possible for the children with all of the fundraising activities that occur at this time of year. The children have participated in Children in Need today and are also wearing their Odd Socks on Monday to highlight Anti Bullying Week. The children had a wonderful day today picking presents for their family at the Christmas Pop up Shop. I would like to say a special thank you to Mrs Abrehart and Mrs Wilkins who have worked tirelessly behind the scenes to ensure that all of these fundraising events are coordinated within school so that the children do not miss out on these popular activities. Thank you also to FOMCS for their continued support.

**HEADTEACHERS AWARD** - Congratulations to Barney Kingston for winning the Headteacher's award this week. Barney has been making a big effort to work independently and has made excellent progress. Well done, Barney. Well done to Henry Mee and Sebastian Warren who have both won the Good Manners award this week.

★ HAPPY BIRTHDAY ★

Maldon Court wishes -  
Joseph Crozier  
a very Happy Birthday



**NURSERY** - Our topic in Nursery this week has been Nursery Rhymes. The children have enjoyed favourite rhymes and also listening to some new songs on a CD. Our song of the week was Humpty Dumpty, we focused on this rhyme over the week and enjoyed a range of learning opportunities linked to this. During physical time we pretended to be Humpty Dumpty and 'fell off' the wall by sliding down the big soft slide. We also introduced the children to positional language, discussing over, under, in, out etc. The children all coloured their own Humpty to stick on the wall! Next week we begin our new topic: Transport and Road Safety. For optional homework, please make a mode of transport using recycled materials. *Mrs Kim Callaghan*



**PRE-RECEPTION** - This week Pre-Reception have been focusing on Diwali and Remembrance Day. We have enjoyed colouring and cutting to make our own colourful Diwali lanterns, which look amazing displayed in the classroom. Pre-Reception have also enjoyed doing some sponge painting poppies for Remembrance Day and sat beautifully through the two-minute silence on Wednesday. *Miss Washbourne and Miss Denyer*



**RECEPTION** - Reception have had a busy start to the half term and have enjoyed learning about different celebrations, including Bonfire Night and Diwali. We have been very creative and created bright fireworks using paint and glitter. We also enjoyed creating Rangoli patterns on the playground using chalk. On Remembrance Day, we created poppies out of different mediums. We used a variety of materials including playdough, construction toys and paint. Well done Reception. *Miss Wayman*





**FORM 3** - For Remembrance Day this week Form 3 looked at and discussed the poem 'In Flanders Fields' written by John McCrae. We spoke about it's significance and the elements of the poem that we thought stood out. We then used this and turned it into a 'blackout poem' where the children picked words that they wanted to stand out. We then drew poppies over the poem and painted the rest black. The results were beautiful and the children should be extremely proud of their art work. Well done Form 3!  
*Miss Vaughan*



**FORM 6** - Form 6 have had a wonderful start back to this half term. Now the 11+ examinations are over, we have really enjoyed broadening and enriching our curriculum. We have been looking at War Poetry in English, focusing initially on the soldiers situation in Dulce Et Decorum Est. In DT we have begun our textiles project, looking at different materials as well as how items of clothing and bags can be joined and embellished. The children have also thoroughly enjoyed practising their sewing techniques and creating a sampler. We are using our map skills from Geography in our History lessons and are beginning to plot out local places of interest ready for our walking tour of Maldon. The class have thoroughly enjoyed studying the local history around us and have even discovered a Nobel Prize winner was born in Maldon. We have also started our Genius Projects. The first topic was Rainbows and the pupils produced some really diverse projects, from mythology, to science, LGBTQ+ and the COVID-19 pandemic. *Mrs Bradford and Mrs Summers*





**PE** - The children are making exceptional progress in PE across the whole school. From Pre Reception to Form 6, every child is developing their sporting skills and fitness. This week Form 5 and 6 Sports Club players were extremely privileged to play hockey under the floodlights at the hockey pitch. This was an amazing occasion and the standard of play was in keeping with the beautiful evening and floodlit pitch.

Mr Coyle



**PE Timetable - W/C 16th November**

<b>Wednesday</b>		<b>Thursday</b>	
On Site PE Lesson - Morning			
Pre-Reception		Reception	
Form 1		Form 5	
Form 2		Form 6	
<b>All Weather Pitch Lesson: 1-3pm</b>			
Form 3		Form 4	
KS2 Sports Club at the all-weather pitch for children in Forms 3 and 4 - Wednesday 18th 3.30 - 4.30pm			

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

**FOMCS** - Thank you for all your support for the Pop Up Shop event which took place today. This has proven to be a resounding success. The children are now working on their portraits for the tea towel which will be available before Christmas. We are also preparing for Christmas Parties for all the children during December. Thank you for your ongoing support. Tori and Charlotte.

**MENU W/C 16th November**

<b>Day</b>	<b>Main</b>	<b>Dessert</b>
<b>Mon</b>	Chilli con carne served with rice and warm tortilla chips	Flapjacks or fruit
<b>Tues</b>	Roast beef served with roast potatoes, broccoli, carrots, Yorkshire pudding and gravy	Yoghurt or fruit
<b>Weds</b>	Ham, cheese and tomato pasta served with sweet corn and salad	Chocolate chip cookies or fruit
<b>Thurs</b>	Sausage rolls, pomme noisettes and baked beans	Orange jelly or fruit
<b>Fri</b>	Fish fingers served with chips, peas and salad	Strawberry mousse or fruit

