



MALDON COURT

PREPARATORY SCHOOL

Spring Term 2024

Weekly Newsletter

15th March 2024

DATES FOR THE DIARY

MONDAY 18th MARCH

Parent's Evening 3.40pm - 6pm
In School

TUESDAY 19th MARCH

Parent's Evening 5pm - 7pm - Online

WEDNESDAY 20th MARCH

Form 2 Class Assembly

MONDAY 25th MARCH

Easter Hat/ Egg Assembly

TUESDAY 26th MARCH

FOMCS Easter Egg Hunt

TUESDAY 26th -

THURSDAY 28th MARCH

Form 5 Fellowship Afloat

WEDNESDAY 27th MARCH

Pre-Reception and Reception School
Trip to Oaksbrook Retreat

FRIDAY 28th MARCH -

FRIDAY - 12th APRIL

Easter Holiday

MONDAY - 15th APRIL

INSET DAY

STARS OF THE WEEK



KS1 Ethan Bandakpara-Taylor

KS2 Olivia Dunkin



KS1 Alice Heath

KS2 Megan Kitterhing-Best



KS1 Lucia Cole

KS2 Pip Cowell

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Maldon Court wishes
Jude and Arlo Parker, Matthew,
Lincoln Tomlinson, Eva Gibbins,
Zara and Miss Vaughan
a very Happy Birthday



Dear Parents,

We have had another busy week at school. We started our week on Monday with a whole school Maths Day. The children enjoyed a fantastic assembly with Mrs Clark and all classes participated in some excellent hands on activities including weighing, measuring, estimating, and playing maths games within their classes. The children all had a wonderful day and it is lovely to see them enjoying their maths. Thank you to the teachers who ensured that the children had such fantastic activities to complete through the course of the day.

Also on Monday, our Form 1 children went on their trip to Abberton Reservoir. The children had a wonderful time and had many opportunities for bird watching, looking at all of the wildlife and even pond dipping. They all came back muddy and exhausted- a sign of a great school trip! More information is further on in the newsletter.

On Wednesday, Form 3 performed their class assembly to their parents. The children were fantastic and we were all so impressed. They read their English poems and riddles superbly, we learnt lots about the rainforest and also had some fabulous Spanish speaking. Well done Form 3 and Miss Oxford – you were all excellent and we were so proud of you.

Today it is Red Nose Day and our Form 6 children have been selling the noses on the gate. Thank you also to Form 3 who have very kindly donated a percentage of their money from their cake sale to Comic Relief.

Finally, I look forward to seeing you all tomorrow for our Annual Open Day. Thank you for helping to support the school. It always makes me feel grateful when the children are so proud of their school. I really appreciate that the children may have to miss their normal Saturday clubs and activities to come to school but we most certainly couldn't do it without them!

HEADTEACHER'S AWARD - Congratulations to Leon Page who won a Headteacher's award this week for his outstanding kindness and consideration to his buddy. The book that he made him was exceptional and so much thought had gone into it. Well done Leon, we are so proud of you. Well done to Zara who won a Cool to be Kind award.

NURSERY - Science Week has been lots of fun for the children. They loved creating their own volcano, helping to add the ingredients to watch it bubble and fizz out of the jar. We have been enjoying spending time outside and spent time on the activity trail, where the children enjoyed exploring the Busy Boards and finding out how some of the items work. We also used the magnet, which the children thought was great, putting it against objects around the classroom to see if it would hold. Next week, our topic is Spring. The children will enjoy a range of activities linking to this theme. For optional homework, please take a family photo of you all enjoying a spring walk.

Mrs Kim Callaghan



PRE-RECEPTION - As part of our spring topic, Pre-Reception have been learning about flowers and planting, we discussed why it is important to look after the plants and also the different parts of a plant, the children then created their own plant and labelled. To extend learning on this topic, the children then enjoyed planting their own sunflowers and are excited to take care of them and watch them grow over time.

Mrs Kennedy and Miss Hansell



PRE-RECEPTION AND FORM 5 - Pre-Reception love spending time with their buddies and this week were very lucky as Form 5 had been busy creating story books for their buddies, Form 5 thought about their buddies' interests when creating the books and these came across in the stories, some of the books were also interactive and had lift the flap sections! Thank you form 5!

Mrs Kennedy and Mrs Warman



Nursery - Nursery had a fun little Maths table on Monday! It included number books, counting blocks while making them into a tower, matching numbered dominoes, a number clock and some 2D, laminated hedgehogs with a certain amount of pegs they had to put on! During their break time, children were asked to match the dominoes. It looked like they were enjoying it a lot!

Pre-Reception - Pre-Reception had Maths spread out across the entire day. In the morning they stuck down shapes to make a beautiful Easter chick! On one of the tables, it had questions of how many objects were drawn and they would have to put a wooden disc with a number on next to the questions. During the afternoon, they went for a number hunt! The teachers would hide numbers with sparkly slime in it and Pre-Reception would have to find it. What a fun filled day they had!

Reception - Reception had an afternoon of 'Marvellous Maths'. They had a range of activities. Firstly, they were matching the tops of eggs (with counters on) with the bottom of the eggs (with the equivalent number on). Also, they made chicks with shapes, but these were laminated shapes. Sadly, they couldn't take it home. Finally, they used multilink blocks to measure each other in groups but one person in the team has to be counting how many blocks long they are. Zaiden said he was "loving it!"

Form 2 - For International Maths Day Form 2 enjoyed learning through play. They had many activities going on at once; exploring mass, capacity and building.

Written by the Maths Ambassadors - Isabel Dunkin, Eva Gibbins and George Fisher

SCIENCE DAY - To celebrate Science week, each class undertook a number of exciting experiments. Pre-Reception watched the reactions of bicarbonate of soda and vinegar; Reception made 'Magic Milk', they added food colouring to milk and then enjoyed moving the colours around when they added washing-up liquid; Forms 1 and 2 did a number of timing investigations, Form 3 investigated the amount of friction on different surfaces by measuring the distance a toy car could travel and then investigated whether the amount of cocoa in chocolate affects the rate it melts at; Form 4 carried out a reflex investigation and a pendulum experiment, testing whether the length of string on a pendulum altered the number of swings it would make in one minute, Form 5 did 'Smashing Stereotypes' in Science and participated in a live lesson and Form 6 also did some pendulum experiments. Great fun was had by all!

Mrs Baron



FORM I - Form I had a fantastic trip on Monday where we went on an adventure to Abberton Reservoir. We started off the day talking about the different seasons and the signs, I was extremely impressed with all the knowledge the children had remembered from our previous science lessons. We then went on a scavenger hunt around the Reservoir to find different signs of Spring. Along the way we were able to identify different types of birds and trees. We built some very interesting looking nests for the birds we had found and played a migration game, where we understood what this meant for birds such as Sparrows who do not enjoy winter at all in this country. After lunch, we had a very exciting opportunity to go pond dipping and as you can see from the photos below, the children absolutely loved this exercise! The children were then given the opportunity to look through a magnifying glass to identify the different pond creatures they had come across. We found invertebrates such as blood worms, pond snails, tadpoles, water hog louse and many many more! We all had such a fantastic day exploring nature and the muddy puddles that came with it (sorry parents). The children were a real credit to Maldon Court with their impeccable manners and scientific knowledge, well done Form I Miss Vaughan



PE Timetable - W/C 18th MARCH

Day	Form	Lesson
Wednesday	Forms 3, 4, 5 and 6	Off site PE
	Forms 3 and 4 - Sports club To be held at Maldon Hockey Club Collection at 4.15pm	Off site club
Thursday	Pre-Reception, Forms 1 and 2	On site PE
Friday	Swimming for Forms 1 and 2	Off site Swimming

Wishing you all a lovely weekend
Mrs E Mason - Headteacher

FOMCS - Hello Parents. A massive thank you to our Form 2 children for their amazing cake sale today and for supporting such a wonderful charity, Comic Relief. We will let you know our donation total once monies have been counted. We are working behind the scenes for all things Easter as this will soon be upon us. Please keep your eyes peeled on ParentMail and your watts app groups for further details including our Easter hat/egg parade and Easter hunt that will take place in the last week of term. Have a lovely weekend.
Mrs Tsai and Mrs Jeffrey.

MENU W/C 18th MARCH



Day	Main	Dessert
Mon	Crispy chicken wraps served with lattice potatoes and salad	Shortbread or fruit
Tues	Roast pork served with roast potatoes, carrots, Yorkshire pudding and gravy	Yohurt or fruit
Weds	Chicken tikka masala served with rice and naan bread	Strawberry jelly or fruit
Thurs	Meatballs in tomato sauce served with pasta, sweetcorn and salad	Lemon drizzle cake or fruit
Fri	Three cheese pizza served with potato wedges and salad	Chocolate flapjack or fruit

