



MALDON COURT

PREPARATORY SCHOOL
Weekly Newsletter

Spring Term 2022

18th March 2022

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Please check the school diary on the website.

**MONDAY 21st and
TUESDAY 22nd MARCH**
Mother's Day Pop up Shop

TUESDAY 22nd MARCH
Forms 3 and 4 School Trip
Colchester Zoo

THURSDAY 24th MARCH
Mother's Day Assembly
Pre-Reception 8.45am

FRIDAY 25th MARCH
Form 2 Cake Sale

TUESDAY 29th MARCH
Easter Hat Assembly

**WEDNESDAY 30th MARCH
- FRIDAY 1st APRIL**
Fellowship Afloat
Form 5

FRIDAY 1st APRIL
Last Day of Term

**MONDAY 4th APRIL
- FRIDAY 15th APRIL**
Easter Holiday

MONDAY 18th APRIL
Bank Holiday

TUESDAY 19th APRIL
Children Return to School

TUESDAY 19th April
Form 5 - 11+ Mock Examination



Dear Parents,

It is safe to say that our Science Week was a resounding success this week. The children have had a wonderful time working both with their peers and also with other classes to complete some inspiring experiments and investigations. You will have seen all of the brilliant grass heads around the school that the children have made and planted this week. The children thoroughly enjoyed making these and I am really looking forward to seeing all of their hair grow!

I would like to thank you all for the lovely comments that you returned to school regarding your child's report. It means so much to us when we receive such positive comments and we are delighted that the reports link in well with the Parents' Evening. On that note, it was lovely to see you all at Parents' Evening this week. Both evenings were a success and it was great to be able to share the children's books with you. The children are flourishing at school and it is lovely to share their success with you.

This week, I continued my Lunch with the Head with 4 children from Form 5. It is a super opportunity to have a chat about school and life in general. It is things like this that make our school so special and just one of many ways that we know the children so well. Thank you to Eli, Maggie, Anna and Jacob T for your company; I thoroughly enjoyed our lunch.

Finally, welcome to Noah and Diego Bruno Sanchez who joined Form 3 and Form 1 last week. I know that they will be welcomed into our family community.

HEADTEACHER'S AWARD - Congratulations to Meghan Knight in Form 1 who won the award for a fantastic piece of descriptive writing in English. Congratulations also to Arthur Heath and Jamie Barker who won it for super engagement during their trip to Chelmsford Cathedral, answering lots of tricky questions thoughtfully. Finally, all of Form 3 won a class Headteacher's Award for their exemplary behaviour and manners to parents visiting the school. What a successful week and all thoroughly deserved. Well done.

Congratulations to Darcy Ephgrave who won a Cool to be Kind Award and Jack Gower who won a Good Manners award.

★ **HAPPY BIRTHDAY** ★

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

NURSERY - The children have had another lovely week. We enjoyed an ice experiment this week, the children added salt to the ice and had to describe what was happening as the ice melted. This was a wonderful opportunity for discussion and the children enjoyed it. We have also been taking advantage of the lovely sunshine and spent time in our outside area. On Thursday the children painted a clover and we discussed St. Patrick's Day with them. Next week, we have a new topic – Spring and Easter. We have lots of fun planned for this topic. For optional homework, please create a spring collage to hang on our Home Link Board.

Mrs Kim Callaghan



PRE-RECEPTION - Pre-Reception have continued our spring topic this week which they have really enjoyed. The children decorated their own plant pot with various paint colours, dripping paint onto the pots to create different patterns and designs. The children then planted herbs in their pots and are looking after them daily at school, making sure they have had enough water and are in the sunshine. We spoke about how when they are grown and they can be used at home in cooking.

Mrs Kennedy and Miss Hansell



RECEPTION AND FORM 6 SCIENCE DAY - Form 6 helped their Buddies make their Grass Heads along with their own. They also planted flower and herb seeds to enrich the school environment, set up an investigation to see the effect of salinity on chilli growth, started a 'stressing seeds' experiment - pre-soaking tomato seeds in salt water to encourage fast germination and root growth and assisted Form 2 with their investigation. What a fantastic day!

Miss Wayman and Mrs Summers



PRE-RECEPTION SCIENCE DAY - The topic for World Science week growth ties in very nicely to our spring topic we are also continuing this week. We have all planted some grass seed today which we can't wait to watch grow. We said that the grass will grow so it will look like it has hair! Today we have also carried out a range of experiments. We have had a spring themed ice tuff tray, the children used salt to melt the ice and spoke about what happens to ice when this reaction happens and why the salt melts the ice. We have also made lava lamps, the children loved watching the chemical reaction happen when we added the tablet! We discussed many different variables with the children such as what do you think will happen if we added another tablet. We discussed that water and oil is separated because the water is heavier than the oil. They loved watching the bubbles and coloured water moving around with the oil.

Mrs Kennedy and Miss Hansell



FORM 1 AND 4 SCIENCE DAY - To start off Science week we spoke about the theme of 'Growth' and what we know grows. We learnt that all living things grow. We then worked with the Form 4 children to compare how we all grow differently at different ages. We completed a survey on different shoe sizes and presented our findings in a bar chart.

Next, the whole school were asked to create their own grass head. We decorated their faces and we are all so excited to watch and see them grow hair in the coming months.

Lastly, we completed a slime experiment. We worked well as teams to see who could make their slime grow the furthest. We practised spelling words and then making them grow as well. We all had such a fantastic Science Day!

Miss Vaughan and Mrs Dickinson



FORM 2 SCIENCE DAY - Form 2 grew a rainbow to learn all about capillary action. They identified different animal babies and welcomed some incubating eggs into the classroom, watch this space (Thank you once again Mrs. Hull). They also carried out a comparative test to see whether you get faster as you get older, they did this with the help of Form 6.

Mrs Baron



FORM 3 SCIENCE DAY - We have linked the science day theme of 'growth' to our current science topic looking at plants. We started the day discussing water transportation in flowers and set up an experiment to test this out. The children made predictions and worked together to make sure they conducted a fair test. Following this, the children took part in a flower dissection. They looked at all the different parts and of a daffodil. The children then worked to carefully take the flower apart to identify all the different components. We finished the day by making our grass heads and carefully cutting out felt to make little individual faces for our heads.

Miss Oxford



FORM 5 - SCIENCE DAY - This year's theme for Science Week is 'Growth' which tied in perfectly with Form 5's new topic of 'Lifecycles of Plants and Animals'. To kickstart the day Form 5 investigated the hypothesis that longer living sharks are the longest in length. We firstly lined up from oldest to youngest to see if this theory applied itself to our class – it did generally but not perfectly. The children eagerly worked in pairs to identify a number of different sharks and researched their average length and life expectancy before plotting their data on scatter graphs. After much deliberation they concluded that this hypothesis was wrong.

Then Form 5 took part in a live online lesson learning about the lifecycles of farm animals and were lucky enough to see a lamb and a calf being born. The children were so amazed when the calf was born that they even broke into a round of applause!

During the afternoon we continued our investigation into lifecycles by comparing those of butterflies and worms. The children set up a butterfly home and a wormery in the classroom and we will be watching the caterpillars emerge as butterflies, whilst seeing how worms move the soil beneath our feet. Finally, to round off a day bustling with activity Form 5 made grass heads which will join those made by the rest of the school.

Mrs Clark and Mrs Bonner

PE Timetable - W/C 21st March	
Wednesday	Thursday
On Site PE Lesson	On Site PE Lesson
Pre-Reception	Form 1
Form 1	Form 2
Form 2	
All Weather Pitch Lesson: 1-3pm	
Forms 5 and 6	Forms 3 and 4
KS2 Sports Club at the all-weather pitch for children in Forms 5 and 6 - Wednesday 23rd March - Collection at 4:30pm	

Wishing you all a lovely weekend

Mrs E Mason

Headteacher

FOMCS - We are looking forward to our Mother's Day pop up shop next Monday and Tuesday and love how excited the children get choosing their gifts for you. Please look out for our Easter bonnet and egg decorating letter for the parade on Tuesday 29th March - we will choose a winning entry from each form and can't wait to see the designs from the children. Have a lovely weekend. Mrs Tsai and Mrs Jeffrey.

MENU W/C 21st MARCH		
Day	Main	Dessert
Mon	Sausage rolls served with potato puffs, sweet corn and salad	Flapjacks or fruit
Tues	Roast gammon served with carrots, broccoli, roast potatoes, Yorkshire puddings and gravy	Yoghurt or fruit
Weds	Chicken, cheese and tomato pasta bake served with garlic bread and salad	Toffee mousse or fruit
Thurs	Chilli con carne served with rice and warm tortilla chips	Raspberry jelly or fruit
Fri	Harry Ramsden fish fillet served with chips, peas and salad	Arctic roll or fruit

