



MALDON COURT

PREPARATORY SCHOOL

Autumn Term 2019

Weekly Newsletter

22nd November

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Please check the school diary on the website.

WEDNESDAY 27th NOVEMBER

Flu Immunisations

THURSDAY 28th NOVEMBER

FOMCS Christmas Fayre
Maldon Vintage Fayre

FRIDAY 29th NOVEMBER

Children's First Aid Course

MONDAY 2nd DECEMBER

Singing around the Christmas Tree
5.00pm

WEDNESDAY 4th DEC

KS2 Pantomime - Peter Pan
Christmas Party - URC
Reception - Form 2
Christmas Party - Nursery and Pre-Reception

THURSDAY 5th DECEMBER

EYFS Nativity 9.30am

FRIDAY 6th DECEMBER

Singing at St Peter's Hospital
Forms 5 and 6

THURSDAY 12th DECEMBER

Christmas Jumper Day
Christmas Dinner
Maldon Court's Got Talent

FRIDAY 13th DECEMBER

Christmas Carol Service
All Saints' Church
9.30am
End of Half Term

No Clubs and ASC for Main School.
Main school finishes at 3.25pm.



Dear Parents,

We are now well and truly immersed in the festive season. FOMCS have kindly been running the ever popular Pop Up shop this week. The children have thoroughly enjoyed doing their Christmas shopping in school. They are now practising their songs for our Carol Service and we are already thinking about Singing around the Tree and our EYFS nativity. Before we know it, the Christmas holidays will be upon us!

The children have enjoyed a wonderful week full of hard work and educational visits. Reception class enjoyed the most magical experience at Colchester Zoo whilst Forms 3 and 4 had an action packed day at Colchester Castle. Further information about these can be found later in the newsletter. This week we also had some first aid for children training. This was an extremely informative and well run event which has provided the children with some invaluable information and training.

HEADTEACHERS AWARD - Well done to Märtha Curtis who won the Headteacher's Award this week for her outstanding diligence in her role as Peer Mentor. Märtha has given up her own time to help children in Key Stage 1 and also helping with listening to them read. Märtha is an outstanding role model to others and thoroughly deserves this award. Well done.

Congratulations to Rui Sinfield and Sebastian Warren in Form 5 for winning a Cool to be Kind award this week and to Harriet Hawes who won the Swimmer of the Week award.

NURSERY - This week, Nursery have enjoyed the topic: Transport and Road Safety. The children have experienced a range of activities to support this. During physical time, the children made use of the toys cars and trikes and we used traffic light colours to learn when to 'stop' and when to 'go'. Our tuff tray was great fun again this week, we had a construction site with sand, diggers and bricks. The children loved building and creating together. Next week this topic continues, for optional homework please complete the traffic survey which we have sent home. *Mrs Kim Callaghan*



RECEPTION - Reception had a wonderful trip to Colchester Zoo on Tuesday. We were greeted by an Elf called Buster who needed our help as Father Christmas had lost his magic flying dust and reindeer. We discussed whether penguins would be a good replacement for reindeer. We learned that penguins are from the South Pole, not the North Pole. We also found out that penguins prefer fish to carrots! We were then visited by some real-life penguins. We were also very lucky and got to meet Father Christmas who gave us our own toy penguin to take home. After our special festive activity, we got to explore the rest of the Zoo to see lots of animals and also had a ride on the train. Reception behaved impeccably and a great day was had by all. Well done Reception! *Miss Wayman*



ISI Independent Schools Inspectorate | Ofsted Outstanding Provider | ARTS COUNCIL ENGLAND | Artsmark Silver Award Awarded by Arts Council England | Healthy School Eco-Schools | a p s | independent schools council | FOOD HYGIENE RATING 5 VERY GOOD

FORMS 3 AND 4 - On Monday, Form 3 and Form 4 visited Colchester Castle. First, our fantastic tour guide, John, led the children down into the castle vaults. John asked the children to count the number of steps down into the vaults and that would tell them how far back in time that they were going to travel. The children demonstrated outstanding knowledge and fully immersed themselves in role play and activities. In the afternoon session, the children had to construct a Roman villa and a roundhouse. The children worked very well as a team and enjoyed getting inside afterwards. All of the children behaved absolutely brilliantly and should be very proud of themselves.
Miss Vaughan and Miss Broadbridge



| PE Timetable - W/C 25th November | |
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| Wednesday | Thursday |
| On Site PE Lesson - Morning | |
| F1 | F2 |
| PR | R |
| F5 | F6 |
| All Weather Pitch Lesson: 1-3pm | |
| F3 | F4 |

Next Week's Menu

| Day | Main | Dessert |
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| Mon | Chilli con carne served with rice and warm tortilla chips and salad. | Shortbread or fruit |
| Tues | Roast beef served with roast potatoes, broccoli, carrots, Yorkshire pudding and gravy. | Fresh fruit salad or yoghurt |
| Weds | Chicken and ham pasta bake served with salad. | Chocolate mud pie or fruit |
| Thurs | Sausage rolls served with duchess potatoes, beans and salad. | Strawberry mousse or fruit |
| Fri | Breaded cod served with herbed potatoes, peas and salad. | Mini doughnuts served with chocolate sauce or fruit |

FOMCS - The pop-up shop was hugely successful this week, and the children had great fun choosing their gifts, we hope that you're equally pleased on Christmas morning. We would like to thank everyone for their Christmas card orders, FOMCS receive a share of the total value, and of course this goes back to the children throughout the year. Raffle tickets will have come home this week. We have some brilliant prizes, a full list will follow, and additional ticket books will be sold at the school gates next week. We are very excited for the Christmas Fair on Thursday, thank you to those that have donated chocolate, alcohol or sweets for our tombola, if you have something to donate, please leave it with the school office, thank you. Finally, a big well done, and thank you, to Form 5 for raising a huge £91 from their cake sale, of which the children chose to donate all of the money to Children in Need. *Mrs Lopez and Mrs Stevenson*

