



MALDON COURT

PREPARATORY SCHOOL

Autumn Term 2020

Weekly Newsletter

16th October 2020

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Please check the school diary on the website.

**MONDAY 19th - FRIDAY 30th
OCTOBER**
Half Term

MONDAY 2nd NOVEMBER
Children Return to School
Clubs Resume

SATURDAY 7th NOVEMBER
11+ Examination

MONDAY 9th NOVEMBER
11+ Examination

TUESDAY 10th NOVEMBER
Individual and Sibling Photographs

TUESDAY 10th NOVEMBER
Parent's Evening
Telephone meeting

THURSDAY 12th NOVEMBER
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FOMCS Pop up Shop

FRIDAY 13th NOVEMBER
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Dear Parents,

As we are heading towards our half term, I would like to thank you all for your support with our new school procedures. It has been lovely to have so many positive comments from you and I am delighted with the efficiency that we get the children into and out of school every day. It is a privilege to welcome such happy and content children in to our school each day. It has been a highly successful half term for the school and our children.

Although we have not been able to end our half term in our traditional way with our Annual Harvest Festival at All Saints' Church, we have still embraced the sentiment of Harvest in school. Once again, thank you for all of your generous donations. On Wednesday, some of our Form 6 visited St Peter's Hospital and Maldon Food Pantry to hand over our donations. Both organisations were overwhelmed with the food given to them and wanted me to extend their thanks to each and every one of you.

Although our Form 6 children could not stand up in church and lead the Harvest Service, they have been working incredibly hard in class on an online version of the service which every child and staff member watched this morning. The children were absolutely superb and it was a wonderful and very special moment that we all enjoyed watching.

Finally, may I respectfully ask that parents refrain from parking outside the school. This is to keep our children as safe as possible. Stop and drops are permitted but not if parents are getting out of the car for periods of time. This is also so that it is fair for all of our other parents who park elsewhere and walk their child to the gate. Thank you for your consideration to both our children, our neighbours and our parents.

HEADTEACHER'S AWARD - Congratulations to Amelia Pearce in Pre- Reception and Ava Blake in Form 6 who won the award this week. Amelia won it for an exceptional start to Pre-Reception and for always displaying excellent manners. Ava has also displayed outstanding manners and has a consistently enthusiastic approach to all aspects of school life.

Congratulations to Evie Beckett in Form 2 and Aiden Tai in Form 1 who won the Good manners certificate this week.

★ **HAPPY BIRTHDAY** ★

Maldon Court wishes - Alice Heath,
George Barnett, Sienna Crozier,
Sebastian Mawby, Lottie Craddock and
Eli Wigginton
a very Happy Birthday



NURSERY - This week the children have enjoyed the topic: Our Community. We have enjoyed discussing the local area as well as where we all live. The children loved making their own collage of the Prom, using paint, tissue paper and a range of materials. The children also had fun in our Pumpkin Tuff Tray, the children were very interested when we cut into the pumpkins and enjoyed touching the seeds. We then cut the pumpkins into tunnels to use with the train track in the tuff tray. When we return after half term, our new topic is Fireworks. Each child has an optional homework sheet to complete. If your child completes a firework picture to bring into Nursery, we will display this on our Home Link Board.

Mrs Kim Callaghan



FORM 5 - Form 5 have continued to work hard over the past couple of weeks. We have finished our descriptive writing about animals and have practised writing conversations in English. In Maths we have almost finished our first module on the four operations and place value. The class have worked with grit and determination to grasp long multiplication and have realised the importance of working accurately and the use of being quick with times tables.

In art the children have completed fantastic pictures using water colour pencils. We have produced work inspired by Paula Swisher, whose artwork is birds drawn on text from old books. As our topic is birds and wildlife, we drew birds on a passage from Genesis about The Creation. I think you will agree we have some budding artists in the class.

This week we have spent considerable time thinking about how to stay safe online and how to keep relationships healthy and safe online. The children have discussed how to keep relationships positive, what to do if they do not think an online relationship is safe, positive or healthy and who they can go to for help. We learnt the acronym SMART as a tool for reference.

In their Genius projects the children have been learning a new skill. They have learnt a huge array of skills from knot tying to tie dying to cooking dinner for their family to juggling. We saw some brilliant presentations showcasing these newly learned skills. Well done Form 5. Have a fantastic half term.

Mrs Bonner and Mrs Clark

FORM 2 - Form 2 have been making different mechanisms to make things move. We started off with a sliding mechanism to move our bugs, first to move across a background and then to hide. We then made a pivot mechanism. This time we designed our own background and bug. Next time we will be making a wheel mechanism to show the life cycle of an animal or plant. We are linking our DT with our science topic of 'Living things and their Habitats'.

Mrs Baron



FORM I - Form I thoroughly enjoyed their Autumn walk to Leeches Garden this week. We had lots of fun finding different natural items ready for our land art topic after half term. The children found lots of different items including conkers, leaves, twigs and acorns. On our way back to school, we stopped to look at different points of interest in the local area including the police station and schools. The children identified lots of different types of housing, this is something that we have been learning about in Geography.

Miss Sackett



CONKER COMPETITION - The end of this half term also wouldn't be the same without our annual Conker Competition. We are proud that this traditional event goes ahead and the children love participating. This year, the children competed in their bubbles and it was fiercely contested! The results will be announced after half term.





PE Timetable - W/C 2nd November

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Wednesday Thursday

Day Main Dessert

On Site PE Lesson - Morning

Mon	Pasta Bolognese served with sweet corn and salad	Flapjacks or fruit
Tues	Roast beef served with roast potatoes, carrots, broccoli, Yorkshire pudding and gravy	Yoghurt or fruit
Weds	Sausage rolls, potato croquettes, baked beans and salad	Mud pie or fruit
Thurs	Chicken casserole served with new potatoes and peas	Strawberry jelly or fruit
Fri	Cheese burger served with chips and salad	Raspberry ripple ice cream or fruit

Pre-Reception	Reception
Form 1	Form 5
Form 2	Form 6

All Weather Pitch Lesson: 1-3pm

Form 3	Form 4
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KS2 Sports Club at the all-weather pitch for children in Forms 3 and 4 - Wednesday 23rd 3.30 - 4.30pm

**Have a lovely half term
Mrs E Mason
Headteacher**

FOMCS - We hope that you are pleased with your children's Christmas card artwork and if you haven't already done so, please ensure your order forms are returned by 4th November, thank you. We also look forward to hearing of the different fun ways the children have managed to raise £5 over the half term. FOMCS really appreciates the support from yourselves and the children, and the money raised will go towards them having a, well-deserved, enjoyable Christmas term. Tori and Charlotte.

