



# MALDON COURT

PREPARATORY SCHOOL

Autumn Term 2023

Weekly Newsletter

1st December 2023

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

### SATURDAY 2nd DECEMBER

FOMCS Christmas Fayre 1-3pm

### MONDAY 4th DECEMBER

Nursery, Pre-Reception and KS1  
Christmas Parties

### TUESDAY 5th DECEMBER

KS2 Pantomime

### WEDNESDAY 6th DECEMBER

Pre-Reception and Reception Nativity

### THURSDAY 7th DECEMBER

Form 1 Class Assembly  
Form 5 School Trip  
Braintree Museum

### MONDAY 11th DECEMBER

FOMCS Christmas Pop up Shop

### TUESDAY 12th DECEMBER

Christmas Service Rehearsal  
Whole School Christmas Lunch  
Christmas Jumper Day

### WEDNESDAY 13th DECEMBER

FOMCS Christmas Pop up Shop

## STARS OF THE WEEK



KS1 Jacob Simpson

KS2 David van Stolk

KS1 Francesca Russell



KS2 Stanley Ashton,  
Millie Smith and  
Oscar Rabi



KS1 Emily Harvey and  
Autumn Wilkinson

KS2 Enzo Gilabert,  
Eliza Cowell and  
Lorelai Bamgboye

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Maldon Court wishes Dawson,  
Mitchell Nguyen and Lorelai Bamgboye  
a very Happy Birthday



Dear Parents,

I hope that you have all had a lovely week. The atmosphere in school is most certainly turning more festive now and this week our Pre-Reception and Reception children have performed their nativity to the school in preparation for the parents and grandparents coming to watch next week. The children have been fantastic; it always amazes me that children so young can perform so confidently and so well. We are really looking forward to welcoming everyone next week. We hope you enjoy Whoops a Daisy Angel!

This week, our Form 4 and Nursery 2 children went on a local visit to Moot Hall where they learnt about the local history and community. The children were superb and thoroughly enjoyed their time together. On Tuesday, our F5 children competed at Great Totham in a friendly dodgeball competition. It was a fantastic afternoon and it is wonderful that we get to compete against other local schools.

Yesterday, our Form 1 children enjoyed their annual trip to Colchester Zoo to see the penguins! This is always a much loved favourite trip where the children learn so much and it certainly gets them into the Christmas spirit! Please see further on in the newsletter for some wonderful photos of a brilliant trip. Thank you to Miss Vaughan for organising such a special day for the children.

We were delighted to compete in the Essex Schools Cross Country fixture yesterday. Our Forms 2, 3 and 4 children were superb ambassadors for Maldon Court, please see further in the Newsletter for the results.

**HEADTEACHER'S AWARD** - Congratulations to Evie Beckett who won the award this week for her fantastic resilience and challenging herself in class. I am so proud Evie, well done. Well done to Isla Berryman who won the Cool to be Kind award for always being such a kind friend to others. Well done, Isla. Finally, I look forward to seeing you tomorrow at the Christmas Fayre. The Fayre is from 1-3pm. It would be lovely to see as many of you as possible to support both the school and FOMCS with the event. There are many exciting things planned!

**NURSERY** - This week, the children have enjoyed learning about our local community. The children have been busy painting boxes, which we turned into some of our favourite buildings from Maldon. They created Greggs, Marks and Spencer's, Maldon Book Shop and many more. They have used their imagination and own experiences to extend their ideas. The children also created their own Moot Hall painting to go in their Learning Journey's. Next week our Christmas topic begins. For optional homework, please make a decoration to hang on our Christmas tree.

Mrs Kim Callaghan



**FORM 1** - Form 1 had such a magical day at Colchester Zoo yesterday. We started the day being greeted by Cookie the elf who had lost the magic flying dust! She came up with the idea of using penguins instead but the children were not convinced. After learning some very interesting facts about penguins from the magic book, we were then given some expert advice from a penguin zoo keeper who also agreed it was not the best plan! The children then absolutely loved having the opportunity of see a penguin up close, in such a close proximity. Then, to our surprise, Santa came out and had the magic flying dust in his pocket all along! We all got a very special penguin toy from Father Christmas to remember our time at the zoo together. We then spent the rest of the day exploring Colchester Zoo, finding out facts about different animals and even a special trip on the Lost Madagascar Train. All of the children displayed excellent behaviour and manners and were a real credit to the school. Well done Form 1.

Miss Vaughan



**NURSERY AND FORM 4** - On Monday, Nursery 2 and Form 4 enjoyed some Buddy Time. They were very lucky to visit The Moot Hall together. The Form 4 children were very sensible and looked after the Nursery 2 children very well. They held their hands when we walked through the town and regularly checked on them throughout the visit. The children learnt about the history of the hall and had the opportunity to act out a court scene, which was very informative and good fun too!

*Mrs Callaghan and Mrs Baron*



**CROSS COUNTRY** - This week, children from Forms 2, 3 and 4 took part in the annual, winter cross-country event held at Chelmsford Athletics Centre. In freezing conditions, Maldon Court set off strong in each race to ensure a good start! All of the children showed pure grit and determination to get round and finished the course in some fantastic places. A special mention goes to Isabella Russell (Form 4) for finishing 1<sup>st</sup> out of 60 girls within her race! What a fantastic achievement by all runners! Well done Maldon Court.

*Miss Broadbridge*



**PE Timetable - W/C 4th DECEMBER**

Day	Form	Lesson
<b>Wednesday</b>	Forms 3, 4, 5 and 6	Off site PE
	Sports Club for Forms 3 and 4 collection at 4.15pm	On site
<b>Thursday</b>	Pre-Reception, Forms 1 and 2	On site PE
<b>Friday</b>	Reception	On site PE
	Forms 5 and 6	Swimming

**MENU W/C 4th DECEMBER**



Day	Main	Dessert
<b>Mon</b>	Cheese, ham and tomato pasta served with garlic bread and salad	Shortbread or fruit
<b>Tues</b>	Roast chicken served with roast potatoes, carrots	Yoghurt or fruit
<b>Weds</b>	Sausage rolls served with potato puffs and baked beans	Victoria sponge cake or fruit
<b>Thurs</b>	Chicken casserole served with mashed potato and peas	Lemon and lime jelly or fruit
<b>Fri</b>	Breaded fish fillets served with herbed potatoes and peas	Chocolate flapjacks or fruit

**Wishing you all a lovely weekend**  
**Mrs E Mason - Headteacher**

**FOMCS** - Happy Friday Parents. We are very excited for our annual Christmas fayre tomorrow and look forward to welcoming you and your families to our festive event for lots of fun and Christmas spirit. We have also launched our Christmas jumper competition and can't wait to see the children's designs and creativity - these are due in by Tuesday 5th December and are £1 per entry. Have a lovely weekend and hope to see you at the fayre. *Mrs Tsai and Mrs Jeffrey*

