



# MALDON COURT

PREPARATORY SCHOOL

Spring Term 2020

Weekly Newsletter

13th March 2020

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

Please check the school diary on the website.

### TUESDAY 17th MARCH

Parents' Evening  
3.40 - 6.00pm

### WEDNESDAY 18th MARCH

Form 4 Class Assembly 9.00am

### THURSDAY 19th MARCH

Parents' Evening  
5.00 - 8.00pm

### THURSDAY 19th MARCH

Mother's Day Assembly Tea 8.45am  
Form 4 PE showcase 1.00-3.00pm  
Form 6 - English Competition

### MONDAY 23rd MARCH

PGL - Parent Meeting 2.45pm

### TUESDAY 24th MARCH

Natural History Museum Trip  
Forms 3 and 6

### WEDNESDAY 25th MARCH

Form 1 Class Assembly 9.00am

### MONDAY 30th - TUESDAY 31st MARCH

Form 4 - Danbury Outdoors

### TUESDAY 31st MARCH

Form 6 - Crucial Crew

### MONDAY 6th APRIL

Easter Holiday Begins

### MONDAY 20th APRIL

INSET Day

### TUESDAY 21st APRIL

Children return to school



Dear Parents,

I am absolutely delighted that the weather has improved for our Form 5 children who went to Fellowship Afloat on Wednesday. The children have had an amazing time sailing, powerboating, completing the high ropes and kayaking. The children love 'cabin time' with their friends although I am unsure if there would have been enough room for them in the cabins with the amount of luggage that they had between them! The children have thoroughly embraced all of the wonderful opportunities given to them. Thank you to Mrs Bonner and Mrs Summers for accompanying the children. Trips like this can not go ahead without my staff giving up their days and nights to look after the children and I am very grateful to them. More information about Fellowship Afloat can be viewed on our website and later on in the newsletter.

**ESSEX MATHS COMPETITION** - I am delighted to inform you that after a fiercely competitive afternoon of Maths challenges, our Form 6 children; Sophie Clark, Alex Jones, Hudson Williams and Toby Wilson won their heat against a number of other Essex schools and have gained a place in the county final in July. Well done, we are all so proud of this exceptional achievement.

**SCHOOL SECURITY** - May I respectfully ask that parents do not allow anyone that is unknown to them to enter the school premises via the school gate. This is a safeguarding measure and needs to be upheld at all times. Do not be embarrassed to close the door behind you, any parent following you can simply use the intercom to gain access. Equally, please do not be offended if a parent in front of you closes the door, this is in the interest of all our school community. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation.

**HEADTEACHERS AWARD** - Congratulations to Grace Gallagher and Rosie Smith who won the award this week for their excellent enterprise initiative to raise money for the koalas in Australia. It was such a kind and thoughtful gesture and the poster competition was a huge success with all of the children. Good manners certificates this week were awarded to Anna Barnett, Avyukt Shah, Jamie Barker, Rhys Hull and Florence Mee.

**NURSERY** - The Nursery children have really enjoyed our topic on animals. We have been busy making our own farm out of recycled boxes. The children loved playing with their creations in the outside classroom with the farm animals. Maddie also brought her new dog, Louie in to see us, we were all very excited to meet him. We enjoyed some planting this week and we now have a range of herbs growing in the pots along the Nursery fence. Next week our topic is Spring. For optional homework, please make a spring collage to hang on our home link wall. Mrs Kim Callaghan



**PRE RECEPTION** - Pre-Reception have been looking at the topic 'We are all different'. We have been using the junk modelling materials to make a 'friend' to add to our new classroom display. The children picked what colour and style of hair they wanted on their design as well as drawing on the facial features and deciding on a name. They spoke about the similarities and differences when comparing everyone's designs, some children spoke about hair colour, others said about the language they spoke and others their likes and dislikes. We discussed as a group how we are all different and learnt more about the word 'unique'. Mrs Kennedy



**SCIENCE WEEK - FORM 1** - Form 1 have enjoyed experimenting during science week this week. We carried out an experiment to discover how quickly bacteria and germs can be spread between us. We mixed some lotion with some glitter and one person used it on their hands. We then shook hands with each other and by the end, we all had glitter on our hands representing bacteria. We were very surprised by the results and how quickly a cold or virus could spread! We then wrote this experiment up for our science books. Miss Sackett



**FORM 3** - For British Science Week Form 3 and 4 teamed up to investigate 'Is everyone's body the same?' Firstly, with a partner from a different form, they created a life-size drawing of each other, they then worked together to draw detail like hair, eyes and nails. Next, working in groups of 8 they were given a set of different bones that they had to place on the bodies they had drawn around, there were bonus points for scientific labels! Lastly, with our teams of 8 they took some time to investigate how everybody is different. They measured the wingspan of each other, height, leg length, eye colour, hair colour and foot length and then compared results. We all concluded that although our bodies are alike in some ways, there is no one else in the world who looks quite the same as you, we are all different. Miss Vaughan and Miss Broadbridge



ISI Independent Schools Inspectorate | Ofsted Outstanding Provider | ARTS COUNCIL ENGLAND | Artsmark Silver Award Awarded by Arts Council England | Healthy School Eco-Schools | independent schools council | FOOD HYGIENE RATING 5 VERY GOOD

**FELLOWSHIP AFLOAT** - The children in Form 5 have had a fantastic time at Fellowship Afloat. Please take a look at the 'News' section of the school website for details of all their activities over their three day and two night residential trip. These trips are a fantastic opportunity to get away from their home and school environment and learn activities and skills they would never have the chance to experience otherwise. The children rapidly grow in confidence and it is always amazing to see how independent, sensible and resilient they become in such a short space of time whilst always having fun and challenging themselves. Well done to Form 5, you have had a fantastic trip.

*Mrs Bonner and Mrs Summers*



**SCIENCE WEEK - FORM 2** - Form 2 carried out several investigations along the theme of Diversity. We started by taking a good look at one another and celebrating our similarities and differences. We then drew around each other and measured our height, the length of our legs and our arms. We also created Bottle Biomes; you can see these on our windowsill. We have been amazed to find that within a week many of our seeds have germinated. One investigation we did try that was not quite as successful was to find out what sort of 'taster' we are. This involved coating our tongues with blue food colouring and counting our fungiform papillae, not as easy as it sounds!

Mrs Baron



**MATHS COMPETITION** - On Thursday 4 pupils from Form 6 took part in an Essex Maths competition against 4 other local primary schools. The theme of the competition was 'Code Breaking Spies' and took the form of 4, 15 minute, timed tasks. The tasks required the children to work as a cohesive team solving a wide range of mathematical problems to locate spy dead letter box co-ordinates, solve algebraic conundrums, identify key codes and unlock devices. To add to the pressure of the timed tasks they were also limited in the resources they could use, only having two rulers and two calculators per team.

After an extremely tense and nail biting 2 hours Maldon Court were announced the winners of this heat and they are through to the finals which take place in the Summer term. Well done!

Mrs Clark

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

**Wednesday**

**Thursday**

On Site PE Lesson - Morning

F1

F5

PR

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F2

F6

All Weather Pitch 1-3pm

F3

F4

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs E Mason  
Headteacher

**FOMCS** - A big thank you to everyone for supporting the book sale this week and the Mother's Day pop-up shop. The children had a brilliant time choosing gifts and we hope you are pleased on Mother's Day. Summer fare messages will be heading out this weekend, look out for those if you signed up to help thank you. Mrs Lopez and Mrs Stevenson

**NEXT WEEK'S MENU**

Day	Main	Dessert
<b>Mon</b>	Sweet and sour chicken served with rice, prawn crackers and salad.	Flapjacks or fruit.
<b>Tues</b>	Roast beef served with roast potatoes, seasonal vegetables, Yorkshire puddings and gravy.	St Patrick's Day vanilla sponge or fruit.
<b>Weds</b>	Sausage rolls served with potato croquettes, baked beans and salad.	Strawberry jelly or fruit.
<b>Thurs</b>	Chicken and ham pasta bake served with sweet corn and salad.	Fresh fruit salad or Yoghurt.
<b>Fri</b>	Fish cakes served with herbed potatoes, peas and salad.	Toffee ice cream or fruit.

