



MALDON COURT
PREPARATORY SCHOOL



Autumn Term 2022

Weekly Newsletter

18th November 2022

DATES FOR THE DIARY

TUESDAY 22nd NOVEMBER

Eden Oasis School Experience
Forms 4 and 6

THURSDAY 24th NOVEMBER

Flu Immunisations
Forms 5 and 6 - Dodgeball
Tournament at Wentworth School
Maldon Christmas Fayre

FRIDAY 25th NOVEMBER

Forms 5 and 6 Cyber talk

TUESDAY 29th NOVEMBER

Parents' Evening 3.40 - 6.00pm

WEDNESDAY 30th NOVEMBER

Parents' Evening 5.00 - 8.00pm

THURSDAY 1st DECEMBER

Forms 1 and 3
Colchester Zoo Trip
Singing Around the
Christmas Tree 5.00pm

MONDAY 5th DECEMBER

EYFS and KS1 Christmas Party

TUESDAY 6th DECEMBER

KS2 Pantomime

WEDNESDAY 7th DECEMBER

EYFS Nativity 9.20am

THURSDAY 8th DECEMBER

EYFS Christmas Songs
KS2 Choir Singing at the URC

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Maldon Court wishes
Aimee Risley-Dhursen,
Scarlett Snoad and Ellie Hibbard
a very Happy Birthday



Dear Parents,

As you will all know by now, we are delighted to share with you that our whole school community has been awarded Excellent in all areas by ISI and Outstanding by Ofsted. It is so hard to achieve the highest ratings these days and we are over the moon that we were awarded these prestigious gradings. I hope that you have all had the time to read the wonderful comments that were made about our school and our children. We couldn't have done all of this without your parental support – thank you.

On Sunday, it was my pleasure to accompany Scarlett and Eli to the Maldon Remembrance Service. They did an admirable job representing Maldon Court to lay the wreath at the cenotaph. They looked so smart and carried out their duty with diligence and pride. Please [click here](#) for the Maldon and Burnham Standard where you will see some lovely photos of them and the service.

This week, we participated in Anti Bullying Week. It was lovely to see the children and staff on Monday in their odd socks. The children took part in many activities and assemblies this week to highlight this important topic. Please see further on in the newsletter for odd sock photos.

On Thursday, our selected children from Forms 3, 4 and 5 and Meghan Knight from Form 2 represented the school at Colchester Northern Gateway for a school cross country tournament. On what was a tough course the children represented the school superbly and demonstrated true Maldon Court determination and spirit. Congratulations to all children. A fantastic morning; thank you to the parents who came along to show their support.

HEADTEACHER'S AWARD - Congratulations to Jacob Simpson in Reception for winning the Headteacher's award this week for his enthusiastic attitude to learning and for always trying his best. Well done, Jacob.

Congratulations to Mr and Mrs Coyle on the safe arrival on Wednesday of their beautiful baby boy, Joshua Stephen Coyle. We are delighted for both of them and can't wait to meet him soon.

NURSERY - Nursery enjoyed the final week of our topic People who help us and Our Community. We did a joint activity where we created Maldon High Street, the children painted boxes and we made some of our favourite buildings from the town; Maldon Book Shop, Moot Hall and the Fire Station were amongst them. Nursery also had a trip to the library and Maldon Book Shop this week. We were really lucky to look at and explore some lovely books and listened to stories with props, which the children loved. Next week we start our topic Transport and Road Safety, for optional homework please create a 3D mode of transport.

Mrs Kim Callaghan



PRE- RECEPTION - Pre-Reception have enjoyed our topic 'The Enormous Crocodile'. The children have enjoyed exploring a 'Crocodile Swamp' fine motor filled tuff tray, using scissors and tweezers to snip and pinch the green cooked spaghetti.

The children also created a dinner plate for the crocodile, filling the plate with all of their favourite foods. We have also been busy painting our own enormous crocodiles. Across the two creative activities, the children produced some fantastic artwork, well done Pre-Reception.

Mrs Kennedy, Miss Hansell and Mrs Mays



FORM 2 - It has been a super first few weeks for Mrs Clark and I in Form 2. The children have been really enthusiastic about the learning and have been trying their hardest to earn cakes for their weekly reward time.

In English we have been working on Traditional Tales. The children have been learning tales and are building the skills to write their own Fairy Tale. I wonder how many of them could tell you the story of The Three Wishes.

In maths they have been learning about number bonds to 10 and have related this to number bonds to 100.

In science we have started looking at different materials and their properties. The children had great fun sorting through many items and grouping them by their properties such as hard/ soft or flexible/ rigid etc. We then went around the school grounds trying to identify different materials and their uses.

We have started making something in DT, but do block your ears if they come home to tell you about it... it's a surprise.

Mrs Bonner and Mrs Clark



ANTI-BULLYING WEEK - The theme for this year's Anti-Bullying week was 'Reach Out' and the children have been taking part in lots of activities at school linked to this theme. On Monday the children enjoyed wearing their Odd Socks to school – everybody looked great and we loved seeing all the odd socks! On Tuesday the children focused on Self Care – learning about taking care of their mental and physical health. On Wednesday the children took part in an appreciation circle, thinking about the positive qualities of their classmates. On Thursday the children enjoyed a 'Reach Out' assembly with singing and dancing which was great fun!

Miss Vaughan and Mrs Wilkins



REMEMBRANCE SERVICE - LAYING OF THE WREATH - At the start of the Remembrance Service, the parade arrived, then everybody laying wreaths lined up on the road. The important figures of Maldon laid their wreaths first, then the Veterans laid theirs, after that the leaders of the clubs laid their wreaths and then the children laid theirs. Finally, there was the National Anthem, two other songs and some prayers. All a tribute to those that served in the wars.

Scarlett Abrehart and Elijah Hawes

REMEMBRANCE POPPIES - Over the past few weeks during lunchtime, Scarlett and Maggie in Form 6 have been creating handmade poppies to sell at the school gate in aid of The Poppy Appeal, Royal British Legion. Many other children have also enjoyed participating with the making of the poppies, whilst under the watchful eye of Scarlett and Maggie. Thank you to everyone that purchased the poppies, the children raised £104.43.



CROSS COUNTRY - Yesterday, selected children from Forms 3, 4 and 5 and Meghan Knight in Form 2 represented Maldon Court at the Essex Primary Schools Cross Country tournament. The children excelled themselves. In the bitterly cold wind and rain and some very challenging running conditions due to the torrential rain the night before, the children competed in races of over 120 children per race. In true Maldon Court style, the children ran with sheer determination. All of the teaching, techniques and tactics taught in their PE lessons most certainly paid off and we

gained some incredible results. As a well deserved treat, we took the children to Greggs for hot chocolate and a sweet treat. Well done everyone, we are so proud of you.



PE Timetable - W/C 21st November

Onsite PE lesson

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Pre-Reception Form 1 Form 2		Reception
All Weather Pitch Lesson: 1-3pm		Swimming
Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Forms 5 and 6	Forms 3 and 4	Forms 1, 2 and 3

Sports Club - Forms 5 and 6 on Wednesday 23rd November
Will be held at school - Collection at 4.15pm

Wishing you all a lovely weekend
Mrs E Mason - Headteacher

FOMCS - Our Christmas event plans are well underway and lots of progress made to ensure we deliver a fabulous Christmas half term full of wonderful activities for your children. We are very excited to be able to provide these for the school and communications will be sent out over the next few weeks with regards to what's happening. Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Tsai and Mrs Jeffrey

MENU W/C 21st November



Day	Main	Dessert
Mon	Tomato and basil pasta served with sweet corn and salad	Shortbread or fruit
Tues	Roast pork served with roast potatoes, broccoli, carrots, Yorkshire pudding and gravy	Yoghurt or fruit
Weds	Crispy chicken wraps served with vegetable rice and salad	Apple crumble and custard or fruit
Thurs	Lasagne served with garlic bread and salad	Raspberry jelly or fruit
Fri	Brunch - Sausage, bacon, hash browns and beans	Arctic roll or fruit

