



# MALDON COURT

PREPARATORY SCHOOL  
Weekly Newsletter

Spring Term 2021

21st January 2022

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

Please check the school diary on the website.

**TUESDAY 25th JANUARY**  
ESB Exam

**WEDNESDAY 26th JANUARY**  
Forms 1 and 2 Cricket Tournament

**TUESDAY 1st FEBRUARY**  
Rugby Tournament

**MONDAY 7th FEBRUARY**  
Mental Health Week

**TUESDAY 8th FEBRUARY**  
Dress to Express Day  
Safer Internet Day

**FRIDAY 11th FEBRUARY**  
Form 3 Cake Sale

**MONDAY 14th - FRIDAY 18th  
FEBRUARY**  
Half Term

**MONDAY 21st FEBRUARY**  
Children Return to School  
Clubs resume

**FRIDAY 25th FEBRUARY**  
Swimming Starts for  
Forms 4, 5 and 6

**MONDAY 28th FEBRUARY**  
Life Support Road Show  
Forms 5 and 6

★ **HAPPY BIRTHDAY** ★

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



Dear Parents,

It was super to see our Pre-Reception and Reception children had a wonderful time at Southend Sea Life Centre on Tuesday. They were particularly enthralled by the dinosaurs, the butterfly walk and of course, the penguins. The children behaved impeccably and it was lovely to hear that members of the public and the staff at the Sealife Centre complimented them on their behaviour. Thank you to the staff who made this trip possible.

We are constantly striving to improve our educational provision at Maldon Court in order that we maintain the highest standards. This week, we were absolutely thrilled to issue every class with five additional brand new tablets. These are in addition to our pre-existing school tablets and offer the children lightning quick access to the internet and a world of educational resources from their desks. The tablets connect seamlessly with our state of the art interactive boards which are used in every classroom. This means that children can now follow lessons on the tablets and the teacher can show children's work on the boards. It is fascinating to see how quickly and enthusiastically the children embrace such technology.

Over the coming weeks, Maldon Court will be participating in nationwide educational weeks. We will be participating in Safer Internet Week on 7-11<sup>th</sup> February. The theme this year is Relationships and How we Treat Others. The children will be doing activities in class to remind them of this and we will also be doing assemblies to raise awareness. We are also taking part in Mental Health Awareness Week on the same week. The theme this year is 'Growing Together'. Again, we have already planned lots of fun activities for the children, including a Dress to Express Yourself Day.

Finally, good luck to all children taking part in their ESB exams on Tuesday. I know how much hard work you have put into preparing for them.

**HEADTEACHER'S AWARD** - Congratulations to Max Mason in Form 5 who won the award this week for excellent perseverance, resilience and positivity and also for excellent art work. Congratulations also to Mya Chambers in Form 4 who also won the award for her outstanding progress in Cross Country.

**NURSERY** - The children were very excited to see some new toys in Nursery this week. We have a piano that is proving popular and some outside toys that the children have loved having a ride on. For our Up in The Air Topic, the children have been discussing aeroplanes and some of the destinations we would like to visit. The children have also enjoyed a birdwatching tuff tray, they made their own binoculars with cardboard tubes and tried to spot some birds. Next week, our new topic is Expressive Arts. For optional homework, please send in a photo of your child enjoying 'pretend play' at home. *Mrs Kim Callaghan*



**PRE-RECEPTION AND RECEPTION** - Pre-Reception and Reception had the most amazing day at the sea life centre on Tuesday to extend and support our topic 'The Rainbow Fish & 'Under the Sea'. The children were very lucky to be able to watch the penguin feed and listen to a very informative talk all about them. The lady then answered all of our fantastic questions. We also had lots of fun exploring, seeing all of the different animals and their enclosures. The dinosaur and butterfly walkthrough were very popular, and the children were fascinated. A butterfly landed on some of the children's heads and one butterfly even laid an egg on a child's hat. The children behaved impeccably throughout, we had comments from the sea life centre staff saying what a well-behaved school we are! *Mrs Kennedy and Miss Wayman*



**FORM 2** - Form 2 have been busy this week. In Maths, we have been learning all about multiplication getting ready for learning our tables. We have made 'flying fish' in Science, making adaptations to the designs and observing what differences this made to their movement through the air. In English, we have been writing instructions using time connectives, imperative verbs and adverbs. We now know how to make a lovely cup of tea. *Mrs Baron*



**FORM 4** - Form 4 had an exciting to start to the day where they each received a letter from 'Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry'. The children were excited to open their wax sealed envelopes and wrote a letter to accept their place at the school. The children wrote wonderful formal letters and we shall see where the magic takes them next this term.  
*Mrs Dickinson and Miss Broadbridge*



**FORM 5** - Before the Christmas holidays Form 5 set up an experiment to test whether you could reclaim salt from a salt-water solution as part of their Materials topic. The children carefully mixed salt into some luke-warm water, continuing to add until no more salt could be added, they identified this as a saturated solution. The solution was then poured onto 2 plates and placed on the classroom windowsill for the duration of the holidays. On Form 5's return we found that all the water had evaporated and left behind some perfectly formed square salt crystals. The class also discovered that one plate of salt solution had evaporated faster than the other, as it was in the sun for longer, so the salt crystals were much smaller as they did not have time to grow before the water evaporated.  
*Mrs Clark and Mrs Bonner*



**PE** - The children across all age groups continue to make exceptional progress in their PE. Whether lesson are at the all weather pitch, on the playground or gymnastics and dance in the school hall, the children work so hard. Finally, after many months of disruption, the inter school sporting fixtures are beginning to return and in the next two weeks we have cricket, cheer and rugby events organised through the Colchester-Blackwater Sports Partnership. This partnership gives our children access to the impressive, state of the art facilities at Colchester's Northern Gateway in addition to secondary school's eager to play their part in nurturing the sporting talent of the future. Please keep your eye on the news section of our website and Facebook page for the latest updates on sporting events.  
*Mr Coyle and Miss Broadbridge.*



# CLASSROOM TABLETS

**FORM 1** - It has been a very exciting week for Form 1 due to the arrival of 5 brand new tablets. Each class has luckily got their own set. The children have loved using these in our lessons and we are looking forward to using these in future to aid learning across the curriculum. I was blown away by their expert knowledge already, they know more than me! *Miss Vaughan*



## PE Timetable - W/C 24th January

Wednesday	Thursday
On Site PE Lesson	On Site PE Lesson
Pre-Reception Form 1 Form 2	Form 4
All Weather Pitch Lesson: 1-3pm	
Forms 3 and 4	Forms 5 and 6
KS2 Sports Club at the all-weather pitch for children in Forms 3 and 4 - Wednesday 26th January - Collection at 4pm	

## MENU W/C 24th JANUARY

Day	Main	Dessert
<b>Mon</b>	Meatballs in tomato sauce served with pasta, sweetcorn and salad	Shortbread or fruit
<b>Tues</b>	Roast pork served with roast potatoes, carrots, peas, Yorkshire pudding and gravy	Yoghurt or fruit
<b>Weds</b>	Chicken wraps served with mixed vegetable rice and salad	Raspberry jelly or fruit
<b>Thurs</b>	Sausages served with lattice potatoes and baked beans	Rice crispy cakes or fruit
<b>Fri</b>	Cheese and ham pizza served with chips and salad	Iced Vanilla sponge cake with sprinkles or fruit

**Wishing you all a lovely weekend**  
**Mrs E Mason**  
**Headteacher**

**FOMCS** - Thank you Form 4 for a wonderful cake sale last week. We have had a meeting today with school to discuss upcoming ideas and event plans for the children. We will be holding a FOMCS meeting to go through these, and where we are at to date, next Thursday afternoon (time and venue to be confirmed). All are welcome to attend. Have a lovely weekend.  
 Mrs Tsai and Mrs Jeffrey.

