



# MALDON COURT

PREPARATORY SCHOOL

Spring Term 2023

Weekly Newsletter

24th February 2023

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

### MONDAY 27th FEBRUARY

Life Support Roadshow  
Forms 5 and 6

ESB Starts - Forms 2 and 3

### TUESDAY 28th FEBRUARY

World Book Day  
Where's Wally Theme

### WEDNESDAY 1st MARCH

National Offer Day

### WEDNESDAY 8th MARCH

Fellowship Afloat Parent Meeting  
Form 5 – 2.45pm

### FRIDAY 10th MARCH

School Reports Sent Home  
FOMCS Bingo Night

### MONDAY 13th and TUESDAY 14th MARCH

FOMCS Mother's Day  
Pop up Shop

### WEDNESDAY 15th MARCH

Forms 5 and 6  
High Five Netball Tournament

### THURSDAY 16th MARCH

Mother's Day Morning Tea  
Pre-Reception

### FRIDAY 17th MARCH

Red Nose Day

### SATURDAY 18th MARCH

Open Day

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Maldon Court wishes  
Lucas Chan, Miss Hansell  
and Mrs Kennedy  
a very Happy Birthday



Dear Parents,

What an eventful week we have had here at Maldon Court. On Tuesday, we had Essex Air Ambulance volunteers come into school to give the children a super assembly about their charity and all that they do to help people. We were delighted to present them with a cheque of nearly £500 which we raised through the generosity of all the parents at the Christmas service. The children thoroughly enjoyed the assembly and Essex Air Ambulance were so grateful to receive the cheque.

On Wednesday, we were treated to the most fantastic Form 3 class assembly. It was lovely to welcome so many parents and grandparents in school to watch it. It was evident that this topic had really inspired all of the children. We listened to some exceptional descriptive writing, saw some fabulous masks, learnt lots of facts and we were treated at the end to a fantastic rainforest song – so much so that they were asked to do an encore! Form 3 were a credit to themselves and I know that the parents, children and staff thoroughly enjoyed it. Well done to Form 3 and Miss Oxford.

On Thursday morning, we took part in a Colchester and Maldon Consortium Schools Rugby tournament for Forms 5 and 6. These tournaments are well known to be highly competitive with an extremely high level of aptitude from all the schools participating. In what were particularly cold and wet conditions, our team once again excelled themselves. The children displayed determination, resilience and superb teamwork against schools so much bigger than ourselves. That didn't deter them – we are delighted that we have now won a coveted space in the Regional Finals as we won a top three position. What an achievement! Every time I watch our children, I always think what an inspiration they are and yesterday was no exception. We could not be prouder of them. Thank you to Mr Coyle for getting the children to this incredible standard of rugby.

Finally, please do remember that our annual Open Day is coming up next month where children from Forms 1-6 will be performing. As per our ParentMail sent out and the diary dates sent last term, this will be the morning of Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> March.

**NURSERY** - The children have really enjoyed the first part of our 'Food' topic. This week, we have been focusing on pancakes! We turned the role play zone into a Pancake Café, the children enjoyed serving each other pancakes and adding their favourite toppings. We also tasted real pancakes, the children added fruit and cream. For focused time we made collage pancakes and also used them to discuss fractions. Next week, this topic continues. For optional homework, we would love to see a photo of your child enjoying their favourite food.  
Mrs Kim Callaghan



**FORM 1** - The children in Form 1 have absolutely loved the started to our Handa's Surprise unit in English. We started by making some very clever predictions about where we think the story is set, what fruits we recognise from the basket and what animals we think we might come across in the story. Then, we enjoyed a very scrumptious tasting lesson on 5 different fruits that appear in the story. The children were all asked to try some pineapple, avocado, banana, mango and passion fruit and were asked to describe using adjectives, what they look like, feel like, smell like and taste like! Some of their faces were a picture, especially with the passion fruit! They all came up with some fantastic adjectives to describe the different senses. I am looking forward to completing some more work on Handa's Surprise throughout the term.  
Miss Vaughan



**FORM 4** - At the end of last half term, Form 4 completed their DT unit about healthy eating. This culminated in them creating a sandwich for a member of their family that took account of likes and dislikes, allergies, intolerances and the need to include healthy foods from each food group. They used their spreading and cutting skills, no blue plasters needed, and tried to make them as aesthetically pleasing as possible. The scores and feedback from their families suggests that they did a fantastic job.  
Mrs Baron



**FORM 5-** Pre-Reception and Form 5 look forward to our weekly buddy time together. This week they have been drawing portraits of each other, looking at different facial features, eye and hair colour which links with our weekly topic 'We Are All Different.' The children compared their differences and drew these on their portraits. The children have formed such lovely relationships which we know will continue to grow as they move through the school.

*Mrs Kennedy and Mrs Warman*



**PUPIL VOICE** - Form 3 performed an outstanding assembly about the rainforest. Every child in Form 3 made imaginative masks based on their favourite animals from the rainforest. Form 3 also sang a catchy informative song about the rainforest. Freddy Bruce in Form 6 said that it was very fun and informative and he thought that the children showed their creative skills with all the construction of the rainforest habitats and masks. The catchy song taught him some interesting facts about the rainforest that he did not know before.

*Scarlett Abrehart and Elijah Hawes - Form 6*

<b>PE Timetable - W/C 27th FEBRUARY</b>		
<b>Onsite PE lesson</b>		
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>
Pre-Reception Form 1 Form 2		Reception Form 1 Form 2
<b>All Weather Pitch Lesson: 1-3pm</b>		<b>Swimming</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>
Forms 5 and 6	Forms 3 and 4	Forms 4, 5 and 6
<b>Sports Club for Forms 5 and 6</b> <b>Wednesday 1st March - All Weather Pitch</b> <b>Collection at 4.15pm</b>		

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

**FOMCS** - Afternoon Parents. Hope you have all had a lovely week. Well done to our Form 3 children for their Cake Sale today! Lots of yummy treats on offer for everyone. Thank you as always for your kind support with our events. Have a great weekend. *Mrs Tsai and Mrs Jeffrey.*

<b>MENU W/C 27th FEBRUARY</b>		
<b>Day</b>	<b>Main</b>	<b>Dessert</b>
<b>Mon</b>	Crispy chicken goujons served with lattice potatoes and baked beans	Flapjacks or fruit
<b>Tues</b>	WORLD BOOK DAY THEMED LUNCH	
<b>Weds</b>	Pasta bolognese served with sweet corn and salad	Yoghurt or fruit
<b>Thurs</b>	Sweet and sour chicken served with rice and prawn crackers	Chocolate chip cookies or fruit
<b>Fri</b>	Harry Ramsden fish fillet served with chips, peas and salad	Strawberry mousse or fruit

