



MALDON COURT

PREPARATORY SCHOOL

Spring Term

Weekly Newsletter

24th March 2023

DATES FOR THE DIARY

TUESDAY 28th MARCH
Easter Hat Assembly

WEDNESDAY 29th MARCH
- FRIDAY 31st MARCH
Form 5 - Fellowship Afloat

THURSDAY 30th MARCH
Reception and Form 1
Oaksbrook Retreat

MONDAY 3rd APRIL
- FRIDAY 14th APRIL
Easter Holiday

MONDAY 17th APRIL
Children Return to School
No Clubs this week

FRIDAY 21st APRIL
Forms 1 and 3
Colchester Castle

MONDAY 24th APRIL
- FRIDAY 28th April
Form 6 - PGL

TUESDAY 25th APRIL
Form 5 Road Safety Training

WEDNESDAY 26th APRIL
Reception Road Safety Training

WEDNESDAY 26th APRIL
Form 5 - High Five Netball

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Maldon Court wishes
Emily Harvey, Eleanor Pope,
Tobias Venus-Bishop,
Charlie Ashton, Miss Wayman
and Mr Hilton
a very Happy Birthday



Dear Parents,

I would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who attended our Open Day on Saturday. It was fantastic that we managed (just.... before the rain started again!) to have the children perform their dancing outside. It was wonderful to see them enjoy it so much and to have so many parents applaud and cheer them. The children also performed some songs and ESB recitals to everyone. Yet again, the standard was exceptional. It was also lovely for you all to have a look around the classrooms and speak to the teachers. What a successful morning. Thank you to all of you for coming along and rearranging your Saturday to enable the children to represent their school. It always makes me so happy that the children are so proud of our school. They are all excellent ambassadors for the school.

Thank you to everyone for attending Parents' Evening this week. The children are thriving at school and it was really lovely to hear such positive comments about both the staff and the children. We are so lucky to have such a supportive school community; thank you for your continued support of the school.

Next week we have our Easter Hat/Egg parade on Tuesday. Entries have been judged today by Mrs Guest and winners will be announced in assembly on Tuesday. We may even have a surprise visitor for the children!

Welcome to Rose and Jesse Hodges who have joined our school last week, we know you will all welcome them to our Maldon Court family.

Finally, next week our Form 5 children are going on their residential trip to Fellowship Afloat in Tollesbury where they will be staying on the lightship. It is always such a popular trip where the children get to go sailing, powerboating, dredging, high ropes and archery to name but a few activities. Not to mention the chores and room inspections! I wish them the very best time making lots of special memories.

HEADTEACHER'S AWARD - Congratulations to Thomas Harvey who won the Headteacher's Award this week for always trying his best and for making achieving fantastic progress in all subjects. Well done, Thomas.

NURSERY - This week the children have enjoyed learning about Chinese New Year. We discussed this festival and made cookies in the shape of rabbits to celebrate The Year of the Rabbit. The children have been dancing and moving to Chinese music, they held coloured scarves and pretended to be a Chinese Dragon. Next week, our new topic is Up in the Air. For optional homework, please complete the Birdwatch checklist that has been sent home or create a collage bird to hang in Nursery.

Mrs Kim Callaghan



PRE-RECEPTION - This week in Pre-Reception the children have started our new topic 'Spring', we have been looking outside for signs of spring and discussing the changes we see happening during this time. The children enjoyed completed a plant labelling activity where they used various materials to create a plant which they then labelled, labelling the flower, petals, stem, leaves and the roots. We have also turned the home corner into a flower shop, where the children have loved role playing and becoming florists. Mrs Kennedy and Miss Hansell



RECEPTION - Reception have enjoyed reading the story 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt' as part of our topic on bears. The children created beautiful story maps and retold the story with excellent description, expression and actions. Well done Reception!

Miss Wayman



FORM 1 - Form 1 have been putting our research skills to good use this week in English. We have all been working hard to research different wild animals and find out what continent we would find them in and what different foods they eat. The children really loved this lesson and using the tablets to inform their learning. Well done Form 1. *Miss Vaughan*



FORM 2 - This week, Form 2 had a visit from Neil from Essex Fire Service to talk about 'People who help us in the community' with a particular focus on the Fire Service. We listened to information about the many ways in which the Fire Service help and rescue, we learnt some fun facts such as how a fire engine weighs the same as 5 adult elephants! The children were reminded about the importance of fire safety in terms of fire alarms which all links to our topic of The Great Fire of London and how in those days, there was no fire service and people were responsible for putting out their own fires. The talk included the children trying on some protective fire fighting clothing, ending with a quiz. We really enjoyed it!
Mrs Caldwell



FORM 3 - This week Form 3 have been developing their composition skills. They have been studying 'A Night on a Bare Mountain' by Modest Mussorgsky which tells the story of witches dancing round a cauldron high in the mountains, casting spells. The children were divided into groups and asked to incorporate two different rhythms to represent the witches dancing footsteps and spell casting using a variety of tuned and untuned percussion. It was fantastic to listen to each group sharing their ideas of how they imagined the rhythms worked together.
Mrs Clark



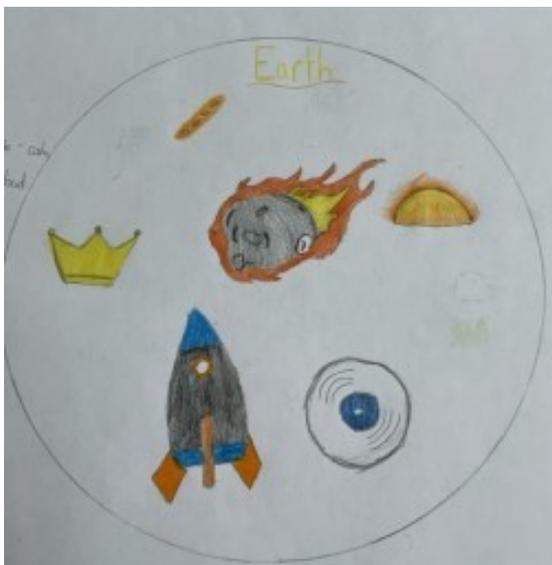
FORM 5 - Form 5 have had a very industrious week filming their stop motion animations. Taking time to carefully set up their scenes they began to take hundreds of photographs, bringing their stories to life. They constantly reviewed their images to ensure that the movement of each of their characters and props was smooth. I look forward to watching the completed animations with added voice overs.

Mrs Clark



FORM 6 - This term Form 6 have been listening to the music of world renowned composer Hans Zimmer who composed a piece especially for the BBC called 'Earth'. The children have been listening to his music, identifying some of his famous compositions including Blue Planet and songs from Pirates of the Caribbean. They listened to 'Earth' and drew the images that the music invoked, with some fantastic results. Once the children had created their drawings they then had to use them to inspire their own piece of 'Earth' music.

Mrs Clark



PE Timetable - W/C 27th MARCH

Onsite PE lesson

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Pre-Reception Form 1 Form 2		Reception Form 1 Form 2
All Weather Pitch Lesson: 1-3pm		Swimming
Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Forms 5 and 6	Forms 3 and 4	Forms 3, 4 and 6
Form 6 Sports Club - Wednesday 29th March Collection from the All weather pitch at 4.15pm		

Wishing you all a lovely weekend
Mrs E Mason
Headteacher

MENU W/C 27th MARCH



Day	Main	Dessert
Mon	Chicken, ham and tomato pasta bake served with sweet corn and salad	Flapjack or fruit
Tues	Roast gammon served with roast potatoes, broccoli, carrots, Yorkshire pudding and gravy	Yoghurt or fruit
Weds	Hickory and maple chicken served with rice and mixed vegetables	Waffles and chocolate sauce or fruit
Thurs	Sausages served with lattice potatoes and baked beans	Jelly or fruit
Fri	Three cheese pizza served with chips and salad	Rocky road or fruit

FOMCS - Good afternoon parents. We have been very excited to see all the wonderful creations coming in ready for our Easter Bonnet and Egg Parade next week. We are looking forward to all the Easter celebrations including the Easter hunt and guess the name of the bunny competition. Thank you to Form 2 for their cake sale of amazing treats today too. Have a lovely weekend. Mrs Tsai and Mrs Jeffrey

