



MALDON COURT

PREPARATORY SCHOOL

Weekly Newsletter

Summer Term 2022

20th May 2022

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Please check the school diary on the website.

SATURDAY 21st MAY

Open Day

MONDAY 23rd MAY

Reception Class Photographs

WEDNESDAY 25th MAY

Reception School Trip to St Giles Ruins

THURSDAY 26th MAY

Jubilee Celebrations

FRIDAY 27th MAY

Half Term

MONDAY 13th JUNE

Children Return to School
Clubs Resume

MONDAY 13th JUNE

Form 5 11+ Mock Exam

TUESDAY 14th JUNE

FOMCS Pop up Shop

WEDNESDAY 15th JUNE

Form 4 Class Assembly

THURSDAY 16th JUNE

Father's Day Afternoon
Reception Class

FRIDAY 17th JUNE

Form 1 Class Assembly



Dear Parents,

We really have had the most thoroughly enjoyable week at Maldon Court. On Tuesday, we held one of the most special days in the Maldon Court calendar, our hugely popular Grandparents' Day. We were blessed with beautiful weather for the day and we had a record amount of grandparents come to watch. The children excelled themselves with their singing, country dancing, English Speaking Board recitals, gymnastics display and Maypole dancing and it was clear just how much they enjoyed performing to their grandparents. I would like to thank all the staff who worked so hard to make the event so successful and for all of the lovely comments, cards, phone calls and emails we have had about the day.

On Monday, our Form 6 children visited Maldon Stadium for Crucial Crew. The workshops cover lots of important issues before they transition to secondary school and this year there was a theatre company in to highlight important community issues. The children were superbly behaved and learnt lots of new things. Well done, Form 6.

I would like to thank all of you for supporting our Open Day tomorrow. All information regarding timings has already been sent out but it is also attached to the parent reminders too. All children (apart from Form 6) need to be there 15 minutes before their performance and please ensure that your child stays with you at all times as we will have the school gate open. Children can leave as soon as their performance is finished. Please can children be in full summer uniform with blazers. No hats/caps are required. As Form 6 children are tour guides, Form 6 parents can either drop children off or stay to watch the performances.

Finally, next week we are looking forward to our Jubilee celebrations on Thursday. We have a wonderful day planned for the children where in the morning the children will be doing Jubilee activities. This will be followed by celebrating with a BBQ lunch outside. In true traditional and British style, we have also arranged for Bocking Brass band to come into school (Mrs Huett's band) to entertain the children. FOMCS have kindly agreed to fund an ice cream van for the children too so it will be a wonderful day. The children do not know the plans apart from the BBQ idea as we wanted to keep it a surprise as much as possible. Children can also dress in red, white and blue on that day - No football shirts please.

★ **HAPPY BIRTHDAY** ★

Maldon Court wishes
Ernest Mays, Jamie Barker,
Mia Tolhurst and Mrs Mason
a very Happy Birthday

HEADTEACHER'S AWARD - Congratulations to Sienna Crozier in Reception class who won the Headteacher's award for her excellent progress in all areas of learning. A thoroughly well deserved award; well done Sienna.

NURSERY - The Nursery children have had a wonderful week. We have been enjoying the sunshine and spent time in our sensory kitchen, mixing up pasta, rice and cereal. The children have also been exploring some new number and letter bricks, kindly donated to us from Pre-Reception. We have had them available all week. The children have enjoyed stacking them, weighing them and discussing the number or letter on each brick. The children have been dressing up in our chefs' outfits and cooking in the role play zone. We made breakfast and then enjoyed some cake! Next week, our topic is Shapes and Numbers, alongside this the children will enjoy some activities relating to the Jubilee. For optional homework, please complete the Shape Matching Worksheet we have sent home. *Mrs Kim Callaghan*



RECEPTION - Reception have enjoyed continuing our topic on Minibeasts this week. We created Cress Caterpillars and have been amazed at how fast they have grown. We have also enjoyed watching the worms in our Wormery and have made sure the soil is soft for them to wiggle around in. We have also enjoyed playing in our Minibeast Café role play and have had lots of fun creating delicious meals for our creepy crawly customers. *Miss Wayman*



NURSERY AND FORM 4 - Form 4 and Nursery got to enjoy their buddy time sat in the sunshine this week. As the weather has been so hot the children chose to read picture books and had fun singing songs together. The children loved being able to sit on the grass and then sing lots of Nursery Rhymes together whilst sat in the shade. The children had great fun together and are now planning more things to do outside with their buddies.

Mrs Dickinson, Miss Broadbridge and Mrs Callaghan












GRANDPARENTS' DAY PHOTOGRAPHS



FORMER PUPIL NEWS - This week we were delighted to hear of the success of one of our former pupils is having in pursuing his dream in rugby. James Bonner, who is now in Year 10, was a determined and highly motivated sports player whilst he was at Maldon Court and his dedication has to his sport has not waived. He is now the captain of Maldon RFC under 15 team, this team are the Essex County Cup winners. James has also been selected for the Saracens development squad, meaning he now represents Saracens against teams from other counties. James is receiving the highest quality rugby and fitness training available and his achievements have made us all so proud. We have many fine rugby players at MCPS and James has shown us all what is possible through hard work and dedication. Well done James.



FORM 5 - Form 5 are currently studying South America in Geography. To link with this topic, we have been working through an art and DT unit linked to South America. Over the past few weeks we have been studying the Mexican artist Frida Kahlo who kept monkeys as pets. Monkeys often featured in her art work. Form 5 spent time enjoying working outside in the sunshine whilst sculpting their clay monkeys inspired by Frida Kahlo.
Mrs Bonner and Mrs Clark



FORM 6 - On Monday, Form 6 went to Maldon Stadium to attend the Crucial Crew workshop. This is an event organised by Maldon District Council for Year 6 children about to transition to secondary school. This year's event dealt with the growing problem of children being exploited by the county lines drug organisations. Up to twenty-seven thousand children are thought to be involved in the UK, and Essex and Suffolk are high on the list of affected areas. The children watched a play that tells the story of Paul, a new Year Seven who is manipulated by older children into carrying and delivering drugs. They then took part in a workshop where 'ouch' moments were identified – hints that all was not what it seemed. They were also coached how to have conversations with an adult or friend if they or a friend was in trouble and needed help. The children enjoyed the morning and had a lot to think about and discuss afterwards.
Mrs Summers

PE Timetable - W/C 23rd MAY	
Wednesday	Thursday
On Site PE Lesson	On Site PE Lesson
Pre-Reception	Form 1
Form 1	Form 2
Form 2	
All Weather Pitch Lesson:	
Forms 3 and 4 - Afternoon	Form 5 and 6 - Morning
KS2 Sports Club at the all-weather pitch for children in Forms 3 and 4 - Wednesday 25th May - Collection at 4.30pm	

Wishing you all a lovely weekend
Mrs E Mason
Headteacher

FOMCS - We will soon be sending out a questionnaire for parents to complete so we can gain some feedback of what you would like your FOMCS to provide for the children in terms of events and timings for these. It would be greatly appreciated to receive your responses so we can aim to provide more tailored opportunities for the children. Have a great weekend.
Mrs Tsai and Mrs Jeffrey.

MENU W/C 23rd MAY		
Day	Main	Dessert
Mon	Crispy chicken goujons served with potato puffs and baked beans	Flapjacks or fruit
Tues	Roast beef served with roast potatoes, broccoli, carrots, Yorkshire pudding and gravy.	Yoghurt or fruit
Weds	Chicken tikka curry served with rice and naan bread	Vanilla sponge cake or fruit
Thurs	Jubilee Celebration BBQ	Ice lolly or fruit
Fri	Brunch - Sausage, bacon, hash browns and baked beans	Mini doughnuts and chocolate sauce or fruit

