



MALDON COURT

PREPARATORY SCHOOL

Spring Term 2020

Weekly Newsletter

14th February 2020

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Please check the school diary on the website.

**MONDAY 17th -
FRIDAY 21st FEBRUARY**
Half Term

MONDAY 24th FEBRUARY
Children return to school

WEDNESDAY 26th FEBRUARY
School Trip to
Fingringhoe Nature Reserve - Form 2

FRIDAY 28th FEBRUARY
School Trip
Museum of Power Form 1

FRIDAY 28th FEBRUARY
Swimming starts for
Forms 4,5 and 6

TUESDAY 3rd MARCH
Tag Rugby - Forms 5 and 6

WEDNESDAY 4th MARCH
Life Support Roadshow
Forms 5 and 6

THURSDAY 5th MARCH
World Book Day
Themed Lunch
FOMCS Book Sale

FRIDAY 6th MARCH
Academic School Reports Issued

★ **HAPPY BIRTHDAY** ★

On behalf of everyone at Maldon Court we wish:

Henry Allen, Lucas Chan, Rose Hayes, Aliya Procter and Sophie Clark a very Happy Birthday



Dear Parents,

I am delighted to say that the children have excelled themselves with their ESB examinations. The children were presented with their certificates on Tuesday and in total they achieved nine Distinctions, eight Merit Plus and three Merits. This is an excellent achievement and I am delighted that all of their hard work has paid off with such wonderful results. Congratulations to everyone.

In assembly on Tuesday, I was speaking to the children about my favourite saying 'In a world where you can be anything, be kind'. Following on from this, as well as our achievement tree, I have now introduced Positivity Comments. These comments will be emailed to parents when a member of staff sees something from a child that they were really pleased about and would like to share with the parents. These have started this week and will be sent as and when a member of staff deems it appropriate. I know that this new initiative will make you very proud of your child. Also on Tuesday, we participated in Safer Internet Day. This is a global campaign promoting the safe and responsible use of technology to help create a better internet. The children undertook various activities throughout the day and during ICT lessons to highlight the importance of keeping safe online. Information has been sent to you regarding how you can help support this important issue at home.

On Wednesday, Form 5 performed a wonderful class assembly to the rest of the school and their parents. The assembly was science based and involved plenty of fantastic experiments which left us all enthralled! Not only that but the children learnt many lines to keep us all thoroughly entertained for the start of the day. Thank you to Mrs Summers for all of her work with organising it; a superb assembly which everyone enjoyed. Well done everyone.

HEADTEACHERS AWARD – Congratulations to Kitty Ross who was awarded the Headteacher's award this week for excellent work in English with her figurative language. Fantastic Kitty, well done.

A Cool to be Kind award was presented to Jessica Williams and Swimmer of the Week was awarded to Daniel Baker and Vincent Lower. Well done to these children. Finally, congratulations to Mathilda Cowell who put a leaf on the achievement tree in assembly this week.

NURSERY - Nursery have continued with the topic, Expressive Arts this week. The children have been experimenting with colours and made some great pictures to go on our wall display. During activity time, the children looked in the mirror before drawing a self-portrait, we had some great pieces of art. For half term homework, please send in a photo of an activity you enjoy.

Mrs Kim Callaghan



RECEPTION - Reception have enjoyed learning all about 'Pirates' this week to finish off our half-termly topic on 'Weather and Water'. We enjoyed dressing up and learning how to speak like a pirate. We enjoyed designing our very own flags for a pirate ship. We also followed a treasure map to find some treasure.

Miss Wayman



FORM I - Form I have enjoyed engaging with poetry and rhyme in English this week. We looked at a poem that spoke about our five senses and worked in pairs to act it out. The children are enjoying this topic and thinking of new actions every day. The children have also worked hard on preparing an oral presentation of the poem to perform in front of the class at the end of the week.

Miss Sackett



FORM 3 - Over the past couple of weeks Form 3 have been working extremely hard on starting to build their own Viking longboats linked with our history topic. Form 3 are being extremely patient with this process and understand that the construction of these will take time and perseverance. They have all come up with their own unique designs and are all well on their way to successfully finishing this project. Great work Form 3.
Miss Vaughan



FORM 4 - This week, Form 4 have been investigating that some materials change state when they are heated or cooled. The children observed the processes that cause water to change state, to a solid, liquid or a gas. They observed what happens when salt is added to ice and what happens when warm water is covered with clingfilm and ice is added on top of the clingfilm. Form 4 thoroughly enjoyed investigating the processes of the three states of matter.
Miss Broadbridge



FORM 5 - Form 5 have worked so hard on their class assembly. The children had such fun learning about Properties of Materials in class and have really enjoyed practicing the experiments and learning their lines. Thank you to Mrs Summers for guiding the children to create such a memorable assembly, as well as sourcing many of the props. We hope you all have a restful half term, the children have worked incredibly hard over the past 6 weeks.
Mrs Summers and Mrs Bonner



BUDDIES - Pre-Reception and Form 5 really look forward to their Thursday afternoon whole class buddy time, they all have such lovely bonds and all play so beautifully together. This week all children enjoyed being outside together on the playground playing on the bikes and scooters and building tall towers with the giant Lego blocks. We would like to thank Form 5 for being such great role models.

Mrs Kennedy



PE Timetable - W/C 24th February

Wednesday **Thursday**

On Site PE Lesson - Morning

F1 **F3**

PR **R**

F2 **F4**

All Weather Pitch Lesson: 1-3pm

F5 **F6**

Have a lovely half term
Mrs E Mason
Headteacher

FOMCS - The children have been really pleased with their wet play bags this week, thank you. Fundraising ideas are being put into motion to help raise the funds for the new outdoor play equipment that the children have requested. We hope you all have a lovely half term.
 Mrs Lopez and Mrs Stevenson

WEEK COMMENCING 24th FEB MENU

Day	Main	Dessert
Mon	Pasta Bolognese served with sweet corn and Salad.	Shortbread or fruit
Tues	Roast gammon served with roast potatoes, seasonal vegetables, Yorkshire puddings and gravy.	Pancakes served with golden syrup or fruit
Weds	Sweet and sour chicken served with rice, prawn crackers and salad.	Fresh fruit salad or fruit
Thurs	Sausages served with potato waffles, beans and salad.	Vanilla sponge with sprinkles or fruit
Fri	Harry Ramsden fish served with herbed potatoes, peas and salad.	Strawberry jelly or fruit

