



MALDON COURT

PREPARATORY SCHOOL

Autumn Term 2020

Weekly Newsletter

25th September 2020

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Please check the school diary on the website.

MONDAY 5th - FRIDAY 9th OCTOBER

Harvest Donations into School
More information to follow

TUESDAY 6th OCTOBER

School in Action Day

MONDAY 12th OCTOBER

Conker Competition

FRIDAY 16th OCTOBER

Half Term

MONDAY 19th - FRIDAY 30th OCTOBER

Half Term

MONDAY 2nd NOVEMBER

Children Return to School
Clubs Resume

SATURDAY 7th NOVEMBER

11+ Examination

MONDAY 9th NOVEMBER

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Individual and Sibling Photographs



Dear Parents,

It was wonderful to have another whole school celebration assembly outside this week. The children are so sensible sitting in their year groups and we all really enjoy having our time together outside, in separate bubbles. I am so proud of the children; their resilience means they take everything in their stride and embrace every learning opportunity given to them. Congratulations to Riley Tai who won the Headteacher's Award this week for his excellent attitude to learning. Congratulations to Janeska Woodlock-Taylor and Lucas Day who won the Good Manners award this week. Our House Stars competition is well and truly underway and the competition is fierce! House Captains have announced the results so far to the rest of the school during assembly.

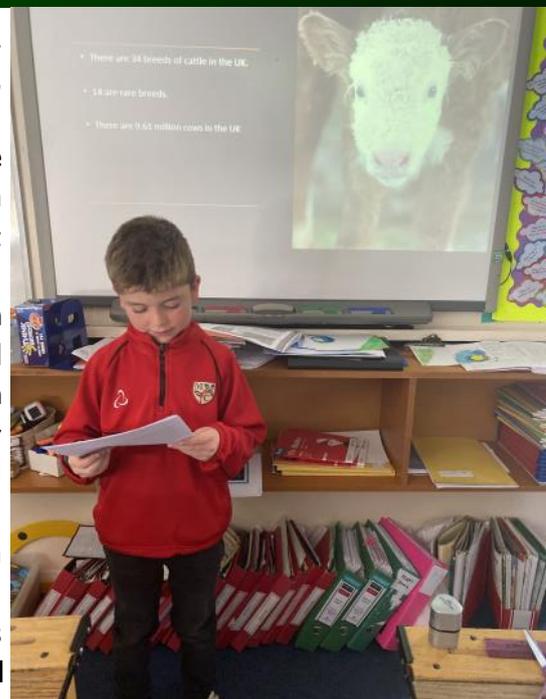
I would like to extend a warm welcome Sienna Crozier in Pre-Reception and Grace Jeffrey in Form 1. These children and their families have joined Maldon Court this week. I have no doubt that both families will be welcomed into our Maldon Court school community and will thoroughly enjoy their time at our school.

Finally, as you all know, we take the emotional and mental wellbeing of our children very seriously. We have had 'Youth Mental Health First Aid' trained staff in school since March 2019 and our Wellness Room and daily Wellness Club has been in operation from September 2019. Since that time the government has made Mental Health and Wellbeing a priority in schools and I am proud that Maldon Court has been at the leading edge of these important initiatives. Mrs Wilkins has also commenced her one-to-one Wellbeing talks with each and every child over the past couple of weeks and we are delighted that the children have settled extremely well into their new classes and routines.

★ HAPPY BIRTHDAY ★

Maldon Court wishes -
Harriet Hawes
and Sophia Harvey
a very Happy Birthday

FORM 5- Form 5 have been incredibly busy since the start of term. In maths we have been working hard on Place Value, Negative Numbers, Addition and Subtraction and Rounding Numbers and Decimals. We have also been improving our creative writing. Children have learnt the meaning of DADWAVERS and started to use it as a tool to take them through narrative writing. The children have worked hard on descriptions of animals: analysing their writing to ensure they include the elements needed. Last week saw the first completion of our Genius Projects. The children presented their work really well. We had a great variety of subjects covered from Baking to Space to making a You Tube Channel. Some of the children presented their work as an IMOVIE, others as posters, YouTube videos or PowerPoint. The children gained so much from this independent work and from presenting to the class. We have used the tablets in Geography to start looking at how vast North America is and features of various states in North America. In art we have completed autumnal drawings using pastels and acrylic paint as part of a whole school display. We have also started a topic to look at and draw birds and have completed observational drawings on feathers and birds.



Mrs Bonner and Mrs Clark

PRE RECEPTION - Pre-Reception have had a wonderful few weeks settling in and have been enjoying various activities in their new classroom. We have been focusing on a new topic this week which is 'Autumn'. Pre-Reception have enjoyed doing some fork painting to make hedgehogs and using tissue paper to make some Autumn sun catcher leaves for our Autumn displays. We have also made a superb start to PE our lessons with lots of ball games and parachute games.

Miss Washbourne and Miss Denyer



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RECEPTION - Reception have been looking at matching and sorting different objects this week. We explored 2D shapes and sorted them in different ways. The children explored sorting the shapes by colour, shape and whether they had straight sides or curved sides. Well done Reception.

Miss Wayman

NURSERY - This week, Nursery have been enjoying the topic Autumn and Harvest. We have decorated our Harvest Festival box; thank you to everyone that donated a food item for this. The children have also enjoyed some conker painting and for physical time, took part in some yoga whilst listening to soothing music. Next week, this topic continues. For optional homework, please create an Autumn painting or collage using the colours of the season.

Mrs Kim Callaghan

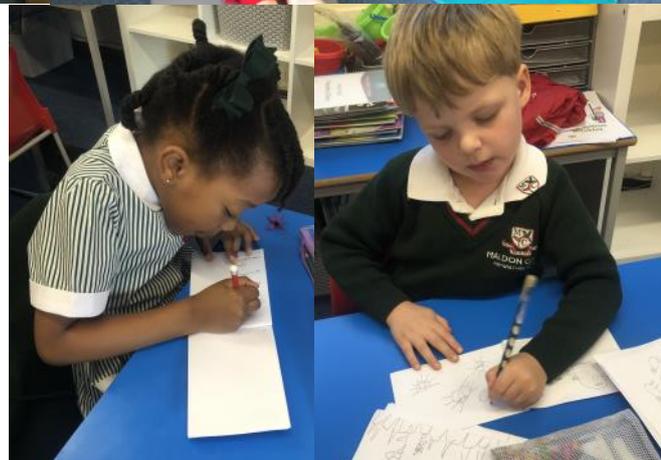


FORM I - Form I have been busy creating their very own counting books this week that they would like to send to Reception and Pre-Reception to read. They have really enjoyed choosing a topic for their counting books including animals and flowers. The children are excited to complete their counting books for the other children to enjoy on Monday.

Miss Sackett

PE - This week we have seen some exceptional progress for Forms 3 and 4 in Rugby during their extended PE lessons. Form 4 are very close to being at tournament standard and have really impressed us with their dedication and commitment. Please note that the Form 3/4 Sports Club is currently undersubscribed. Children attending this club receive approximately 90 minutes of additional PE and I would encourage any child looking to benefit from this level of coaching to contact the office and book a place. This club is free of charge with collection from the all weather pitch at 4.30pm every other Wednesday.

Mr Coyle



GARDENING CLUB -It was lovely to get back down to the garden this week. The children worked very hard clearing two of the beds, some of the weeds put up quite a fight. The children were also delighted to find a crop of potatoes that we planted before lockdown, there should be plenty for Miss Reeves to use in the school dinners! More of the same next week, hopefully we will get some winter crops planted soon.
Mrs Baron



THE WAVE PROJECT - The Wave Project is a charity that provides surfing lessons, all round the country, for children who have mental or physical medical conditions such as autism and cerebral palsy. They are collecting second hand wetsuits which they sell to assist in funding these amazing sessions to help the children with severe anxiety, depression and even reduce such things as self harming.

Here at Maldon Court we'd love to support this and would ask that if you have any old/unused wetsuits sitting unused in your garages, shed etc then we'd love to have them and will collect them at the school gates – up to half term. If you'd like to know anything more on the amazing work this charity does then please click on the link waveproject.co.uk

PE Timetable - W/C 28th September	
Wednesday	Thursday
On Site PE Lesson - Morning	
Pre-Reception	Reception
Form 1	Form 3
Form 2	Form 4
All Weather Pitch Lesson: 1-3pm	
Form 5	Form 6
KS2 Sports Club at the all-weather pitch for children in Forms 5 and 6 - Wednesday 16th 3.30 - 4.30pm	

Have a lovely weekend
Mrs E Mason
Headteacher

NEXT WEEK'S MENU		
Day	Main	Dessert
Mon	Chilli con carne served with rice, warm tortilla chips and salad	Flapjacks Or Fruit
Tues	Roast Gammon served with roast potatoes, carrots, broccoli, Yorkshire pudding and gravy	Fresh fruit salad Or Yoghurt
Weds	Carbonara pasta bake served with sweet corn and salad	Strawberry mousse Or Fruit
Thurs	Sausage rolls, pomme noisettes, baked beans and salad	Sweet waffles and chocolate sauce Or Fruit
Fri	Cheese and ham pizza served with garlic bread and salad	Raspberry Jelly Or Fruit

