



MALDON COURT

PREPARATORY SCHOOL

Summer Term 2021

Weekly Newsletter

23rd April 2021

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Please check the school diary on the website.

MONDAY 3rd MAY

Bank Holiday

MONDAY 10th - THURSDAY 13th MAY

Form 6 Bikeability

MONDAY 24th MAY

French Day

TUESDAY 25th MAY

Open Day - School in Action

TUESDAY 25th MAY

Virtual Fellowship Afloat
Parent Meeting

MONDAY 31st MAY - FRIDAY 4th JUNE

Half Term

MONDAY 7th JUNE

Children Return to School
Club resume

WEDNESDAY 9th - FRIDAY 11th JUNE

Form 5 - Fellowship Afloat

MONDAY 14th -

TUESDAY 15th JUNE

Father's Day Pop up Shop



Dear Parents,

It has been a lovely week for the children at school. The sun has been shining and we have taken full advantage of the wonderful weather. The children have been outside playing with their friends, participating in lots of outdoor lessons and generally making the most of our lovely outside provision. Children in Form 5 and Form 2 have been busily planting vegetables and plants outside and they have thoroughly enjoyed getting their hands mucky whilst planting the seeds. It really is wonderful to see the children enjoying themselves so much and learning at the same time.

We also had our Celebration Assembly outside on Monday. Whenever possible, we ensure that the children can participate in whole school celebrations outside. It brings our school community together and the children really enjoy being with each other. Their behaviour outside is exemplary and they love receiving the Headteacher's Award, the Cool to be Kind and Good Manners award and listening to see which House is in the lead with the house stars. The House Captains always do a superb job of reading out the results to the rest of the school. This week, the children in KS2 who competed in the District Cross Country championships were presented with their certificates. The results were fantastic and we were delighted with our top three placing, especially as we were competing against much larger schools.

On Tuesday, we were thrilled that the class photographs could go ahead. The children looked very smart and I look forward to seeing the pictures.

Finally, thank you to all the parents who participated in Parents' Evening this week. The children have adapted back into school life seamlessly and they should be very proud of themselves.

HEADTEACHER'S AWARD - Congratulations to Sofia Fisher who won the award this week for her fantastic progress and achievement in Maths. Well done to Daniel Baker who was awarded a Cool to be Kind Award and Janeska Woodlock-Taylor who won the Good Manners award. Welcome to Finley Clark who has started in our Nursery this week. I know that his family will be welcomed into the Maldon Court school community.

★ HAPPY BIRTHDAY ★

Maldon Court wishes
Samuel Abrehart, Anayah Khan-Mulk,
Lucas Day, Jacob Tsai, Elliott Symons,
Thomas Harvey, Arnold Head and Miss
O'Reilly a very Happy Birthday

NURSERY - This week Nursery have enjoyed the topic Stories, Songs and Rhymes. It has been lovely to see the children choosing their favourite stories throughout the week. We have been singing lots of rhymes and included some old favourites such as Incy, Wincy, Spider and Hey Diddle, Diddle. The children have also enjoyed some size ordering, which we supported with the story Goldilocks and The Three Bears. Each child chose a small, medium and large porridge bowl to colour and stick. Next week this topic continues, for optional homework, please create a simple homemade puppet to bring into Nursery.

Mrs Kim Callaghan



PRE-RECEPTION - This week in Pre-Reception we have been focusing on the story/rhyme – ‘The Gingerbread Man’. After reading the story and watching the video, we had a class discussion about which different methods the Gingerbread Man could use to get across the water. The children had many ideas such as a boat, a bridge, some monkey bars, and stepping stones. After our discussion, we witnessed some amazing imagination from the children as they used various construction materials to build the different objects. Once they were all built, we enjoyed trying them all out in our big water tray with some gingerbread men of our own. Pre-Reception spoke about how different materials could float and sink. They were very proud of what they had created.

Our topic next week is ‘On the Farm’. For our optional home activity, we would love to see photographs and hear all about your experiences visiting a farm. Also, if you would like to visit a farm then this would be

FORM 3 - This week Form 3 have enjoyed the introduction to our new history topic ‘The Vikings’. We have had a lot of fun reading through some non-fiction books and finding out some very interesting facts and information about them. We have started to look closely at Viking longships and in DT, we have been finalising our designs ready for the next 4 weeks where the fun begins, and we start to construct our own ships. Form 3 have shown a lot of enthusiasm towards these lessons. Well done, everybody.

Miss Vaughan



FORM 2 - Form 2 are studying plants in Science. We are 'Observing changes over time' by planting runner beans and keeping a diary; these are doing so well and getting so tall we have already planted them outside. This week we have looked at the difference between seeds and bulbs and planted some dwarf sunflowers and Acidantheras. We are also carrying out an investigation to see what plants need to grow well. Mrs Baron



FORM 6 - Form 6 have had a wonderful start back to term. In science pupils have been looking at evolution and the work of Charles Darwin, to link with this in English we have been looking at how plastics are damaging our environment, especially their impact on the Galapagos islands and will be linking our findings to our formal letter writing topic. We have started our new history and geography topics this week, Modern Britain since 1948 and Trade and Economics. The class had an amazing time playing "The Trade Game" and it has really helped them understand why some countries are wealthier than others and what this wealth can mean. Mrs Bradford and Mrs Summers












FORM 5 - Form 5 have been very busy since they returned from the Easter break. In maths we have been converting units. This is a great opportunity for some practical maths and to practise multiplying and dividing decimals by 10, 100 and 1000. The children have been practically measuring and estimating units of length, mass and capacity. In English we have been reading Holes by Louis Sachar. The children have been creating persuasive brochures for Camp Green Lake and have enjoyed reading and listening to the book on audio too. We have spent time discussing and working through persuasive technique and the features of a persuasive text. We have also written speeches and held a debate to discuss whether Camp Green Lake should be closed. This class loves the opportunity to present and debate a topic. I think we could have some budding politicians!

Finally, we were really proud with how the children coped with their first Mock Exam in the school. Exam technique is crucial to exam success and we expected the children to complete a paper and monitor their own timing throughout. In Form 5, the children who need exam practise ready for the 11+ and entrance exams are given the opportunity to sit exams in the hall under exam conditions. In the past we have found this experience invaluable to their success and a crucial learning experience. Well done, Form 5.

Mrs Bonner and Mrs



PE Timetable - W/C 26th April

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Wednesday **Thursday**

On Site PE Lesson - Morning

Pre-Reception

Form 1

Form 2

Form 3

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 28th April 3.30 - 4.30pm

Have a lovely weekend
Mrs E Mason
Headteacher

Day **Main** **Dessert**

Mon

Meatballs in tomato sauce served with pasta and sweet corn

Flapjack or fruit

Tues

Roast gammon served with roast potatoes, Yorkshire pudding, carrots and gravy

Yoghurt or fruit

Weds

Sausage rolls served with pomme noisettes and baked beans

Rocky road or fruit

Thurs

Sweet and sour chicken served with rice and prawn crackers

Orange jelly or fruit

Fri

Battered fish fillet served with chips, peas and salad

Mini doughnuts and chocolate sauce or fruit

FOMCS - FOMCS arranged for the children to have the opportunity to watch a batch eggs hatch this week and we're sure they have enjoyed the experience. We are making plans for the much loved Father's Day pop up shop and finally purchasing new equipment that the children have requested. Thank you for your ongoing support with the pots and seeds.

Mrs Lopez and Mrs Stevenson

