



# MALDON COURT

PREPARATORY SCHOOL

Autumn Term 2020

Weekly Newsletter

20th November 2020

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

Please check the school diary on the website.

### TUESDAY 24th NOVEMBER

Form 4 | | + Zoom Meeting  
10.00am

### FRIDAY 27th NOVEMBER

Birthday Party Afternoon

### THURSDAY 3rd DECEMBER

Forms 5 and 6 Netball Match

### MONDAY 7th - TUESDAY 8th DECEMBER

Class Christmas Parties

### FRIDAY 11th DECEMBER

End of Term

### MONDAY 4th JANUARY

Children Return to school  
No Clubs this week

### MONDAY 11th JANUARY

Clubs Commence

### MONDAY 11th FEBRUARY

Life Support Roadshow



Dear Parents,

We started our week with our Odd Sock Day on Monday. This is incorporated into the National Anti-Bullying week which we participate in every year. Odd Sock Day is a reminder to children that it doesn't matter what you may see on the outside, it is what is on the inside that truly counts. The focus for children in their PSHE lessons this week has been on being kind to others and treating each other how we would like to be treated ourselves. I feel incredibly privileged that the children at our school are so thoughtful, kind and respectful to others. The older children have the most wonderful empathy with the younger children and this is such a strength of our school. This is reflected in our exceptional 'buddy' system that has been in place for many years. The Form 5 children this week have found out their 'buddy' in Pre-Reception and I know just how excited they have been. We have not let the fact that F5 can't see Pre-Reception face to face at the moment deter us from buddy time. We have found a way around it and the F5 children have been reading stories to their buddies and the Pre-Reception class via Zoom from the classrooms. It really is a honour to see just how much they care about the younger children and reflects the kind and nurturing school environment that we have here at Maldon Court.

Thank you to those children who have entered the FOMCS paper plate competition. These will be displayed in classrooms this year rather than the hall and the entries look fantastic. I am glad that I am not the judge of this! Over the next few weeks, we intend to make Christmas as much fun as we possibly can for the children in school. We have many events planned (details to follow) and we hope that this will make what has been a hard year for everyone end on a happy and festive time for the children.

**HEADTEACHERS AWARD** - Congratulations to Lottie Craddock in Form 6 who won the award this week for her excellent writing about Remembrance Day in English. Super emotive language Lottie, well done.

★ HAPPY BIRTHDAY ★

Maldon Court wishes -  
Beatrice Walker-Hutt, Ellie Bradford,  
Scarlett Snoad and Wilfred Smith  
a very Happy Birthday



**NURSERY** - Our topic in Nursery this week has been Nursery Rhymes. The children have enjoyed favourite rhymes and also listening to some new songs on a CD. Our song of the week was Humpty Dumpty, we focused on this rhyme over the week and enjoyed a range of learning opportunities linked to this. During physical time we pretended to be Humpty Dumpty and 'fell off' the wall by sliding down the big soft slide. We also introduced the children to positional language, discussing over, under, up, down etc. The children all coloured their own Humpty to stick on the wall! Next week we begin our new topic: Transport and Road Safety. For optional homework, please make a mode of transport using recycled materials.

Mrs Kim Callaghan



**PRE-RECEPTION** - Pre-Reception were very excited to hear that our topic for these two weeks is 'The Gruffalo'. This week we have been learning to use the Pre-Reception computer to paint some Gruffalo pictures. We have also been focusing on our counting by doing our woodland creature counting activity.

Miss Washbourne and Miss Denyer



**FORM 4** - This term, Form 4 have started their Cooking lessons (within DT) and our first topic is called 'Lovely Lunch'. The children have been exploring different types of food and investigating what makes a healthy lunch. We have researched different types of bread, fillings and vegetables that could be included within healthy lunches. Our wonderful school cook, Miss Reeves, has been helping us with our cooking and teaching the children how to prepare our healthy lunches. The children have learnt how to cut, grate and slice vegetables safely. In our next lesson, the children will be designing and making their own healthy lunch crackers. We look forward to the taste testing!

Miss Broadbridge and Mrs Dickinson





**WELLNESS** - This week has been National Anti-Bullying week and the children all looked fantastic in their Odd Socks on Monday. In class the children have been learning about positive friendships and the older children have been learning about cyber bullying and what they should and shouldn't do if they are concerned when online. We have been focusing on kindness in Wellness club this week. The younger children played a game about being kind and how it makes us feel happy inside when someone says something kind to us. The children all had a cuddly toy to be kind to and gave the cuddly toy a tummy ride! With the older children we played a game sorting pictures of actions into 'kind' or 'unkind', 'friendly' or 'unfriendly'. The children have enjoyed playing with all the new 'fidget' toys, relaxation and cuddly toys that have been bought following a recent kind donation. We always finish each Wellness club session with a short meditation so the children are calm and refreshed ready for their next lesson.

Mrs Wilkins



PE Timetable - W/C 23rd November	
Wednesday	Thursday
On Site PE Lesson - Morning	
Pre-Reception	Reception
Form 1	Form 3
Form 2	Form 4
<b>All Weather Pitch Lesson: 1-3pm</b>	
Form 5	Form 6
KS2 Sports Club at the all-weather pitch for children in Forms 5 and 6 - Wednesday 11th 3.30 - 4.30pm	

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

**FOMCS** - Thank you all for your support of the pop up shop last week, which raised over £500 for FOMCS. Thanks also to the teachers and school office for their extra help this year in running things on the day. We are busy preparing for the Christmas festivities, more details will follow soon! We will also shortly be taking tea towel orders via your class reps. Best wishes, Tori and Charlotte

MENU W/C 23rd November		
Day	Main	Dessert
<b>Mon</b>	Pasta Bolognese served with sweetcorn and salad	Shortbread or fruit
<b>Tues</b>	Roast gammon served with roast potatoes, carrots, Yorkshire pudding and gravy	Yoghurt or fruit
<b>Weds</b>	Chicken wraps served with vegetable rice and salad	Raspberry jelly or fruit
<b>Thurs</b>	Sausages, chips and baked beans	Chocolate mousse or fruit
<b>Fri</b>	Harry Ramsden fish served with herbed potatoes, peas and salad	Arctic roll or fruit

