



MALDON COURT

PREPARATORY SCHOOL

Spring Term 2022

Weekly Newsletter

20th January 2023

DATES FOR THE DIARY

TUESDAY 24th JANUARY

Forms 1 and 2 - Cricket Festival
Northern Gateway

TUESDAY 31st JANUARY

Forms 4, 5 and 6 - ESB Exam

MONDAY 6th FEBRUARY

Mental Health Week

TUESDAY 7th FEBRUARY

Safer Internet Day

TUESDAY 7th FEBRUARY

Pre-Reception and Form 5 School Trip
Sealife Centre - Southend

WEDNESDAY 8th FEBRUARY

Forms 1 and 2 Football Festival
Shrub End - Colchester

MONDAY 13th FEBRUARY -

FRIDAY 17th FEBRUARY

Half Term

MONDAY 20th FEBRUARY

Children Return to School
Clubs Continue

WEDNESDAY 22nd FEBRUARY

Form 3 Class Assembly

THURSDAY 23rd FEBRUARY

Forms 5 and 6 Tag Rugby Tournament
Northern Gateway

FRIDAY 24th FEBRUARY

Form 3 Cake Sale

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Maldon Court wishes
Hettie Thorogood, Lucia Cole
and Evie Beckett
a very Happy Birthday



Dear Parents,

The children have had a wonderful week – albeit rather chilly outside! On days when it is particularly cold, I will endeavour to open the gate as soon as the classes are lined up on the playground at the end of the day to ensure that you are waiting for as short a time as possible.

Our After School Care provision remains very popular with many children staying until 5pm. On Friday last week, I was invited to watch their talent show. I even had a VIP seat and a special ticket made for me! The children had a great time making up their routines and then showing me their dance and gymnastic moves. It is great to see the children in a relaxed, happy and fun environment where the staff always make sure that the children have varied and interesting activities to do every night. Thank you to Miss Hansell and Miss Blackmore for organising the talent show and to all members of staff who work in ASC. You do a brilliant job.

It has been fantastic to see the children all settle into their roles of responsibility this week. As always, the children thrive with the responsibility and are always excellent role models to their peers. We have some wonderful form captains, sports captains and house captains.

HEADTEACHERS AWARD - Congratulations to Tate Jacob who won the Headteacher's award this week for his excellent handwriting. We have also had many children gaining certificates and badges this week for their times tables knowledge. Well done to all these children.

Finally, thank you to everyone for maintaining our high standards of uniform and presentation. If you do find that you require some uniform, do remember we have a thriving pre-loved shop where most items of uniform can be purchased. Should you require anything, please do email Mrs Tsai, Jacob and Emily's mum on the following email address fomcs@maldoncourschool.org

NURSERY - Nursery enjoyed a new topic this week – Expressive Arts. We changed the role play zone into an Art Gallery and discussed the famous Mona Lisa painting with the children. It was great fun when we stepped in green paint and made foot prints across the paper. For Show and Tell this week, the children brought in a range of instruments from home. It was interesting to discuss these and listen to the different noises they made. Next week we will enjoy the topic, Chinese New Year. For optional homework, please create a picture that represents The Year of the Rabbit.

Mrs Kim Callaghan



PRE-RECEPTION - Our topic this week has been winter, we discussed the changes we see happening outside during this time and why it is important to keep warm. The children have been busy painting winter scenes using a range of winter colours. The children then wrapped up warm in coats, hats, scarves, and mittens and had a photograph taken outside to then stick on their winter scene. These brilliant pieces of artwork are on display in the classroom.

Mrs Kennedy and Miss Hansell



FORM 1 - Form 1 have really enjoyed the start to our new 'Paper Art' topic. Last week we created a collage from different types of paper and this week we made stained glass windows using cellophane and tissue paper. We loved looking at different stained glass window designs you would find in churches and hope to put our designs up in our classroom window for all our parents and friends to see soon too. Well done Form 1.

Miss Vaughan



FORM 2 - In maths, Form 2 have been enjoying investigating shapes. We have worked on sorting 3D shapes into groups today. The children can look for different qualities to sort their shapes by. Some use straight or curved edges, some count number of faces or number of vertices. There are many ways and the children are developing investigation skills to find out.

The children have also spent the afternoon investigating how things fall. The children made paper fish and then had to investigate how the fish fell. Did the size, type of paper, height of drop, wind, thickness, length etc make a difference. The children really enjoyed investigating the outcomes of their questions.

Mrs Bonner



PE - The recent cold spell has not caused us any problems. The younger children have been working on their strength and balance in gymnastics and dance, whilst KS2 children continue to work hard, both at the all weather pitch and on the playground in rugby, hockey, netball and tchoukball. The children are making fantastic progress with plenty of tournaments and festivals to look forward to in the coming term. Mr Coyle



AFTER SCHOOL CARE - In after school care this week the children have loved putting on shows together and making up dance routines, so we put on our own 'After School Care Talent Show'. The children demonstrated great teamwork and confidence! They designed their own tickets to invite people to come to the show and Mrs Mason was our special guest! We had judges writing down their notes and scoring the acts and three groups taking part, some children then did solo dances. They were fantastic and enjoyed coming on the stage at the end for a round of applause and to take a bow to the strictly theme tune! Well done After School Care. Miss Hansell and Miss Blackmore



FORM 4 - In History, Form 4 are studying the Indus Valley. We have looked at where the Indus Valley civilisations were, how they fit into our timeline, the archeology that has been uncovered and how their buildings were constructed. This week, we made some mud bricks... in this weather, we understand why we were building with wattle and daub, we definitely do not have the sunshine at this time of year to make effective bricks!

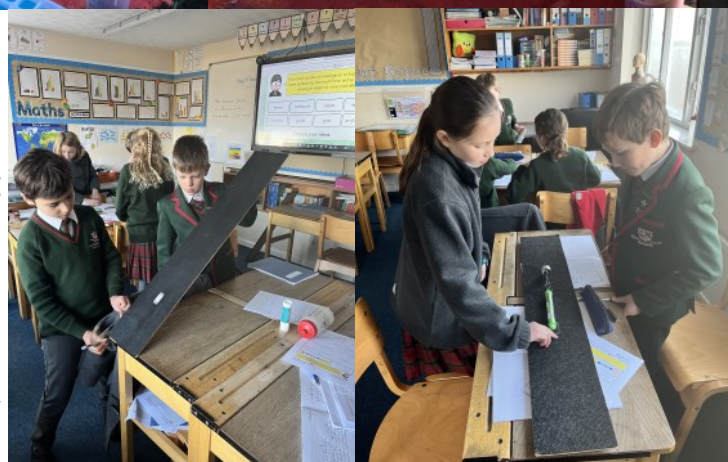
Mrs Baron



FORM 5 - In Science, Form 5 have started learning about forces. We spent the afternoon on Monday investigating friction. We concluded that there is more friction on rough surfaces than on smooth by carrying out 2 different investigations.

The first was to use a Forcemeter to pull an object along different surfaces and measure the force needed to pull the object.

The second was to place a rubber on different surfaces and tip the surface until the rubber starts to move. The children used protractors to measure the angle. It was a great lesson where the children really used lots of different skills to carry out a fair test and gather reliable results. Mrs Bonner



PE Timetable - W/C 23rd JANUARY

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

Sport Club for Forms 5 and 6
Wednesday 25th January - All Weather Pitch
Collection at 4.15pm

Wishing you all a lovely weekend
Mrs E Mason
Headteacher

MENU W/C 23rd JANUARY



Day	Main	Dessert
Mon	Sausage rolls served with lattice potatoes and baked beans	Shortbread or fruit
Tues	Roast gammon served with roast potatoes, carrots, Yorkshire pudding and gravy	Yoghurt or fruit
Weds	Sweet and sour chicken served with rice and prawn crackers	Iced vanilla sponge and sprinkles or fruit
Thurs	Pasta bolognese served with sweet corn and salad	Orange jelly or fruit
Fri	Young's fish fingers served with chips, peas and salad	Chocolate flapjack or fruit

FOMCS - Good afternoon parents. Well done to Form 4 on their amazing cake sale today! There were lots of yummy treats on offer which we hope you all enjoyed. We are pleased to announce we will be holding an online FOMCS meeting via Zoom on Thursday 26th January at 8pm. We will be discussing the Christmas term festivities and upcoming events this half term and welcome all and your feedback on these. Details to follow. Have a lovely weekend. Mrs Tsai and Mrs Jeffrey.

