



MALDON COURT

PREPARATORY SCHOOL

Spring Term 2020

Weekly Newsletter

20th March 2020

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Please check the school diary on the website.

MONDAY 23rd MARCH

PGL - Parent Meeting 2.45pm
(Postponed)

School open as usual for children of Key workers

TUESDAY 24th MARCH

Natural History Museum Trip
Forms 3 and 6
(Postponed)

WEDNESDAY 25th MARCH

Form 1 Class Assembly 9.00am
(Postponed)

MONDAY 30th - TUESDAY 31st MARCH

Form 4 - Danbury Outdoors
(Postponed)

TUESDAY 31st MARCH

Form 6 - Crucial Crew
(Postponed)

MONDAY 6th APRIL

Easter Holiday Begins

MONDAY 27th APRIL

Clubs Resume

MONDAY 27th APRIL - FRIDAY 1st MAY

Form 6 PGL - Caythorpe Court
(Postponed)



Dear Parents,

What an unprecedented and sad week it has been for us all and one that I am sure we will never forget. It seems like months ago that on Monday morning we were called to say that we were being inspected. This has been eclipsed by the rapid change of events that have swept through not only the country but the entire world. As you all know, it is with much sadness and with a heavy heart that we have been ordered by the government to close the school to all children except those who have a parent that is classed as a 'key worker'. The school will be open and fully functional for those children. Please can children wear PE kits to school next week. I would ask that at this is an overwhelmingly busy time for all staff that you bear with us as we desperately plan for the upcoming weeks. I cannot thank you all enough for the your kind emails, cards, phone calls and texts offering your support and thanks to the school. It has meant so much to all the staff and it truly demonstrates the kind, caring and supportive school community that I am so proud to be a part of.

Despite all the turmoil, the children have always been at the forefront of our minds this week. It has been their safe haven from the outside world where they have been able to forget everything and have enjoyed their lessons and playing with their friends as normal. I couldn't be prouder of our wonderful Form 6 children. This affects them more than anyone and the way in which they have conducted themselves through all of this is admirable. They are the most fantastic class that are absolute credit to themselves, the school and their parents. Through all of this, they still look at the bright side of everything and it is something that we adults can all learn from them. They are kind, happy, polite, respectful and caring children who have solid friendships that I know will help them through whatever the future holds for them. They have had a wonderful day today playing with their friends, watching DVDs, playing games, getting lots of photos taken and most importantly – eating Dominos pizza! There are plenty of photos on the school website. Here's hoping they will return to MCPS before the end of the summer Term.

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★ HAPPY BIRTHDAY ★

On behalf of everyone at Maldon Court we wish: Tobias Venus-Bishop, Florence Goddard and Harry Mason a very Happy Birthday!

Continued ... On Thursday Form 4 continued with their hockey and rugby tournament despite parents not being able to attend. They played to an exceptional level and competed with superb sportsmanship. I would urge you to watch the video montage that we created on our website as a consolation for parents not being able to watch in person. It is a fantastic video and will bring a smile to your face. Form 4 also performed their class assembly to the rest of the school this morning. Lots of photos and videos were taken and these has been collated and put on the school website. We also continued to celebrate children's success in Celebration assembly on Tuesday. Achievement leaves were read out by Tatum Fleming, Hudson Williams and Sophie Clark. Good manners certificates were awarded to Harry Bunting, Elizabeth Neall, Max Mason, Martha Smith, Alice Wilson, Ella Farr and Louisa Rainger.

HEADTEACHERS AWARD - Congratulations to Jessica Williams who won the award for excellent effort in PE.



NURSERY - This week Nursery have really enjoyed our Spring topic. We have been painting special pictures of flowers for an important celebration this weekend! We also enjoyed playing with our new sand toys and making use of our new play grass that we will use inside and outside! Next week our Spring topic continues and we will enjoy lots more activities relating to this. For optional homework please create a Spring picture or collage to hang on our Home Link Board.
Mrs Kim Callaghan



RECEPTION SPRING WALK - Reception joined Pre-Reception on a Spring walk to Leeches Garden. We put on our wellies and took a Spring checklist with us to see what we could find. We were very excited to find daffodils, bluebells, snowdrops, birds, nests, and green leaves. We had a fantastic afternoon.
Miss Wayman














PRE RECEPTION - For the past two weeks, Pre-Reception have been looking at the season spring and we have carried out lots of fun and creative activities. We have even been on an exciting spring walk with reception class, looking out for anything that was on our spring checklist. This week the children have taken part in some planting, we measured out how much water we would need as these were only little pots and then the children got messy placing the soil and seeds into the pots. We are going to be growing plants and vegetables like forget-me-not flowers, lettuce and beetroot. In small groups we all discussed what the plants and vegetables need to grow, and we looked at the lifecycle of a flower starting from a seed. A very busy but truly fun couple of weeks.
Miss Washbourne



FORM 4 - On Thursday Form 4 participated in their Inter House Hockey and Rugby Tournament. This had been scheduled to be played in front of a crowd of enthusiastic parents and supporters but recent Covid-19 restrictions meant that we played behind closed doors. This did not dampen spirits or enthusiasm in any way. Form 4 have come on so far in just over under two terms of coaching at the all weather pitch. Some of their play was simply breath taking and we are so proud of them. New Zealand House came out as overall winners in what was a tightly contested event, involving three games of hockey and three game of rugby. The skills and competitive spirit demonstrated by every child was incredible and just as pleasing was the high levels of sportsmanship on display, it is truly impressive to see this in such young children. The tournament will be replayed in front of parents as soon as we are able to and we are sure this will be event no one will want to miss.
Mr Coyle












FORM 6 - PHOTOGRAPHS





FORM 6 - Form 6 have loved our new science genius projects. They are choosing to study a topic they are interested in and present their information in a variety of ways. We have had iMovie trailers, PowerPoints, quizzes, posters, augmented reality and models to showcase their information. Last week the children were challenged to learn a new skill and teach this to the class. We now know a little more about sign language, Swahili, tractor driving, sewing, shooting, woodwork and cooking.

Mrs Fleming



SCIENCE WEEK- FORMS 5 & 6 - Last week for British Science week the Form 5 and 6 children arrived to discover a classroom filled with: a sneezing landing strip, water pistols loaded with coloured water, glitter, soap, oil, tissues and measuring equipment. In small groups they were challenged to plan various enquiries to answer their questions including recognising and controlling variables. They simulated sneezing and measured the breadth and distance of each sneeze. They discovered how effective tissues were at blocking the sneeze. They used glitter, oil and soap to show how quickly germs can transfer onto other surfaces and that cold water washing isn't very effective at getting rid of germs. Great fun and learning was had by all.

Mrs Fleming and Mrs Bonner

PE Timetable - W/C 23rd March

To be confirmed

Wishing all our families the very best for the coming weeks
Mrs E Mason - Headteacher

FOMCS - What strange times we are all in at the minute. We are very disappointed that lots of our upcoming events, including the Easter bonnet parade, will no longer go ahead. We hope everyone stays safe and takes great care in the coming weeks and we hope to be back to normal soon.
Mrs Lopez and Mrs Stevenson

NEXT WEEK'S MENU

Day	Main	Dessert
Mon	Fish fingers served with chips and peas.	Shortbread or fruit.
Tues	Parents to provide packed lunch	
Weds	Chicken wraps served with vegetable rice and salad.	Yoghurt or fruit.
Thurs	Parents to provide packed lunch	
Fri	Parents to provide packed lunch	

