



MALDON COURT

PREPARATORY SCHOOL

Spring Term 2024

Weekly Newsletter

16th February 2024

DATES FOR THE DIARY

**MONDAY 19th FEBRUARY—
FRIDAY 23rd FEBRUARY**
Half Term

MONDAY 26th FEBRUARY
Children Return to School
Clubs Resume
Forms 5 and 6 Life Support Roadshow

TUESDAY 27th FEBRUARY
Form 2 Trip to Layer Marney Tower
Form 5 11+ Mock Examination

THURSDAY 29th FEBRUARY
Form 5 - Fellowship Afloat Parent Meeting 2.45pm


FRIDAY 1st MARCH
FOMCS Bingo Night


**MONDAY 4th -
TUESDAY 5th MARCH**
Mother's Day Pop up Shop


WEDNESDAY 6th MARCH
Mother's Day Morning Assembly -
Pre-Reception



STARS OF THE WEEK

 KS1 Tate Jacob
KS2 Mila Lopez and Elizabeth Neall

 KS1 George Newman
KS2 Joshua Tomlinson

 KS1 Finn Lacey
KS2 Emily Blacknall

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Maldon Court wishes
Lachlan Jones, Noah Prempeh-Bonsu,
Henry Allen, Stanley Ashton,
Lucas Chan, George Fisher,
Rose Hayes, Aliya Procter,
Oscar Rabiou, Miss Hansell and
Mrs Kennedy a very Happy Birthday

Dear Parents,
It has been a lovely half term at school and the children have all worked so hard. Many of the children have battled with illness but have showed resilience and determination to continue as much as they possibly can. I really hope that you all have a lovely half term break with your family and we start the next half of the Spring Term feeling well and refreshed.

Our Maldon Court Open Day will soon be upon us on Saturday 16th March. This is a really important day in our school calendar where we invite both prospective parents and existing parents into school to view our Outstanding provision. All children from Form 1 to Form 6 are required to attend this event where we showcase our singing, recitals and dancing from 9.30am – 11.30am. A letter has already been sent out to you regarding advertising this for us and thank you to the parents who have responded to say that they will take a board or posters to put up in their shop or home. Thank you, as always, for your support.

Well done to Form 3 and their parents for another resounding success for the cake sale this afternoon. Please do remember the FOMCS Bingo night on 1st March – I will hopefully see lots of you there for a really fun evening. I have my dabber ready!

Finally, I would like to thank Mrs Tasi and FOMCS for generously donating the most wonderful inside 'gym' for our Nursery children which incorporates a climbing net, monkey bars and a climbing wall. It complements our existing physical area for the children. It has been an instant hit and the children love it. Thank you FOMCS and to all who support our fundraising throughout the year.

HEADTEACHER'S AWARD - Congratulations to Addie Beckett who won the award this week for her positive attitude, hard work and improvement in maths. Well done, Addie. Congratulations to Aiden and Riley Tai who were awarded a Cool to be Kind award.

NURSERY - The children have really enjoyed learning about Chinese New Year this week. We made our own dragon pictures and also danced to Chinese music, using scarves and moving our bodies. Our role play zone became a Chinese Restaurant, the children were able to serve a range of Chinese dishes to each other and pretended to drink Chinese tea. We even tried using chopsticks! When we return after half term, our first topic is The Jungle. For optional homework, please create a picture of your favourite jungle animal.

Mrs Kim Callaghan



RECEPTION - This half term, Reception have been learning about Pirates. We made some excellent treasure maps with our Buddies. We drew some excellent details on the maps and made sure to put a red cross for X marks the spot! We also enjoyed using the Beebot in class this week. We took turns to programme the Beebot to navigate it on the map to find the treasure chest.

Miss Wayman



FORM 2 - This week, Form 2 have enjoyed completing their computing unit, 'Digital Writing'. The children have used various aspects of the computer to create and change text. They have familiarised themselves with typing on a keyboard and have used tools to change the look of their writing.

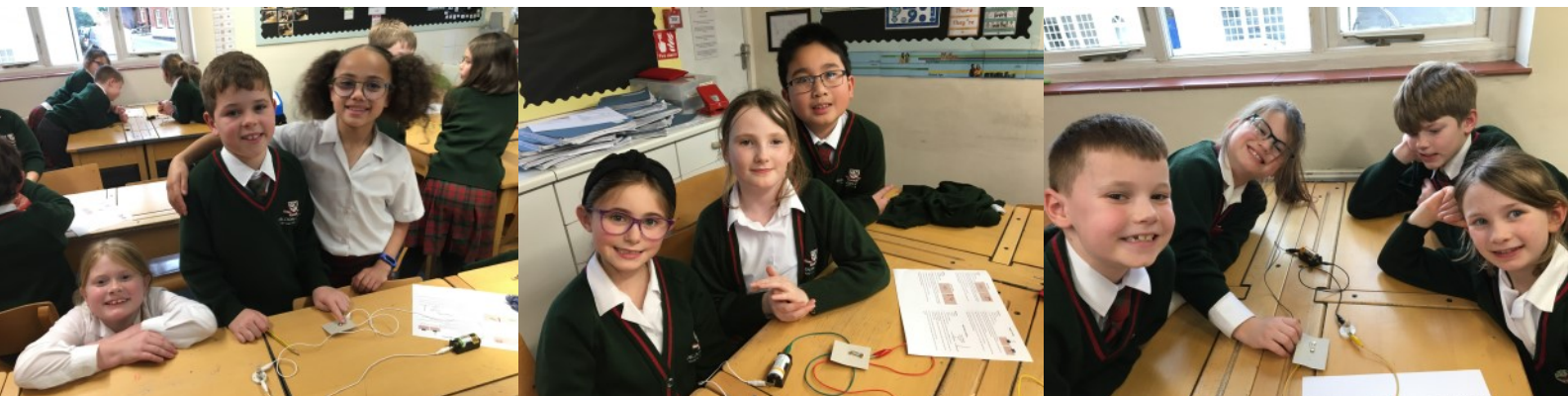
Form 2 have also been very lucky to have a special visitor in their class this week - Bertie the lamb! Thank you Mrs Hull and Rhys for bringing in Bertie to meet us all and tell us all about lambs.

Miss Broadbridge



FORM 4 - Form 4 has really enjoyed studying electricity this term. We have made, and drawn, circuits with different components, identified why some circuits do not work, tested materials to see if they are conductors and insulators and made our own slide switches, toggle switches, selector switches and push button switches. This week, we have used all our knowledge to answer reasoning questions.

Mrs Baron



FORM 6 - Form 6 have got off to a busy start this term. We have just started to learn about Egypt for our history topic and we are already a good way through our class text 'Secrets of a Sun King' by Emma Carroll. This fictional story weaves around the real events and mysteries surrounding the discovery of Tutankhamun's tomb in the Valley of the Kings.

In science we have been learning about Charles Darwin and his theory of evolution. We have enjoyed watching marine iguanas with David Attenborough and have produced some super explanatory writing about it. We were able to link in our learning from our Eden Oasis visit from earlier in the year.

Mrs Summers

HOW TO MAKE A MUMMY

Mummification
The ancient Egyptians believed that once you die your soul moved on to the afterlife so your body had to be in a good condition for your soul to return. First is to remove the organs of mummification.

Equipment:
• Meat hook
• A sharp decision stone
• Four canopic jars (Hep, Inseay, Duamofy and Obekhemans)
• 12 jars of linen
• Niloton (salt)
• Detergent soap
• Hawk scarab
• A hot red smelt
• Death mask
• A sarcophagus
• Wine and water
• Presin.

10 Mummification Instructions:
1. Firstly, we need to purify the body in wine and water.
2. Next, we must remove the large and small intestines in the Hep (belly) except for the stomach. The liver, except you must put it in Inseay (liver). Then put the stomach in Duamofy (stomach) and finally put the intestines in Obekhemans (intestines).
3. Then, you put your meat hook and insert it up the nose and which around. This shows up the brain so it's easy to pull out.
4. After that, we need to dry out the body to stop it decaying. To dry out the body, we need to put Niloton (type of salt) all over the body. You might want to add some spices to stop the body from smelling bad. Once you have covered the body in spices and Niloton leave it for forty days.
5. Once the forty days are up, we need to wrap the body. Grab your hot handkerchiefs of linen and coat it the resin you collected. Make sure to say your spell whilst you wrap the body.
6. Finally, place the body to rest in the sarcophagus along with treasured things. After that, set the death mask on and carry to the pyramid.

Mummification
Thursday 12 February 2023

Equipment:
• Sharp tools
• Human body
• Linen strips
• Canopic jars
• Death mask
• Precious objects
• Human organs
• Salt and oil

The Art of mummification:
The Egyptians believed that when you die you have a journey to the afterlife. They believed the afterlife was a heavenly place where you would live forever. Mummification was the process the body goes through to reach the afterlife. This was quite expensive so only the rich would get there.

Method:
1. Firstly, wash the body with wine and water. This will purify it.
2. Next, remove any organs to make sure they do not cause the body to decay. The organs are placed in special jars called canopic jars. The lungs are stored in Hep (belly-headed jar), Liver, Inseay (human-headed jar), Stomach, Duamofy (stomach-headed jar), Intestines, Obekhemans (fish-headed jar).
3. Then, dry out body using salt called Niloton. This will absorb the moisture from the body, then leave for 40 days and add spices for fragrance.
4. After that, wrap the body in linen and place scarabs and precious possessions, food and jewelry inside.
5. Finally, place the canopic jars and body into the sarcophagus and place the Death mask into the wrapped body.



NURSERY NEW PLAY EQUIPMENT - A big thank you to FOMCS for purchasing the new play equipment for the Nursery. As you can see some of the older children have been enjoying climbing and playing on it. Thank you to Mrs Tsai that came in to build the climbing frame. Mrs Callaghan



PE - We'd like to share some photos of our recent lessons across the school. The children continue to amaze us with their hard work and determination in sport and PE. This term alone our PE lessons have included hockey, rugby, cross country, tchoukball, tennis, gymnastics, dance, orienteering and cornhole!



FORMER PUPIL NEWS - We have been delighted to hear of the outstanding progress one of our former pupils is making. Sophia Harvey is now in Year 9 and is well remembered at MCPS for her sporting prowess and continues to inspire pupils at our school. Sophia recently won the North Essex District Cross Country race. This qualified her for Essex Schools Cross Country race which then qualified her for the South East Inter Counties Cross Country Championships. Sophia placed 7th for Essex and 45th overall. This is an amazing achievement and we are so proud of all Sophia is achieving.



TT ROCKSTARS - This week Mrs Clark gathered together the TT Rockstars Rock Heroes from throughout the school. In order to achieve Rock Hero status the children need to complete an average of 60 questions per minute over 10 games with their class teacher. Eight children from Forms 2-6 took part. They started with a few warm up games to loosen up their fingers before settling down to begin. It was a phenomenal sight to behold, as fingers were nimbly calculating as many times tables questions as they could in 1 minute, with some children completing over 100 questions in 60 seconds! A fantastic achievement for all the children.



BLUE PETER BADGE WINNERS - We would like to say a huge congratulations to those students who worked hard to achieve their Blue Peter Reading badge! We had 30 children from Maldon Court who decided to take on the challenge and it paid off! They are now the proud owners of the legendary Blue Peter badge! They have been wearing their badges to school with pride and they will gain free entry to many educational places across the UK; what a brilliant reward for their efforts! Well done to you all.
Mrs Caldwell and Miss Oxford

PE Timetable - W/C 26th FEBRUARY

Day	Form	Lesson
Wednesday	Forms 3, 4, 5 and 6	Off site PE
	Forms 3 and 4 - Sports club To be held at the 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 half term
Mrs E Mason - Headteacher

FOMCS - Good Afternoon parents. A massive well done to our Form 3 children on their amazing cake sale today! Thank you for making so many yummy treats for us all. We hope you have a wonderful, restful half term with your families and we look forward to seeing you when we return for our Bingo Night and lots of Easter events through March for your children to enjoy. Take care, Mrs Tsai and Mrs Jeffrey.

MENU W/C 26th FEBRUARY



Day	Main	Dessert
Mon	Sausage rolls served with lattice potatoes and baked beans	Flapjacks or fruit
Tues	Roast pork served with roast potatoes, carrots, Yorkshire pudding and gravy	Yoghurt or fruit
Weds	Chilli con carne served with rice and warm tortilla chips	Apple crumble and custard or fruit
Thurs	Pasta carbonara served with garlic bread and salad	Toffee mousse or fruit
Fri	Crispy coated fish bites served with chips, peas and salad	Vanilla ice cream or fruit

