



# MALDON COURT

PREPARATORY SCHOOL

Autumn Term 2020

Weekly Newsletter

18th September 2020

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

Please check the school diary on the website.

### MONDAY 5th - FRIDAY 9th OCTOBER

Harvest Donations into School  
More information to follow

### TUESDAY 6th OCTOBER

School in Action Day

### MONDAY 12th OCTOBER

Conker Competition

### FRIDAY 16th OCTOBER

Half Term

### MONDAY 19th - FRIDAY 30th OCTOBER

Half Term

### MONDAY 2nd NOVEMBER

Children Return to School  
Clubs Resume

### SATURDAY 7th NOVEMBER

11+ Examination

### MONDAY 9th NOVEMBER

11+ Examination

### MONDAY 9th NOVEMBER

Individual and Sibling Photographs



Dear Parents,

What a glorious week of sunshine we have been lucky enough to enjoy. I would like to thank you all you for ensuring that your children come to school looking so smart and maintaining our exceptional uniform standards. It is a privilege to welcome such enthusiastic and smart children through the gate each morning.

The children have enjoyed another fantastic week. It is wonderful that we have managed to introduce clubs back into our daily routine and I know that the children have thoroughly enjoyed participating in them. We are delighted to have introduced Sports Club at the all weather pitch for KS2 children. This proved very popular and the children thoroughly enjoyed their session. Sporting standards at our school are high and I was grateful for parents who caught a glimpse of the session at pick up time to feed this back to us.

On Monday and Tuesday this week, I met with our new Heads of School for lunch. The children have already been working very hard on their duties and at lunch we talked to me about their ideas for the school which we will try to implement over the coming months. It was a pleasure to work with them and I know that they will continue to be excellent ambassadors for the school. Well done Sophia, Miguel, Lottie, William, Mathilda, Sebastian, Matilda and Harry.

Thank you to everyone for supporting our Jeans for Genes day today. We are delighted to have raised £132.12 for this charity.

Finally, I am delighted to announce that Miss Sackett has achieved her Qualified Teacher Status. Miss Sackett has been at Maldon Court for seven years.

Working her way up from a work experience student she has worked in almost every department of our school. Mid Day provision, Wrap Around Care, Teaching Assistant, Nursery and Pre Reception, all the while working on her degree in her spare time. This week it was confirmed that her dream to achieve teacher status has finally come true. Miss Sackett had her final assessment with her assessor yesterday and we are thrilled that she has been awarded 'Outstanding' in every area. Well done Miss Sackett, we are so proud of your achievement. She is a shining light of what can be achieved through hard work and dedication.

## ★ HAPPY BIRTHDAY ★

Maldon Court wishes -

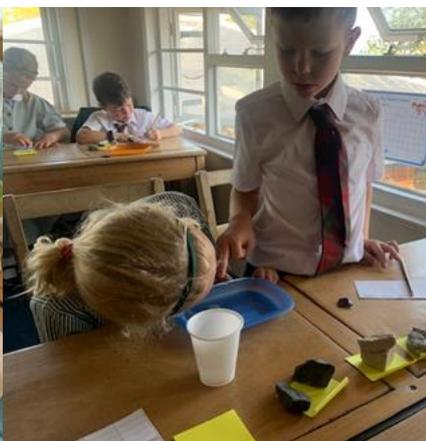
Ethan Bandakpara-Taylor  
and Matilda Kingston  
a very Happy Birthday

**NURSERY** - Nursery have had fun this week. We have been painting balloons to use for our 'Balloon Song', which we love singing to help us learn our colours. We have also been doing lots of building in the Construction Zone and having fun on the Nursery slide with our friends. Next week, we have a new topic – Autumn and Harvest Festival. The children will begin to look at the change of the season and how the leaves are beginning to change colour. For optional homework, please send in a non-perishable food item for our Harvest Festival box. All donations will be distributed locally as part of Maldon Court School's Harvest celebrations.

*Mrs Kim Callaghan*



**FORM 3** - Form 3 worked well this week to set up a science investigation that focused on testing the hardness, permeability, fizziness and floatability of different types of rocks. The children were all provided with the equipment and then it was down to them to set up and complete a fair investigation. They worked fantastically together as a team and enjoyed listening to the rocks sizzle in the vinegar. A great science lesson this week Form 3, keep it up!



**FORM 4** - What a fantastic start the children have made in Form 4. This week, the children have been learning about Roman numerals. First, we found out about the history of Roman numerals. Then, we moved onto learning the method to read and use them correctly. The children enjoyed making their own Roman numerals out of art straws and designing the correct numerals for their date of birth and other significant numbers. Well done Form 4!

*Miss Broadbridge and Mrs Dickinson*



**FORM 6** - Form 6 have had a busy week in school. In some of our Mathematics lessons we have been revisiting negative numbers and the pupils have enjoyed the challenge of subtracting negative values. In English, among other things, we have been using conjunctive adverbs in our comparative writing. To off set the hard work we have spent some time producing some artwork for the school display in the hall. The pupils have used colour tone and shading to produce some fabulous rainbow dandelions working in the medium of acrylic but using cotton buds rather than brushes. This was much harder than it first appeared, the children found the task very therapeutic.



*Mrs Bradford and Mrs Summers*

**PE** - We have really hit the ground running in PE this term. We are making real progress in all year groups in this term's sports of netball, tennis, rugby, hockey and cross country running. In KS2 children are being taught to run and compete tactically, conserving energy and maintaining a focus. They have learnt that this can really work to their advantage. We are pleased to see that children in upper KS2 are now playing towards the levels of Miss Broadbridge and I, making us work harder and harder to stay involved in the games we play with them. One of the highlights of our week though was working with Pre Reception and Reception classes, whose boundless and infectious enthusiasm for sport is the prefect start to our days.



*Mr Coyle & Miss Broadbridge*

PE Timetable - W/C 21st September	
Wednesday	Thursday
On Site PE Lesson - Morning	
Pre-Reception	Reception
Form 1	Form 5
Form 2	Form 6
All Weather Pitch Lesson: 1-3pm	
Form 3	Form 4
KS2 Sports Club at the all-weather pitch for children in Forms 3 and 4 - Wednesday 23rd 3.30 - 4.30pm	

**Have a lovely weekend**

**Mrs E Mason  
Headteacher**

**FOMCS** - A big thank you to those that took part in our read-a-thon over the summer, you have helped raise a huge £478! We're hoping to arrange an outdoor AGM of sorts at the beginning of October (weather/guidelines permitting), so please can all classes let us know who they'd like to vote in as class rep, thank you.

*Mrs Lopez and Mrs Stevenson*

NEXT WEEK'S MENU		
Day	Main	Dessert
<b>Mon</b>	Pasta Bolognese served with sweet corn and salad	Shortbread or fruit
<b>Tues</b>	Roast Beef served with roast potatoes, carrots, peas, Yorkshire pudding and gravy	Fresh fruit salad or yoghurt
<b>Weds</b>	Chicken wraps served with vegetable rice and salad	Chocolate chip cookies or fruit
<b>Thurs</b>	Sausages, potato waffles and baked beans	Strawberry mousse or fruit
<b>Fri</b>	Harry Ramsden battered fish served with chips, peas and salad	Toffee ice cream or fruit

