



# MALDON COURT

PREPARATORY SCHOOL

Summer Term

Weekly Newsletter

16th June 2023

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

### MONDAY 19th JUNE

Whole School Fun Day

### TUESDAY 20th JUNE

Reception and Form 6 Trip to  
Maldon Petting Zoo

### THURSDAY 22nd JUNE

Form 2 Class Assembly  
KSI Three Tees Cricket  
Tournament Maldon Hockey Club

### FRIDAY 23rd JUNE

KS2 Swimming Gala

### MONDAY 26th JUNE

Whole School Panoramic Photograph

### TUESDAY 27th JUNE

ESB Exam - Forms 2 and 3  
KS2 District Sports -  
Heybridge School

### WEDNESDAY 28th JUNE

Essex Food Farming Trip  
Forms 4, 5 and 6

### FRIDAY 30th JUNE

Sports Day

### MONDAY 3rd JULY

Transition Day  
Form 6 School Trip - Jump Street

### TUESDAY 4th JULY

Form 2 - Trip to the Prom

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Maldon Court wishes  
Zara White, Harrison Jones,  
Mya Chambers, Frederick Bruce,  
Max Mason and Ms Elswailer  
a very Happy Birthday



Dear Parents,

What a lovely week it has been with the sun shining. Thank you to everyone for still ensuring that the children come into school looking so smart. This week, we have been delighted to welcome in both our Nursery and Reception dads for Father's Day activities. It is always a really special morning and the children are thrilled to spend quality time with their daddies and to give them some very thoughtful homemade gifts. Thank you to the dads who made the time to come to what was a wonderful morning. All of the children have also been busily buying presents at the pop up shop for their dads in preparation for Father's Day on Sunday. Thank you so much to FOMCS and the parent volunteers who ensured that this event could go ahead. The children love doing this and it is also a fantastic fundraiser for the school.

On Tuesday, our Form 2 children enjoyed a brilliant trip to Danbury Park. The activities involved minibeast hunting and pond dipping; more information can be found later on in the newsletter. The children had a fantastic time and they were absolutely exhausted at the end of the day!

Thank you to Form 4 and Mrs Baron for their superb class assembly which I heard all about and well done to Form 6 who were excellent ambassadors for the school when they went to Crucial Crew at Park Drive on Wednesday.

Finally, congratulations to our Athletics team who represented the school at District Sports on Tuesday. Out of all the schools competing, we finished in a superb 2<sup>nd</sup> place. The children were wonderful and represented the school admirably. I am so proud of them all.

**HEADTEACHER'S AWARD** - Congratulations to Pip Cowell and Lucia Cole who won the Headteacher's award this week. Pip won the award for his super effort with his handwriting and presentation and to Lucia for excellent independent writing. Well done to Isabel Dunkin who won a Good Manners award.

**NURSERY** - The children have really enjoyed Farming Fortnight. We have been discussing growing vegetables, this week we explored potatoes. The children watched a video about how we plant and grow potatoes. They then touched and helped cut some potatoes in half. It was great fun printing with them to make colourful pictures! Next week, our Being Healthy and Physical Topic begins. The Nursery 2 children will prepare for Sports Day. We will be discussing the importance of eating well, exercising and how to look after our teeth. For optional homework, please create a picture that represents being healthy.

Mrs Kim Callaghan



**RECEPTION** - Reception had a very special morning with their Daddies on Thursday to celebrate Father's Day. They sang a beautiful song called, 'On Father's Day', and each read out why they love their Daddies. They also gave their Daddies some homemade cards and presents. They then decorated some biscuits and took part in activities together. We all had a wonderful morning, and we were so proud of the children's beautiful singing and public speaking.

Miss Wayman



**FORM I** - This half term in DT Form I are working on all things picnic food. In this cooking unit we will be working with the school cook Miss Reeves to make numerous different picnic snacks. On Friday the children were given the opportunity to make Rainbow omelet cakes. The children absolutely loved learning new skills such as chopping up the vegetables, cracking eggs and using a ladle to spoon in the mixture. We are looking forward to next week where we will be putting our baking skills to the test!

Miss Vaughan



**FORM 2** - Form 2 had the best day at Danbury Country Park with the wonderful Woody! We participated in the 'Habitats' day which began with pond dipping. The children were delighted to catch and inspect many creatures that inhabit the lake. We moved on to the woodland area and found woodlice and spiders. After lunch, we explored the meadow where we 'swept' the long grass and did some branch shaking. We found grass hoppers, crickets and even a shield bug! A favourite activity was flower pressing where the children created their own art using nature – they will be bringing it home to show you at the end of the week! We finished the day by going for a paddle in the stream to really connect with nature – it was also the perfect way to cool off! Well done to Form 2 for being fantastic representatives of Maldon Court and for their enthusiasm and delight in everything they encountered.

Mrs Caldwell



**KS2 DISTRICT SPORTS - FIELD ATHLETICS** - We are incredibly proud of our Maldon Court Field Athletics Team. They represented the school at this weeks District Sports finals in Great Totham. Schools from across the Maldon District sent athletes to compete against each other in throw, long jump and high jump. It was a fantastic afternoon full of the highest sporting standards. Field athletics is a notoriously daunting and technical event and we were so proud of each and every child. The Maldon Court team finished in 2nd place in the district team standings and this is a remarkable achievement. Special mentions go to the following children who achieved placings:

Henry Mee - 3rd place yr3/4 high jump

Eliza Cowell - 2nd place yr3/4 high jump

Sofia Fisher - 2nd place yr5/6 high jump

Isabella Russell - 2nd place yr3/4 long jump

Alfie Hibbard - 3rd place yr3/4 throw

Harriet Hawes - 2nd place yr3/4 throw

Jacob Day - 2nd place yr 5/6 throw

Lorelai Bamgboye - 2nd place yr5/6 throw

Finally, Lauren Griggs who is now District Champion in Yr5/6 Long Jump!



**FORM 4** - In Computing this week, Form 4 had great fun at using Lego to build a fan and then code it using the tablets to spin. Sadly, they were not able to keep the children cool during the heat but they did excellent work as partners. They are looking forward to building and coding something new next week. *Mrs Dickinson and Mrs Baron*



### PE Timetable - W/C 19th JUNE

#### Onsite PE lesson

| Wednesday                              | Thursday     | Friday                        |
|--|--------------|-------------------------------|
| Pre-Reception<br>Form 1<br>Form 2      |              | Reception<br>Form 1<br>Form 2 |
| <b>All Weather Pitch Lesson: 1-3pm</b> |              | <b>Swimming</b>               |
| Wednesday                              | Thursday     | Friday                        |
| Forms 3 and 4                          | Form 5 and 6 | Forms 3, 4, 5 and 6           |

**There will be no Sports Club this week**

**Wishing you all a lovely weekend  
Mrs E Mason - Headteacher**

**FOMCS** - Happy Friday everyone! What a glorious sunny week we have had - we hope you have all been enjoying the sunshine with your families. This week the children took part in our Father's Day pop up shop. They love buying for their grown ups and there is genuine sense of happiness and pride as they choose their gifts which is so lovely to see. This event raised £350 which will go back into school events and equipment for the children so thank you for your support. We wish all our dads and granddads a very special Father's Day this Sunday and a wonderful weekend to you all. *Mrs Tsai and Mrs Jeffrey.*

### MENU W/C 19th JUNE



| Day          | Main  | Dessert                            |
|--------------|---|------------------------------------|
| <b>Mon</b>   | Crispy chicken wraps served with potato wedges and salad                    | Flapjacks or fruit                 |
| <b>Tues</b>  | Roast pork served with roast potatoes, carrots, Yorkshire pudding and gravy | Yoghurt or fruit                   |
| <b>Weds</b>  | Ham, tomato and basil pasta bake served with sweet corn and salad           | Toffee mousse or fruit             |
| <b>Thurs</b> | BBQ chicken served with vegetable rice and salad                            | Rocky road or fruit                |
| <b>Fri</b>   | Young's fish fingers served with chips, peas and salad                      | Pancakes and golden syrup or fruit |

