



MALDON COURT

PREPARATORY SCHOOL

Spring Term

Weekly Newsletter

17th March 2023

DATES FOR THE DIARY

SATURDAY 18th MARCH

Open Day
9.30am - 11.30am

MONDAY 20th MARCH

Parents' Evening 5pm - 8pm

TUESDAY 21st MARCH

Parents' Evening 3.40pm - 6pm

FRIDAY 24th MARCH

KS2 Tag Rugby - Drapers Farm
Form 2 Cake Sale

TUESDAY 28th MARCH

Easter Hat Assembly

WEDNESDAY 29th MARCH

- FRIDAY 31st MARCH

Form 5 - Fellowship Afloat

THURSDAY 30th MARCH

Reception and Form 1
Oaksbrook Retreat

MONDAY 3rd APRIL

- FRIDAY 14th APRIL

Easter Holiday

MONDAY 17th APRIL

Children Return to School
No Clubs this week

FRIDAY 21st APRIL

Forms 1 and 3 School Trip
Colchester Castle

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Maldon Court wishes
Arlo Parker, Matthew, Zara
and Miss Vaughan
a very Happy Birthday



Dear Parents,

We are really looking forward to welcoming you all to our Annual Open Day tomorrow. It is a lovely morning where the children showcase some wonderful songs, recitals and dancing. The children have been working so hard to ensure that you will enjoy the performances and as usual are performing to an outstanding standard. Not only is this day for our current parents but it is also for prospective parents wishing for their child to join our wonderful school. We do not have many places left which is a testament to our fantastic children and staff. Please keep your fingers crossed for good weather tomorrow! This week, our children have been choosing some fantastic presents from the FOMCS Mother's Day pop up shop. The children thoroughly enjoy this event and it is fantastic that they get to pick special gifts in preparation for the weekend. On that note, I would like to wish all the mums a very happy Mother's Day on Sunday. I hope you all get spoilt and have a nice rest! Enjoy your special day.

On Tuesday and Wednesday this week, the children have participated in whole school Maths and Science focus days. It was yet another resounding success and all children have been engaged in some fantastic activities. Please read further on in the newsletter to find out what the children have been learning about. On Thursday, we were delighted to welcome the Mayor of Maldon, Andrew Lay, in to our school. We were invited to participate in a Maldon schools competition for the King's Coronation whereby children had to design crowns and posters. We even had our Nursery children enter the competition. The Mayor was extremely impressed with our entries; we will keep you updated with the results.

Finally, it was so lovely to invite our Pre-Reception mums in for their Mother's Day assembly yesterday. It is always such a special morning and the children excelled themselves with their beautiful singing and reading aloud. They presented their mummies with a special gift and enjoyed decorating biscuits together. Thank you to Mrs Kennedy and Miss Hansell and thank you to our wonderful children who loved welcoming their mums into school.

NURSERY - For Science Week, the children have enjoyed a range of experiments together. They had to melt ice containing flowers, they made a volcano and they very much enjoyed the skittle sweets experiment, which made a lovely rainbow! In the role play zone, the children were able to conduct their own pretend experiments, using a range of construction bricks and equipment. Nursery also joined in with the maths focused day on Tuesday. We created lots of counting opportunities, in the tuff trays and in the maths zone. Next week, our new topic is Spring and Easter. For optional homework, please complete the 'spring checklist' that has been sent home.

Mrs Kim Callaghan



PRE-RECEPTION - It was our pleasure to invite Pre-Reception mums into school on Thursday for our Mother's Day assembly. It was a fantastic assembly where the children did everyone proud. They sang two beautiful songs, read out why they loved their mummies independently and enjoyed icing cookies. Such a special morning enjoyed by all, well done Pre-Reception!

Mrs Kennedy and Miss Hansell



FORM 2 - With the Mayor's visit yesterday, Form 2 wanted to make their crowns for our new King special. We decided to try our hand at origami and followed a tutorial which certainly tested our listening skills! The crowns have turned out beautifully! Well done Form 2 for bringing lots of colour and enthusiasm.

Mrs Caldwell



MATHS DAY

PUPIL VOICE - On Tuesday all classes took part in Maths Day, a world wide event where pupils appreciate maths. As we know mathematics is part of our every day life. We did a carousel of different activities some of which were problem solving and maths games. At lunchtime our dessert was cookies shaped as numbers. Vincent in Form 6 said how much he enjoyed the day with the fun, calm activities and revisiting some important skills at the same time. He said they also played a pirate game using a 49 square grid, you had to use all the squares, with every action there was a consequence or a reward. Vincent said he lost all his coins!
Scarlett Abrehart and Elijah Hawes - Form 6



SCIENCE DAY

On Wednesday all the children throughout the school participated in Science Day. In Pre-Reception the children had two experiments, one with ice and salt. They discussed the reaction between the two materials, listening for the sound the salt makes as it reacts with the ice. They also had a coloured milk experiment; firstly, they predicted what they thought would happen, they added milk, food colouring and washing up liquid and watched the reaction. The children were amazed at how all the colours combined together. Forms 3 and 4 made match box torches creating an electrical circuit with a bulb, battery and a switch. A bit fiddly, but very effective with a little perseverance. With Miss Oxford, both classes were challenged to create the strongest bridge they could, using only 5 pieces of paper and 5 small pieces of cellotape. Each bridge was then tested with weights to find the strongest design. Form 5 enjoyed fingerprinting and how they are used in Forensic science and criminology. In After School Care, the children discussed what reaction may happen when they add warm water to skittles. The children were amazed at how the colours had run and made a lovely pattern! Afterwards they completed a sequencing sheet, they had to cut out and stick in the order they did their experiment.



PE Timetable - W/C 20th MARCH

Onsite PE lesson

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Pre-Reception Form 1 Form 2		Reception Form 1 Form 2
All Weather Pitch Lesson: 1-3pm		Swimming
Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Forms 5 and 6	Forms 3 and 4	Forms 4, 5 and 6
No Sports Club this week		

Wishing you all a lovely weekend
Mrs E Mason - Headteacher

FOMCS - Hello Parents. A big thank you to all those that came and supported our bingo night - we raised £300 which is a great amount to put back into events and resources for our children. In addition we had our wonderful Mother's Day pop up shop this week which went extremely well with us buying additional presents this year to keep up with demand. Thank you to our volunteers for your time and help. We wish all our mums and grandmas a lovely Mother's Day this Sunday.
Mrs Tsai and Mrs Jeffrey

MENU W/C 20th MARCH



Day	Main	Dessert
Mon	Pasta Carbonara served with garlic bread and salad	Flapjack or fruit
Tues	Roast chicken served with roast potatoes, broccoli, carrots, Yorkshire pudding and gravy	Yoghurt or fruit
Weds	Beef in black bean sauce served with rice and prawn crackers	Vanilla iced sponge or fruit
Thurs	Crispy chicken wraps served with potato wedges or salad	Chocolate mousse or fruit
Fri	Brunch—Sausage, bacon, baked beans and has browns	Jam doughnut or fruit

