



# MALDON COURT

PREPARATORY SCHOOL

Autumn Term

Weekly Newsletter

13th October 2023

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

### MONDAY 16th OCTOBER

School in Action Day  
11+ Results Published

### MONDAY 16th OCTOBER

Girls Football Taster  
Great Totham School

### TUESDAY 17th OCTOBER

Dodgeball Tournament  
Forms 5 and 6

### MONDAY 23rd OCTOBER - FRIDAY 3rd NOVEMBER

Half Term

### MONDAY 6th NOVEMBER

Children Return to School

### TUESDAY 7th NOVEMBER

Individual and Sibling Photographs

### THURSDAY 9th NOVEMBER

Form 6 school Trip  
Audley End



## STARS OF THE WEEK



KS1 Mitchell Nguyen

KS2 Olivia Dunkin



KS1 Sebastian Apthorp

KS2 Megan Kitterhing-Best



KS1 Lucia Cole

KS2 Harper Kirby

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Maldon Court wishes  
Zeian Awan-Patel,  
Rudy Carter, Alice Heath,  
Jessica Jones and Aiden Tai  
a very Happy Birthday

Dear Parents,

This week, we welcomed our whole school community to our Harvest Festival on Tuesday. What a wonderful service it was. All Saints' Church was filled to the rafters and we can't thank you enough for your support of the school and the children. It was such a special morning, the children excelled themselves with their wonderful readings and singing. The choir performed exceptionally well – even singing one of my favourite ever songs, 'I the Lord of sea and sky'. I was so proud of each and every child – they are such a credit to you and the school; their behaviour, smart appearance and manners shone through as always and it was abundantly clear just how much they loved performing to you. In addition to your exceptional generosity regarding the Harvest donations which have been delivered to both the Maldon and Dengie food banks as well as our local elderly residents, I would also like to thank you for contributing to our retiring collection. We raised an incredible £519.75 for Mental Health Day and have split it between Mind and Winston's Wish. Thank you so much for helping us support these brilliant charities.

On Monday, our Head Boy and Head Girl, Daniel and Sofia, welcomed the Heads of School from the Plume, Mo and Harriet, into our school. Maldon Court, alongside the Plume, have been asked by the Mayor to be an integral part of the Maldon Remembrance Service to speak in the service. The Heads of Schools met together to get to know each other before the event and Sofia and Daniel did a tour of our school. It certainly took a lot less time than it would doing a tour of the Plume! Congratulations to Maldon Court for being the first school to be recognised and being asked to take part in such a special service. Congratulations to Monaé-Bléu Miller and Logan Yuill who won a Cool to be Kind award this week.

**NURSERY** - This week, the Nursery children have been learning about Harvest Festival. We discussed how we collect food at this time of year and give it to those that need it. The children have also been singing a new Harvest song, which they sang beautifully every day. They also had great fun in our new ice-cream parlour, which we added to the role play zone this week. Our final week of Autumn will be full of fun, we are going to spend more time outside, observing the trees and looking for autumn foliage around the school. For optional homework, please send in a photo of you enjoying an autumn walk.

*Mrs Kim Callaghan*



**PRE-RECEPTION** - This week in Pre-Reception we have started the new topic 'Autumn', we have been looking outside for signs of Autumn and changes that happen outside during this time. The children have enjoyed experimenting with conkers both inside and outside, outside they were added to the mud kitchen along with other Autumn finds and inside the children enjoyed conker painting, rolling them down the paint shoot to mark make on the paper below, we then looked at the patterns they had made on the paper. We have also completed pumpkin size ordering and fork print hedgehogs.

*Mrs Kennedy and Miss Hansell*



**RECEPTION** - In our maths lessons this week, Reception have been comparing size, mass and capacity. When comparing mass, we explored the weight of different objects and became human scales to show which object was the heaviest and which was the lightest. We then checked to see if we were correct by using the balance scales. We all had lots of fun!

*Miss Wayman*



**FORM 4** - This week in science we have been using the characteristics of living things to sort animals and create classification keys. We worked hard to ask unambiguous questions so that others could sort our animals easily. It was a lot trickier than it looks.

Mrs Baron



**PE** - It's been a fantastic start to the sporting year for us. Our events and fixture calendar is absolutely packed and the children are making some outstanding progress. Reception Class have taken exceptionally well to the aspects of team working, listening and hand-eye coordination that will form the cornerstone of their sporting endeavours in their time at the school. We have also been thoroughly impressed with Form 3, who have adapted to the demands of lessons at the all weather pitch extremely well, meaning they are now receiving over two hours of teaching in hockey, rugby, dodgeball and athletics each week. This week we have been pleased to welcome Great Totham School and their sports club for a joint hockey training session. This is part of our school's sporting partnership and allows children to train with and eventually play against players from all over the district. It was fantastic to train with the Great Totham players and Maldon Hockey Club also sent one of their expert coaches along to assist with the event which was a tremendous success. Also this week we have had the most amazing Form 3/4 team representing Maldon Court at the Maldon District rugby tournament. This incredible team, playing against some huge schools, won all five of their pool matches, to make it to the final. They narrowly lost the final 3-2, we are so proud of the way they played against some tough teams in gruelling conditions. Finally, a resounding success for us this year has been the new swimming arrangements at Blackwater Leisure, where the children are making excellent progress in the efficient and structured lessons offered at the pool.

Mr Coyle and Miss Broadbridge.





### NATIONAL SCHOOL EQUESTRIAN ASSOCIATION -

Last week, Mila and Madison Lopez competed in the NSEA Grass Roots show jumping where they represented Maldon Court. We were delighted to hear that they both achieved a clear round and then came 2nd and 3rd in their class. Well done to Mila and Madison.

### CLASSES OF 1965-1982 REUNION -

On Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> September, nearly 20 alumni from Maldon Court held a reunion at the school. Most of the group had not seen each other since leaving the school in the 70's.

*"We all have such strong and fun memories after nearly 50 years, which is just incredible, and such a testament to Tony & Anne (Sutton) and Miss Carter & Mrs Robinson before them. We are all so happy to see the school still flourishing for the future generations. The impact Maldon Court had on all of us was profound"*

Representatives from the classes of 1965-1981



### PE Timetable - W/C 16th OCTOBER

Day	Form	Lesson
<b>Wednesday</b>	Forms 3, 4, 5 and 6	Off site PE
	Sports Club for Forms 5 and 6 collection at 4.15pm	Off site club
<b>Thursday</b>	Pre-Reception, Forms 1 and 2	On site PE
<b>Friday</b>	Reception	On site PE
	Forms 5 and 6	Swimming

**Wishing you all a lovely weekend**  
**Mrs E Mason**  
**Headteacher**

**FOMCS** - Good afternoon parents. What a lovely harvest festival service we shared with the children this week - they were all amazing. Christmas event plans are well underway including KSI party, KS2 pantomime and Christmas Fayre details being finalised with Santa promising to make a visit to see all our good girls and boys. Maria has also been researching into new metal school water bottles following feedback from parents at the AGM. More details to follow in due course. Have a lovely weekend.

### MENU W/C 16th OCTOBER



Day	Main	Dessert
<b>Mon</b>	Ham, tomato and basil pasta bake served with garlic bread and salad	Flapjack or fruit
<b>Tues</b>	Roast chicken served with roast potatoes, carrots, Yorkshire pudding and gravy	Yoghurt or fruit
<b>Weds</b>	Chilli con carne served with rice and warm tortilla chips	Strawberry jelly or fruit
<b>Thurs</b>	Hunter's chicken served with potato wedges, peas and salad	Rice crispy cake or fruit
<b>Fri</b>	Brunch - Sausage, bacon, hash brown and baked beans	Jam doughnut or fruit

