



# MALDON COURT

PREPARATORY SCHOOL

Autumn Term 2021

Weekly Newsletter

1st October 2021

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

Please check the school diary on the website.

### MONDAY 4th OCTOBER

ESB Starts

### TUESDAY 5th OCTOBER

School in Action Day

### WEDNESDAY 6th OCTOBER

Harvest Festival Rehearsal

### FRIDAY 8th OCTOBER

Form 6 Cake Sale

### THURSDAY 14th OCTOBER

Harvest Festival 9.30am

All Saint's Church

### FRIDAY 15th OCTOBER

Forms 4 and 5 School Trip

Nuclear Races

### FRIDAY 15th OCTOBER

Start of half term

### MONDAY 18th - FRIDAY 29th OCTOBER

Half Term

### MONDAY 1st NOVEMBER

Children return to school

### TUESDAY 9th NOVEMBER

### THURSDAY 11th NOVEMBER

Parent's Evening

3.40 - 6.00pm

5.00 - 8.00pm



Dear Parents,

It has been a lovely week in school where the children have been busily learning their songs for our Harvest Festival service on Thursday 14th October. The service will take place at All Saints' Church at 9.30am and we are really looking forward to welcoming you all to this special event - even more so as it is our first whole school service since lockdown. Donations will be gratefully received and will be distributed by our Form 6 children between St Peter's Hospital and the Food Bank based at Elim Church in Wantz Road.

On Wednesday, it was wonderful to see many parents at the FOMCS AGM. I would like to say a big thank you to Mrs Lopez and Mrs Stevenson who have stepped down from their roles as Chair and Vice Chair. They have worked so hard and I really appreciate all of their support. Congratulations to Mrs Tsai (mum of Jacob and Emily) and Mrs Jeffrey (mum of Grace) who were voted in as their replacements. Also, a huge thank you to both Mrs Bruce and Mr Baker who continue their roles as Secretary and Treasurer. It really is appreciated that parents give up their time to support our Maldon Court family community. Our Form 6 children have all settled into their roles and prefect duties admirably. Heads of School lunch was on Thursday and the children were a credit. They were polite and held a conversation well. Next week, I am having lunch with School Council and Peer Mentor representatives as well as our Sports Captains and House Captains. The following week I will be meeting with prefects too. It is lovely to meet with our Form 6 children and I am proud of how they have settled into Form 6 life. Well done, Form 6.

We are very much looking forward to our English Speaking Board lessons starting next week. These are excellent for public speaking and the children always excel with their results. I have no doubt that they will thoroughly enjoy their sessions with Mrs Deakin.

**HEADTEACHER'S AWARD** - Finally, congratulations to Wilfred Smith and Scarlett Abrehart for winning the Headteacher's Award this week. Wilfred won it for being an excellent role model to others and always being so kind and caring to his peers. Scarlett won it for always working to the best of her ability and being keen and motivated across the board. Well done to Scarlett Snoad who was awarded a Cool to be Kind award. Children were presented with their certificates in assembly on Wednesday.

★ **HAPPY BIRTHDAY** ★

Maldon Court wishes  
Francesca Russell, Zoe Hull, India  
Fisher, Emely Dunkin and Lynne Jiggins  
a very Happy Birthday

**NURSERY** - This week Nursery have enjoyed a new topic - Autumn. The children were very excited to plant some cress seeds in their own little pot! We are currently watering them each day and watching them grow. On Tuesday, we visited the Prom for an Autumn walk. It was very exciting and we spotted lots of interesting things on the way, including the displays in the shops and the boats on the river. We collected lots of autumn leaves and conkers and have been exploring them throughout the week. Next week, our new topic is People who Help us. We will be discussing Harvest Festival with the children and how we help others. For optional homework, please send in a food item for our Harvest Festival Box.

*Mrs Kim Callaghan*

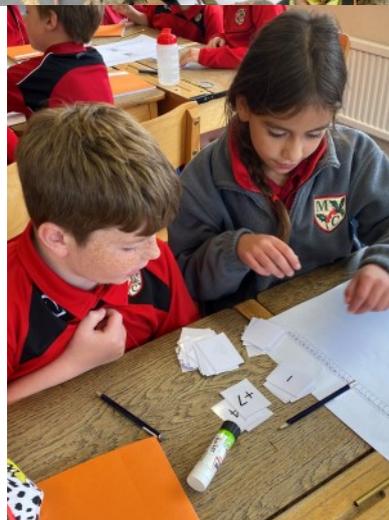


**PRE-RECEPTION** - Pre-Reception have started our new topic 'Autumn' The children have engaged in a variety of activities linking with the topic. They have enjoyed creating their own versions of an Autumn tree, using their hands and fingers to represent the tree trunk and leaves, we used many different autumn colours! The children have also been using the magnifying glasses to look closely into the Autumn tuff tray. Inside were crunchy leaves, mini acorns, sticks and bark. They worked together to build mini homes for the insects.

*Mrs Kennedy, Mrs Summerskill and Mrs Dibben*



**FORM 5** - Form 5 have made a superb start to the year. Mrs Clark and I couldn't have asked more of them in terms of hard work, brilliant manners and being kind. We have been working hard in maths with Place Value, Rounding and Addition and Subtraction. The class are currently working on Negative Numbers with Mrs Bonner and today we played a hot air balloon game to try to decipher how to add and subtract negative numbers using the analogy of adding and subtracting sand bags and puffs of hot air. The children have worked hard in their writing and are currently improving skills to write descriptions using self assessment and text marking to look out for features in their written work. We have been writing descriptions of animals and using various toolkits to help us.



Buddy Time has been a real hit and it is so lovely to see the children interacting with the younger children and getting to know their buddies.

*Mrs Bonner and Mrs Clark*



**FORM I** - In Geography, Form I have been looking at our local area. We went on a lovely walk around Maldon town, looking at the different houses, shops, and businesses. This week, we spoke about the different types of houses and had a fantastic discussion about what types of houses we live in. Form I were then given the task of building their house out of construction materials. We all really enjoyed this lesson and showing our houses to our classmates. *Miss Vaughan*



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

Wednesday	Thursday
On Site PE Lesson - Morning	
	Pre-Reception Forms 1 and 2 Form 4
<b>All Weather Pitch Lesson: 1-3pm</b>	
Forms 3 and 4	Forms 5 and 6
KS2 Sports Club at the all-weather pitch for children in Forms 3 and 4 - Wednesday 6th October 3.30 - 4.30pm	

**Have a lovely weekend**  
**Mrs E Mason**

**FOMCS** - Thank you those that made our AGM on Wednesday, we are very pleased to hand the baton over to your new chair and vice-chair of FOMCS, Mrs Tsai and Mrs Jeffrey. Thank you all for your incredible support over the last couple of years, we have really enjoyed our roles, but look forward to the new ideas that a new team brings.  
*Mrs Lopez and Mrs Stevenson*

**MENU W/C 4th October**

Day	Main	Dessert
<b>Mon</b>	Meatballs in tomato sauce served with pasta and sweet corn	Flapjack or fruit
<b>Tues</b>	Roast pork served with roast potatoes, broccoli, carrots, Yorkshire pudding and gravy	Yoghurt or fruit
<b>Weds</b>	Sweet and sour chicken served with rice and prawn crackers	Jam sponge pudding or fruit
<b>Thurs</b>	Cheese and ham pizza served with chips and salad	Raspberry jelly or fruit
<b>Fri</b>	Youngs fish fingers served with potato waffles, peas and salad	Arctic roll or fruit

