



MALDON COURT

PREPARATORY SCHOOL

Summer Term 2021

Weekly Newsletter

14th May 2021

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Please check the school diary on the website.

FRIDAY 21st MAY

Cultural Diversity Day

FRIDAY 21st MAY

Form 6 Lunch with Mr Hilton

MONDAY 24th MAY

French Day

TUESDAY 25th MAY

Open Day - School in Action

TUESDAY 25th MAY

Virtual Fellowship Afloat
Parent Meeting

MONDAY 31st MAY - FRIDAY

4th JUNE

Half Term

MONDAY 7th JUNE

Children Return to School
Clubs resume

TUESDAY 8th JUNE

Virtual Danbury Outdoors
Parent Meeting

WEDNESDAY 9th - FRIDAY

11th JUNE

Form 5 - Fellowship Afloat

THURSDAY 10th JUNE

Form 1 - School Trip
Danbury Country Park



Dear Parents,

The children have been enjoying another fantastic week at school. It was wonderful to see the Form 6 children complete their Bikeability this week. This is a demanding course that teaches the children the vital skills required to safely ride their bikes on the open roads. It requires hard work and a high degree of competency to be deemed safe enough to pass the course. They worked exceptionally hard on their bike skills on the playground before moving on to riding around the roads of Maldon. Form 6 were very well behaved and the instructors commented on their superb manners and listening skills. They are a credit to Maldon Court and are superb role models for the rest of the school. Well done, Form 6.

We were also delighted that for the first time in many months school trips have finally taken place. As a staff team, we were determined to start the school trips as soon as we possibly could as we firmly believe the positive impact it has on the children's overall wellbeing. On Thursday Form 2 visited Danbury Country Park for many fun activities that included mini beast hunting, pond dipping and den building. The children had a fantastic time and pictures can be seen further on in the newsletter. There are many more trips planned for the remainder of the summer term.

Finally, thank you to FOCMS for some lovely play equipment that arrived for the children this week. I know that the children will enjoy playing with these at breaktimes.

HEADTEACHER'S AWARD - Congratulations to Max Mason who won the award this week for his outstanding effort in all subjects. Bravery awards were given to Samuel Newman and Harriet Hawes. Well done to all children.

★ **HAPPY BIRTHDAY** ★

Maldon Court wishes
Mrs Keenan and Mrs Mason a very
Happy Birthday

NURSERY - This children have really enjoyed the second week of our topic Under the Sea and Water. We had lots of water play including a measuring activity, the children loved pouring the coloured water from the jugs into the different sized containers. We also set up 'The Sailor went to Sea' water tray, so along with learning the song, the children also had the opportunity to play and explore 'the sea'. The children also completed some threading together. Next week our new activity is Shapes and Numbers, this will run for two weeks. For optional homework please complete the Shape worksheet that will be sent home next week.



Mrs Kim Callaghan

FORM 1 - Form 1 have been enjoying their art unit called fabricate this half term. We have been looking at joining materials and paper without using glue or tape to stick it together. The children worked very hard and had lots of fun creating these wonderful caterpillars through the art of folding. We had a wonderful art lesson creating these.

Mrs Stephens



FORM 2 - In Science, we have been studying what plants need to grow well and the lifecycles of plants. We also looked at seed dispersal and made some sycamore seeds to test how they are carried in the wind. We also completed our grass heads. We cannot wait for the seeds to grow so that we can give them a 'lockdown' haircut.

In DT, we tested different foods from different food groups in preparation for making our party dish. We used our senses to describe the different foods and discuss taste and texture. Everyone tried all the different foods and experimented with trying different combinations, we were surprised what a difference this made.

Mrs Baron











FORM 3 - Form 3 were set an exciting art project last week, the Vikings! The children were all given the opportunity to express their artwork in whichever way they wished. The results were phenomenal! We had projects ranging from Viking helmets, collages, amazing drawings from different perspectives, clay models and even paper Mache Viking heads. As you can see from the pictures, the children all put in so much effort into this and I was amazed with the results. Well done Form 3.

Miss Vaughan



FORM 4 - Form 4 have continued their 'Electricity' topic in Science lessons. Last week, we investigated what makes a complete and an incomplete electrical circuit. This week, the children have been finding out what materials are conductors and what materials are insulators. Form 4 had lots of fun testing a variety of materials within the lesson. Also, they especially enjoyed the 'sweet' starter to refresh their minds with the electrical components of a circuit. *Miss Broadbridge*



RECEPTION - Reception have enjoyed learning about minibeasts this half term. Recently, we have been learning about the life cycle of a butterfly. We enjoyed reading the story, 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' and discussed the different food that he ate. In class, we have created some Cress Caterpillars. We decorated some egg boxes to look like the Hungry Caterpillar and planted some cress seeds in them. We have enjoyed checking our seeds each day to see if they have grown.

Miss Wayman



FORM 2 - SCHOOL TRIP PHOTOGRAPHS



PE - Despite the recent weather we have been working hard on our summer sports programme across the school. There has been some amazing progress in cricket and we look forward to welcoming parents to some sporting showcases later in the term. We are delighted to be able to now announce the results of the Maldon and Colchester District cross country competition, which took place at the end of Spring Term. Of 19 teams that entered across the district. Our Team places were:

Form 3 Team	1st
Form 4 Team	2nd
Form 5 Team	3rd
Form 6 Team	3rd



I am sure you will agree that these are sensational results. Some of the schools we competed against were over the twice the size of MCPS and it is amazing to place so highly across all the age groups. With a minimum of 76 children competing in each year group; individual top 10 places were awarded to David van Stolk, Sofia Fisher, Izzy Dunkin, Sophia Harvey, Alice Wilson, Emely Dunkin and Florence Mee. Well done to all who took part

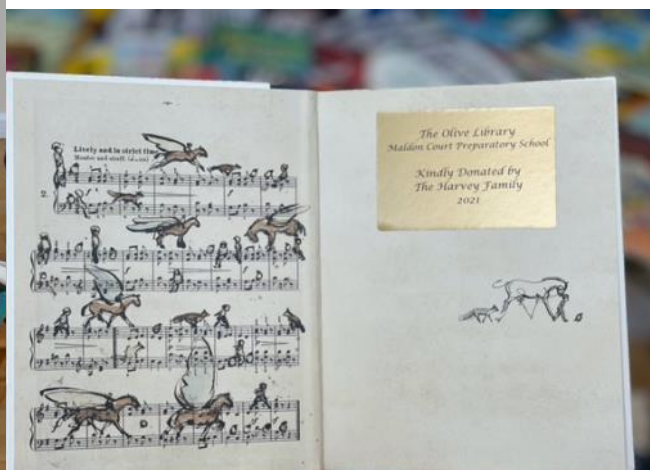
Mr Coyle

SPORT AND FITNESS FOR PARENTS - Did you know that there are classes run by MCPS parents that take place each week in the school hall. Mrs Harvey runs a Yoga class each Monday between 7.30pm and 9pm. Mr Day runs a fitness class each Wednesday between 7.30pm and 8.30pm. These classes are a fantastic and friendly way to stay fit and active. Both these classes have started again now covid protocols have been eased. Please contact the school office if you are interested and we can put you in touch with the instructors or you can simply turn up on the day.



THE OLIVE LIBRARY BOOK INITIATIVE - We would like to say a huge thankyou to everyone that has contributed so far to our school library book initiative. We have been overwhelmed by not only the support from current families at the school but also from some families and grandparents whose children have now left the school. It is so touching to see the support for our school to have a superb new library space for all the children and to learn

how many families would like to leave a legacy in our Olive Library. We welcome any support from families past and present. For anyone who has not yet had the chance to look at the list and wish to contribute [Our wish list can be located here.](#) The list closes on the 6th June.
Mrs Bonner



PE Timetable - W/C 17th May	
Wednesday	Thursday
On Site PE Lesson - Morning	
Pre-Reception	
Form 1	Form 5
Form 2	Form 6
All Weather Pitch Lesson: 1-3pm	
Forms 5 and 6	Forms 3 and 4
KS2 Sports Club at the all-weather pitch for children in Forms 5 and 6 - Wednesday 19th May	

MENU W/C 17th MAY		
Day	Main	Dessert
Mon	Lasagne served with sweet corn and salad	Shortbread or fruit
Tues	Roast beef served with roast potatoes, carrots, broccoli, Yorkshire pudding and gravy	Yoghurt or fruit
Weds	Sausages served with duchess potatoes and baked beans	Chocolate chip cookies or fruit
Thurs	Sweet and sour chicken served with rice and prawn crackers	Strawberry mousse or fruit
Fri	Cheese and ham pizza served with chips and salad	Artic roll or fruit

Have a lovely weekend
Mrs E Mason
Headteacher

FOMCS - Look out for our mini summer raffle tickets that will go on sale soon with all money raised going towards the school's brilliant library initiative. We'd like to welcome fundraising ideas from the children to further support this, please contact us via your class reps if your children have any ideas. Thank you, Mrs Lopez and Mrs Stevenson

