



# MALDON COURT

PREPARATORY SCHOOL

Autumn Term 2023

Weekly Newsletter

24th November 2023

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

### MONDAY 27th NOVEMBER

Nursery and Form 4 Visit to Moot Hall

### TUESDAY 28th NOVEMBER

Forms 5 and 6 Dodgeball Tournament  
Great Totham

### THURSDAY 30th NOVEMBER

Form 1 School Trip to  
Colchester Zoo  
Forms 2, 3 and 4 Cross Country -  
Melbourne Country Park  
Maldon Christmas Fayre

### SATURDAY 2nd DECEMBER

FOMCS Christmas Fayre

### MONDAY 4th DECEMBER

Nursery, Pre-Reception and KS1  
Christmas Parties

### TUESDAY 5th DECEMBER

KS2 Pantomime

### WEDNESDAY 6th DECEMBER

Pre-Reception and Reception Nativity

## STARS OF THE WEEK



KS1 Emilia Davison, Ronnie  
and George Barnett

KS2 Leon Page



KS1 Rose Hodges

KS2 Isabella Russell



KS1 Harry

KS2 Aidan Lacey and  
Tobias Venus-Bishop

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Maldon Court wishes  
Ellie Hibbard, Scarlett Snoad  
and Wilfred Smith  
a very Happy Birthday



Dear Parents,

It has been another busy week at school filled with a variety of wonderful activities for the children. On Tuesday, our Form 6 children competed in a fantastic Dodgeball tournament against the other Maldon schools. It was a really fun filled and competitive afternoon and the children thoroughly enjoyed it. The children played exceptionally well and demonstrated superb skill and teamwork. Congratulations to all children and we look forward to visiting Great Totham next week for the Form 5 tournament. This week, I had the pleasure of Lunch with the Head with some of the Form 3 children. This remains one of my favourite things to do as it is really lovely to spend quality time with the children. I love to hear what they enjoy about school and their lessons. I know that it is a special for the children too and I will do my best to see all of the children through the course of the year.

This week, it was wonderful to welcome Maldon Police into school who brought their police car with them to show to our Nursery and Pre-Reception children. This linked in to their People who Help Us topic. It was such a lovely session that the children thoroughly enjoyed. It is so special when we can provide the children with real life experiences that really enhance their learning. Finally, I look forward to seeing you all next Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December for the Maldon Court FOMCS Christmas Fayre. This will run from 1-3pm. I know just how much time and effort has gone into making it a special event for the children; there are so many super stalls and this will get us all into the Christmas festivities in the lead up to the big day!

**HEADTEACHER'S AWARD** - Congratulations to Diego Bruno Sanchez who won the award this week for his excellent attitude in After School Care. Well done, Diego.

**NURSERY** - This week, Nursery have been enjoying the topic People who Help us. We were very lucky to have a visit from Maldon Police on Monday, the children loved seeing the car, which they got to sit in, meeting the police officer and trying on some hats! We have been discussing the important jobs service people carry out in the community. The children were able to play in their own baby clinic, which we set up in the role play zone. The children cared for the babies, clothing, feeding and weighing them. The children also discussed their oral health and the importance of brushing their teeth. Next week, this topic extends to 'Our Local Community'. For optional homework, please send in a photo of you enjoying something locally to where you live.

*Mrs Kim Callaghan*



**PRE-RECEPTION** - This week in Pre-Reception we started our new topic 'The Gruffalo', which is always a popular one. The children have enjoyed painting their own Gruffalo pictures which I must say all look fantastic and the detail on them is incredible, the children copied the example to create their own, adding on all the details such as orange eyes, poisonous wart, purple prickles and knobby knees.

The children have also completed Gruffalo story sequencing, cutting out the pictures and arranging them in the correct order to retell the story.

*Mrs Kennedy and Miss Hansell*



**RECEPTION** - Our topic this half term is Traditional Tales. Reception had a fantastic time making gingerbread people last week, as part of our topic on The Gingerbread Man. We all worked together to stir the mixture and cut our gingerbread people out. After they had cooled, we enjoyed decorating them with icing and chocolate chips. They were delicious! Well done Reception.

*Miss Wayman*





**FORM 2** - Form 2 have been learning about The Gunpowder Plot. This week we researched both King James I and Guy Fawkes and formed a conscience alley where we thought about what action Guy Fawkes could have taken. The children came up with ideas for both sides of the argument and could explain why it was a difficult time for Guy Fawkes. We had some fantastic discussions. Well done Form 2!  
Mrs Caldwell



**PE** - It's been a fantastic week of PE. Our school's hard earned AFPE Quality Mark in Sport means we commit to seeking pupil feedback in the introduction of new sports to the curriculum. Consequently, for the first time in many years, football has returned to the curriculum this week. This has been an amazing success. Meanwhile, our rugby stars of the future in Reception have been superb in their rugby lessons this term, this week learning how to tag and evade.  
Mr Coyle

### PE Timetable - W/C 27th NOVEMBER

Day	Form	Lesson
<b>Wednesday</b>	Forms 3, 4, 5 and 6	Off site PE
	Sports Club for Forms 3 and 4 collection at 4.15pm	On site
<b>Thursday</b>	Pre-Reception, Forms 1 and 2	On site PE
<b>Friday</b>	Reception	On site PE
	Forms 5 and 6	Swimming

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

### MENU W/C 27th NOVEMBER



Day	Main	Dessert
<b>Mon</b>	Pasta carbonara served with garlic bread and salad	Flapjack or fruit
<b>Tues</b>	Roast gammon served with roast potatoes, carrots, Yorkshire pudding and gravy	Yoghurt or fruit
<b>Weds</b>	Cottage pie served with peas and gravy	Orange jelly or fruit
<b>Thurs</b>	Sausages served with mashed potatoes and baked beans	Rocky road or fruit
<b>Fri</b>	Cheeseburger served with chips and salad	Jam doughnut or fruit

**FOMCS** - Good afternoon families. Thank you so much to Form 5 for their fabulous cake sale last Friday. I am very proud to report that they raised a massive £107.89 from their treats so very well done all! One week to go till our Christmas Fayre on 2nd December - we are still accepting donations of alcohol, toys and sweets/chocolate for our tombolas. Any items are gratefully received and can be left in the office for us to collect. Hope you have a lovely weekend. Mrs Tsai and Mrs Jeffrey

