



MALDON COURT

PREPARATORY SCHOOL
Weekly Newsletter

Autumn Term 2022

16th September 2022



DATES FOR THE DIARY

SATURDAY 17th SEPTEMBER

11+ Exam

MONDAY 19th SEPTEMBER

Bank Holiday

TUESDAY 20th SEPTEMBER

Jeans for Genes Day

THURSDAY 22nd SEPTEMBER

FOMCS AGM via Zoom 7.30pm

FRIDAY 30th SEPTEMBER

Form 6 Cake Sale

TUESDAY 4th OCTOBER

Harvest Festival Rehearsal

FRIDAY 7th OCTOBER

Form 5 School Trip
Braintree Museum

FRIDAY 7th OCTOBER

Forms 3 and 4
Tag Rugby Tournament

FRIDAY 7th OCTOBER

FOMCS Quiz Night

MONDAY 10th OCTOBER

Conker Competition

MONDAY 10th OCTOBER

Open Day

TUESDAY 11th OCTOBER

Harvest Festival
All Saints Church 9.15am

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Maldon Court Wishes
Sebastian Apthorp, Emilia Davison
Henry Hugo, Jimmy Crowley
and Ethan Bandakpara-Taylor
a Very Happy Birthday

Dear Parents,

In a week of national mourning, our children have conducted themselves with the utmost respect and integrity. It is important for the children to understand the situation but also without being overwhelmed. I believe that we have got the balance just right in school. As per my letter at the weekend, Maldon Court will be closed on Monday as a mark of respect to the Queen. I look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday.

This week, we have really been focusing on our school committees. On Monday, all children that wanted to apply for one of the roles had to have their 'application forms' submitted. Our drive and focus at the moment is for the children to take a real ownership of certain aspects of school life. This is wonderful preparation for life skills when they are older and they have really excelled this week. Our Heads of School had the incredibly tough task of reading through all of the applications and deciding who should be on the committees. They then had to justify their reasoning to both Mrs Bonner and Miss Wayman. The successful candidates were presented with their badges by the children in assembly on Tuesday. Throughout the rest of this week, the committees have had their first meeting and have come up with some fantastic ideas that we will introduce over the forthcoming weeks. The children have had to request meetings with myself to put forward their ideas and it has been wonderful to see such enthusiasm with their new initiatives.

This week, I have started the Heads of School Lunches. The children came into my office and we had a lovely lunch discussing their start to Form 6 and all of the exciting plans that we have over the next year. The children are always so polite and I love spending this special time with them. Over the coming year, children in all classes will have the opportunity to come and have lunch with me. It is a lovely opportunity and one the children really look forward to.

Finally, I would like to wish all Form 6 children good luck in their 11+ examination on Saturday. I am proud of them all for their hard work and determination. I wish them every success.

HEADTEACHER'S AWARD - Congratulations to James Hull who won the Headteacher Award this week for his determination and resilience in all of his subjects. Well done, James. Congratulations to Madison Lopez who was awarded a Cool to be Kind award.

NURSERY - This week, Nursery have enjoyed the topic All About Me. We have been discussing our favourite activities and past times and have learnt a lot about each of the children. Nursery also enjoyed some gardening this week. We have planted some bulbs to put in our outside classroom. The children were very good at filling up the planter with soil. We then discussed the bulbs, we have planted snow drops, daffodils and tulips. The children then took turns to push the bulbs into the soil. The children will tend to the bulbs over the autumn term and then watch in the new year as the bulbs begin to bloom. Next week our topic is Nursery Rhymes, for optional homework please create a picture at home that represents your favourite nursery rhyme.

Mrs Kim Callaghan



FORM 1 - This week in Art Form 1 have been focusing on our primary colours, red, yellow and blue. We looked at some of Piet Mondrian's artwork and then put our creative hats on. The children were then all given the task with just four paint colours to try and replicate his art. As you can see from the photos, the children had such a fun afternoon and the outcomes were fantastic! Well done Form 1, you are all born artists in the making.

Miss Vaughan



THE BOOK NOOK - Our new Book Nook has proven a huge success. This is a wonderful space, created in the school grounds, for our children to spend some time at break or lunchtime, quietly reading. We are especially proud of this space as it was built in response to the children's requests, via the school council, eco and healthy schools committees. The children requested a quiet place to read, away from the playground, but with clear instructions that it was environmentally friendly. The Book Nook is therefore made from sustainably sourced timber, efficiently insulated and heated, it has led lighting and all the furniture and fixings are recycled. Apple crates are used for shelves and even the stepping stones are made from recycled car tyres saved from landfill!. The children have been using the space exactly as we had all hoped and it is a beautiful space for them to read and relax. [Please click here for more photos.](#)



FORM 2 - Form 2 enjoyed a fantastic afternoon out and about in Maldon this week. As part of our science topic, living things and their habitats, we went for a walk to the Ware Pond to explore a local habitat. Some of us were lucky enough to spot a frog! On the way back, we went to Leeches Garden to explore another local habitat where we found lots of minibeasts.

Mrs Stephens



COMMITTEE MORNING - Eco Schools, Healthy School and School Council met on Wednesday to discuss new initiatives they would like to take forward. Below are two initiatives from The Eco Schools.

Our first initiative is; The Book Swap. Children can bring into school an unlimited amount of books, they can then swap their books for ones they have not read. All books need to be brought into school by 22nd September in good condition. We felt this would help the environment by encouraging children to reuse items. Any left over books will be donated to charity.

Our second initiative is; Clothing Recycle Drive. If you and your children have any old clothing in good condition it can be brought into school by 23rd September. The clothing must be clean and dry. Please do not bring any underwear or swimwear. All clothing will be donated to The Mind charity shop in the town.

Thank you on behalf of Eco Schools, we look forward to receiving all your kind donations.
Jacob Tsai and Sienna Smith-Creane (Form 6)



ECO SCHOOLS	HEALTHY SCHOOLS	SCHOOL COUNCIL
Form 1 - George Barnett Form 2 - Ernest Mays Form 3 - Arthur Heath Form 4 - Harriet Hawes Form 5 - Pip Cowell Form 6 - Jacob Tsai and Sienna Smith-Creane	Form 1 - Thomas Harvey Form 2 - Lucas Day Form 3 - Millicent Smith Form 4 - Sophia Nguyen Form 5 - Daniel Baker Form 6 - Elijah Hawes and Maggie Alexander	Form 1 - Sienna Crozier and Jacob Coyle Form 2 - Zoe Hull and Riley Tai Form 3 - Isabella Russell and Jamie Barker Form 4 - Elizabeth Neall and Henry Mee Form 5 - Lorelai Bamgboye and James Hull



INTERNATIONAL DOT DAY - On Thursday, the school celebrated International Dot Day. This day stemmed from the book, 'The Dot', by Peter H. Reynolds. The School Council led an informative assembly. The children each took turns to read a page from the book and displayed excellent confidence and maturity. The school listened carefully and discussed the message of the story, which is to have the confidence to make your mark, be expressive, and create bravely. The children were all invited to create their own special dots using a range of materials and mediums. It was wonderful to see the whole school getting involved in International Dot Day and to see the fantastic art that they created. The School Council thought it would be an excellent idea to display the dots on a Floor Gallery in the Hall. We will share more details of when this can be viewed very soon.

School Council



PE Timetable - W/C 19th SEPTEMBER

Onsite PE lesson

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Pre-Reception		Reception
Form 1		Form 4
Form 2		Forms 5 and 6
All Weather Pitch Lesson: 1-3pm		Swimming
Forms 5 and 6	Forms 3 and 4	Forms 1, 2 and 3
Sports Club for Forms 3 and 4 on Thursday 22nd at the all weather pitch, collection at 4.15pm		

Wishing you all a restful weekend

Mrs E Mason
Headteacher

FOMCS - Hello Parents. We would love for you to join our AGM on zoom next Thursday 22nd September at 7:30pm - log in details will be sent out on ParentMail. We would also like to wish our Form 6 children the best of luck with their 11+ exams this Saturday which they have worked so hard for. Hope you have had a lovely week. Mrs Tsai and Mrs Jeffrey

MENU W/C 19th SEPTEMBER

Day	Main	Dessert
Mon	BANK HOLIDAY	
Tues	Sausage rolls served with potato croquettes and baked beans	Shortbread or fruit
Weds	Chinese chicken served with vegetable rice and prawn crackers	Chocolate mousse or fruit
Thurs	Lasagne served with sweet corn and salad	Iced lemon sponge or fruit
Fri	Young's fish fillet burger served with chips, peas and salad	Yoghurt or fruit

