



# MALDON COURT

PREPARATORY SCHOOL  
Weekly Newsletter

Autumn Term 2021

17th December 2021

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

Please check the school diary on the website.

**MONDAY 20th DECEMBER -  
MONDAY 3rd JANUARY**  
Christmas Holiday

**TUESDAY 4th JANUARY**  
INSET DAY

**WEDNESDAY 5th JANUARY**  
Children Return to School  
No Clubs this Week

**WEDNESDAY 12th JANUARY**  
Forms 3 and 4 Athletics Competition

**FRIDAY 14th JANUARY**  
Form 4 Cake Sale

**TUESDAY 25th JANUARY**  
ESB Exam

**WEDNESDAY 26th JANUARY**  
Forms 1 and 2 Cricket Tournament

**TUESDAY 1st FEBRUARY**  
Rugby Tournament

**MONDAY 7th FEBRUARY**  
Mental Health Week

**FRIDAY 11th FEBRUARY**  
Form 3 Cake Sale



Dear Parents,

It has been a wonderful term and we are delighted that we have fitted in so many special events for the children – Harvest Festival, EYFS Nativity, KS1 parties, Key Stage 2 Pantomime, sporting events, Singing around the Tree and the Carol Service to name but just a few. The children have also been on lots of wonderful trips this term too – the Form 1 children enjoyed a fantastic trip on Tuesday to Colchester Zoo where they met the penguins, Father Christmas and the elves. Further information about this is later in the newsletter.

On Thursday, the children enjoyed their surprise Science Day. It was a thrilling day with so many enthralling experiments. They thoroughly enjoyed their experience and I am so pleased they had such a fantastic day. The Science Day was also combined with the Christmas Arts and Crafts which the children in School Council suggested. Everyone had so much fun.

I was delighted that we could still go ahead with our Carol Service this morning. As you all know, we have had Covid cases and staff illnesses in the school, alongside the ongoing coughs, colds and sickness bugs. Our Carol Service today was testament to the hard work, dedication, support and commitment of the whole Maldon Court community. The children excelled themselves with their reading and their singing. A special congratulations to Darcy Ephgrave for her exceptional solo singing of Once in Royal David's City. You were amazing Darcy, well done.

Finally, I would like to say a special thank you to each and every staff member here at Maldon Court. Everyone goes above and beyond in their role every day to ensure that the children receive the very best education possible. They have most certainly achieved that this term; thank you to everyone for the care and commitment that is demonstrated every day to achieve the exceptional standards that we have at Maldon Court.

**HEADTEACHER'S AWARD** - Congratulations to Reuben Crozier in Form 4 for excellent effort throughout his lessons and never giving up. Well done, Reuben.

★ **HAPPY BIRTHDAY** ★

Maldon Court wishes  
Gabriella Mazhawidza, Harry  
Freshwater, Jacob Simpson,  
Isabella Russell, Martha Smith,  
Harry Jones, Florence Mee,  
Mrs Callaghan and Miss Oxford  
a very Happy Birthday

**PAPER PLATE COMPETITION** - The Paper Plate winners were announced in Celebration Assembly on Tuesday. Mrs Wilkins and Mrs Abrehart had the tough job of judging them. Never an easy decision! Congratulations to all entrants for the excellent standard of paper plates and congratulations to the winners. *Mrs Mason*

Nursery	Pre-Reception	Reception	Form 1	Form 2
Sebastian Apthorp	Ayla Mahar	Beatrice Cowell	Isabella Russell	Lucas Day
Form 3	Form 4	Form 5	Form 6	
Henry Mee	Daniel Baker	Anna Barnett	Elliott Symons	

**NURSERY** - This week, the Nursery children have been having more Christmas fun! We have made some glittery collages, the children enjoyed adding the glue and then choosing from the range of Christmas tinsel, glitter and sequins, the finished result was very pretty! We have also been writing letters to Father Christmas, we asked the children what they would like to ask for and then they enjoyed writing their own letters. Thank you to Mrs Tsai who arranged a fun music session for the children, they loved the Christmas theme and of course the snow machine was a huge hit! The children have enjoyed joining the whole school today for their Christmas dinner in the hall. Our first topic in the New Year is Winter and Colours, for optional homework please create a colourful piece of art to display on our Home Link Board. Merry Christmas! *Mrs Kim Callaghan*



**PRE-RECEPTION** - Pre-Reception children have loved coming into school and seeing what that cheeky Elf has been up to overnight. This week the Elf decided to freeze himself and the children had to all work together to free him. First of all, they tried the hammers to break him free, then warm water to melt him free, then we then used the salt. We spoke about how we can use salt when it is icy to help melt the ice. A great experiment had by all. Pre-Reception and Nursery would also like to say a big thank you to Mrs Tsai and Mrs Jeffrey for coming into our classrooms and putting on a fantastic Christmas themed morning on Thursday. The children all had the best time singing, dancing, acting and last of all playing outside in the pretend snow. *Mrs Kennedy, Miss Hansell and Mrs Dibben*












**RECEPTION** - Reception have had a very festive week. We have created Christmas cards, crafts and calendars. For our 2022 calendars, we drew some penguins and painted a winter scene. We had lots of fun creating our calendars and were very proud with our artwork. Well done Reception!  
*Miss Wayman*



**FORM I** - Form I had a fantastic trip to Colchester Zoo on Tuesday. We started the day with Mittens the elf who took us all on an adventure to find the magic flying dust. We learnt a lot of interesting facts about penguins, and we even got the opportunity to meet two penguins up close. To make the magical experience even better, the big man himself, Santa, took time out of his busy schedule to come and greet us. Santa told us we were all on the good list this year. So he gave us all a little penguin gift. For the rest of the day, we explored the zoo. We went on the Lost Madagascar train ride to see the wolves as well. We had such a fantastic day and the children really did make Maldon Court proud with their fantastic manners and kindness as always. Well done Form I, it was such a magical school trip to end the Christmas term with.  
*Miss Vaughan*



**FORM 4** - This week, Form 4 have been learning about length and perimeter. We started off our week with measuring the lengths of some shapes, that had mysteriously appeared on desks in the morning. Then, we focused our learning, on how to work out the perimeter and the area of different rectilinear shapes. For the extension, Form 4 used their perimeter and area skills, to work as landscape designers in creating their own gardens, theme parks and Christmas villages.  
*Miss Broadbridge and Mrs Dickinson*



**FESTIVE PE** - This week there was a festive feel to all our PE lessons. The children have had a wonderful time. The KS2 Christmas Sports Competition was narrowly won by New Zealand House on Thursday. Please check the new section of the school website for more photos and videos. [This link will take you to the KS2 Sports Day video.](#)



**PE Timetable - W/C 3rd JANUARY**

Wednesday		Thursday	
On Site PE Lesson - Morning			
Pre-Reception		Form 5	
Form 1		Form 6	
Form 2			
<b>All Weather Pitch Lesson: 1-3pm</b>			
Forms 5 and 6		Forms 3 and 4	
No Sports Club this week			

**Wishing you all a peaceful Christmas**  
**Mrs E Mason**  
**Headteacher**

**FOMCS** - What a wonderful end to this term we have had with our Christmas Fayre and Pop Up Shop events. It was such a delight to see our children enjoying themselves and having lots of fun. We do hope you will like the presents the children have chosen for you too. We would like to wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Here's to 2022! *Mrs Tsai and Mrs Jeffrey*

**MENU W/C 3rd JANUARY**

Day	Main	Dessert
<b>Mon</b>	BANK HOLIDAY	
<b>Tues</b>	INSET DAY	
<b>Weds</b>	Pasta Bolognese served with sweet corn and salad	Flapjacks or fruit
<b>Thurs</b>	Sweet and sour chicken served with rice and prawn crackers	Orange jelly or fruit
<b>Fri</b>	Harry Ramsden fish fillet served with chips, peas and salad	Chocolate chip cookies or fruit

