



MALDON COURT

PREPARATORY SCHOOL

Spring Term 2021

Weekly Newsletter

19th March 2021



Dear Parents,

The children have fully embraced all of the wonderful opportunities presented to them this week. They have all been working hard on their Bee art projects in preparation to change our art displays in the hall. The level of work has been excellent and I know they have thoroughly enjoyed this creative side of the curriculum. We are also delighted that music lessons have been reintroduced. The children have been having weekly music lessons in their bubbles with Mrs Dickinson in the hall. It really has been fantastic to see the enthusiasm of all the children and to hear them singing together again is lovely. This week, it was a pleasure to meet with the Heads of School for lunch. We had a lovely talk and discussed some ideas for the school for the rest of the year. It is always a pleasure to host these lunches as the children are so enthusiastic and articulate; they are superb ambassadors for the school.

The FOMCS competition to celebrate the Global Recycling Day yesterday was a resounding success and there were an impressive amount of entries with some spectacular tin monsters created. Please do like and share the photos on Instagram and Facebook of some of the wonderful creations that were entered. They really were superb! After much deliberation, the winners were as follows: Ethan Bandakpara-Taylor, Alice Heath, Wilfred Smith, Ernest Mays, Hazel-Mae Ogbemor, Alfie Hibbard, James Hull, Jacob Day, Alice Wilson and Ruby Procter.

Thank you to FOMCS for the beautiful prizes that they bought for the winners and thank you to everyone who supported FOMCS with this initiative.

HEADTEACHERS AWARD - Congratulations to Max Mason who was awarded the Headteacher's Award for his continued hard work and fantastic effort. Well done, Max. Congratulations to Scarlett Abrehart for winning a Good Manners award and Sofia Fisher for a Cool to be Kind Award.

Finally, we have celebrated Red Nose Day today and everyone has enjoyed choosing and wearing their Red Noses today. We are proud to continue supporting charities to help those who are not as privileged as us and I would like to thank you for your continued support.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Please check the school diary on the website.

FRIDAY 26th MARCH

Academic Reports sent to Parents

MONDAY 29th MARCH - FRIDAY 9th APRIL

Easter Holidays

MONDAY 12th APRIL

INSET DAY

TUESDAY 13th APRIL

Children Return to School
Clubs Resume

WEDNESDAY 14th - FRIDAY 16th APRIL

Fellowship Afloat - Form 5 TBC

TUESDAY 20th APRIL

Class Photographs

TUESDAY 20th APRIL

Zoom Parents' Evening
3.45pm - 6.00pm

THURSDAY 22nd APRIL

Zoom Parents' Evening
5.00pm - 8.00pm

MONDAY 26th - FRIDAY 30th APRIL

PGL - Form 6 - TBC

★ HAPPY BIRTHDAY ★

Maldon Court wishes -
Miss Vaughan
a very Happy Birthday

NURSERY - The Nursery children have really enjoyed the first part of our topic where we have been focusing on the season, Spring. We have had lots of fun with the tuff tray this week, adding flowers and grass. We also created daffodil pictures, using our new mirrors, the children painted the daffodils by looking at the reflection. Each child enjoyed making a spring lamb picture, using cotton wool and a bee picture, using yellow and black tissue paper. We have had lots of spring inspired physical play, pretending to be spring animals and participating in spring yoga. Next week our topic continues, we will be focusing on Easter. For optional homework, please complete the Spring checklist that we have sent home. *Mrs Kim Callaghan*



FORM 1 - Form 1 have been exploring everyday materials this week. The children worked together to complete an investigation as to which everyday material was waterproof. They found that plastic was the best material. Form 1 then worked hard to design and create a waterproof hat for one of their favourite Teddy Bears, they then used water and a pipette to test out their designs. Form 1 found that all their Teddies stayed dry! *Mrs Stephens*



FORM 2 - As part of Science Week, Form 2 designed and made pizzas. To reinforce our need to reduce our carbon footprint and buy locally produced food, we had to use ingredients that could be sourced from this country. We are also going to try and grow some of the ingredients ourselves. We also revisited Food Chains. We had to catch our food, remembering to start with a producer. *Mrs Baron*













FORM 3 AND 4 - Last week, Form's 3 and 4 had a wonderful time working together on our 'STEMterprise Farmvention Science Week'. This children worked in small groups to develop their own farm shops. There were some inventive and inspiring discussions around the different types of products that we would find within a farm shop. The children also discussed how they are made and enjoyed researching how much products cost, to grow and sell. There was a variety of farm shop designs that included ingenious ideas such as, 'plastic free' packaging, online/delivery service and even dyed fruit and vegetables! The children thoroughly enjoyed working together and prepared to present their finished ideas to the two 'dragons' (Miss Vaughan and Miss Broadbridge). We are looking forward to working on more projects together as a collective group in the future. Well done to all children for a fantastic science week.

Miss Vaughan and Miss Broadbridge



FORM 6 - Form 6 really embraced Science Week. They carried out investigations to bend and split light; they made a light box to move a light beam across a page and then split it using acrylic blocks to make a rainbow. They also tried directing a beam of light to a specific spot using mirrors. They made kaleidoscopes for their buddies to play with and periscopes to help them look over the heads in a crowd, just like Paddington Bear. They also investigated their felt-tip pens to see what colours they were made from using chromatography. They discovered that when they tested their ink cartridges the results were the same which raised a discussion about the real-life application of chromatography and art fraud! As if that wasn't enough, they also carried out more investigations to understand the concept of something being 'soluble' and created walking rainbows and magic pictures.

Mrs Bradford and Mrs Summers



PE - We have had a fantastic time getting all the children back in to PE again over the last two weeks. From Pre Reception to Form 6 all the children have impressed us with how much knowledge, skills and fitness they have retained over the lockdown. The children have been having extended outdoor lessons and our sports clubs gave also restarted. It is a joy to see them exercising, playing and learning together again. We have some more wonderful photos on the school website which you can [view by following this link](#).



PE Timetable - W/C 22nd March	
Wednesday	Thursday
On Site PE Lesson - Morning	
Pre-Reception	
Form 1	Form 5
Form 2	Form 6
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 24th March	

Have a lovely weekend
Mrs E Mason
Headteacher

FOMCS - We'd like to say a huge thank you for the effort and time put into creating some fantastic tin can monsters in recognition of global recycling day; and congratulations to the winners, we know it was a very tough one to judge. We hope you are all prepped for some Easter crafts this weekend and look forward to seeing the bonnets or eggs in school next week.
Mrs Lopez and Mrs Stevenson

MENU W/C 22nd MARCH		
Day	Main	Dessert
Mon	Pasta Bolognese served with sweet corn and salad	Flapjacks or fruit
Tues	Roast beef served with roast potatoes, broccoli, peas, Yorkshire pudding and gravy	Yoghurt or fruit
Weds	Sausages served with chips and baked beans	Chocolate mousse or fruit
Thurs	Macaroni cheese served with garlic bread and salad	Jelly or fruit
Fri	Crispy chicken wraps served with vegetable rice and salad	Mini doughnuts and chocolate sauce or fruit

