



MALDON COURT

PREPARATORY SCHOOL
Weekly Newsletter

Spring Term 2022

25th March 2022

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Please check the school diary on the website.

TUESDAY 29th MARCH

Easter Hat Assembly

WEDNESDAY 30th MARCH

- FRIDAY 1st APRIL

Fellowship Afloat
Form 5

FRIDAY 1st APRIL

Last Day of Term

MONDAY 4th APRIL

- FRIDAY 15th APRIL

Easter Holiday

MONDAY 18th APRIL

Bank Holiday

TUESDAY 19th APRIL

Children Return to School

TUESDAY 19th APRIL

Form 5 - 11+ Mock Examination

THURSDAY 21st APRIL

Tag Rugby Friendly
Hutton Manor

MONDAY 25th APRIL

PGL Form 6

TUESDAY 26th APRIL

Form 5 Road Safety Training

TUESDAY 26th APRIL

Form 1 School trip
Hulls Farm

★ **HAPPY BIRTHDAY** ★

Maldon Court wishes
Eleanor Pope, Sebastian Venus-Bishop,
Tobias Venus-Bishop, Florence Fenton,
Harry Mason, Jake, Miss Wayman
and Mr Hilton
a very Happy Birthday



Dear Parents,

What a glorious week of sunshine and fun learning for the children. It has been a lovely week where our Form 3 and Form 4 children visited Colchester Zoo. They had a really exciting, informative day and were enthralled with all of the animals and the talks given to them by the zoo keepers. The children were a credit to the school and you can read more about it further on in the newsletter.

This week was also our Maths Week. The children all enjoyed a fantastic day working with different year groups and completing many fun outdoor tasks even including a maths outdoor treasure hunt. All of the children participated in the most engaging Maths assembly too where we even cooked cakes!

We also had our ever popular Mother's Day pop up shop. Thank you to FOMCS for buying all of the gifts and organising such a wonderful event for the children. At the same time, we also had a cake sale run by the Hull family which raised an incredible £70 for families in Ukraine.

Yesterday, we were thrilled to host our Pre-Reception Mother's Day Assembly. It was wonderful to invite the mummies in to share this special occasion. The children sang some beautiful songs, read out why they loved their mummies and even decorated some delicious shortbread biscuits. It was a thoroughly enjoyable morning and photos will be in next week's newsletter for you all to enjoy.

Next week, our Form 5 children are eagerly awaiting their trip to Fellowship Afloat. This is always such a super trip and I have no doubt that they will all have the best time. I look forward to visiting them on Thursday.

Finally, I would like to welcome Mrs Greenwood and Miss Stevens to our Middy team and Miss Bailey as an EYFS Practitioner into Nursery.

HEADTEACHER'S AWARD - Congratulations to Rhys, James and Zoe Hull who won the Headteacher's award this week and to George Fisher and Lucas Day for being awarded a Good Manners Award.

NURSERY - Nursery are really enjoying our topic – Spring and Easter. We have turned the Role Play Zone into a florist and the children have been sorting and matching flowers as well as creating their own with some puzzles we made for them. We added play money and a till and they have enjoyed buying and selling Spring Bouquets. For our art activity this week, the children have enjoyed creating a blossom tree, they had to use their fingers to paint a tree to make it look like pretty blossom. Next week, this topic continues, we will be focusing on Easter. For optional homework please create a Spring and /or Easter picture to hang on our Home Link Wall. *Mrs Kim Callaghan*



PRE-RECEPTION - Pre-Reception have been learning all about the emotion 'Love' this week which links in with our Mother's Day celebrations which I hope you all enjoyed. The children all did so much to perform so beautifully at such a young age, it was a lovely assembly enjoyed by all!

In class this week we have created tissue paper love hearts, our beautiful Mother's Day cards and enjoyed exploring emotions in our themed tuff tray where they enjoyed making love potions. We linked this once again with the colour monster story which is a favourite in Pre-Reception. The children are very excited to now have the board game that matches this story which they have enjoyed playing in small groups. *Miss Hansell and Mrs Kennedy*

TAG RUGBY TOURNAMENT - On Friday 18th March, Forms 3 and 4 and Forms 5 and 6 competed against over 11 other Maldon and Chelmsford schools at a tag rugby tournament, hosted at Maldon Rugby Club. In all games, Maldon Court started off their matches with outstanding discipline of the game and demonstrated excellent formations of play. All children showed fantastic sporting and courteous behaviour towards other schools and the umpires and coaches. Maldon Court displayed exceptional speed and agility and all children showed superb support to one another throughout the pitch – it was wonderful to watch! Maldon Rugby Club also provided coaches on the day and they were also very impressed with the outstanding level of play and understanding of the rules by Maldon Court. Well done to Forms 3 and 4 A team for placing 2nd out of 11 schools (only 1 try away from 1st) and another huge congratulations to Forms 3 and 4 B team for placing 6th out of 11 schools. In the 5/6 tournament, Maldon Court A finished 2nd place, again, only 1 try away from 1st and Maldon Court B finished 9th out of 13 schools. A huge achievement by all players! Well done. *Miss Broadbridge and Mr Coyle*



NURSERY MATHS DAY - Nursery had a focused activity using the 'compare bears'. We counted them and discussed the sizes and colours. The children had to find the correct colour and size bear to complete the pattern.



PRE-RECEPTION MATHS DAY - Pre-Reception enjoyed engaging in a repeating pattern tuff tray. The children used the 2D shapes to continue the set-out patterns. They then had a turn at completing their own patterns, some children used two shapes and others used three.

We also went on a shape hunt in the classroom, looking for items that were different shapes and sizes and placing them on the tray in the correct space, some children found large items and other children picked small ones.

Miss Hansell and Mrs Kennedy



RECEPTION MATHS DAY - Reception engaged in a carousel of activities to celebrate World Maths Day. We explored capacity, pattern, shape and number. We also practised recalling our number bonds to 10 by creating a large part-whole model using hula hoops and bean bags. We had lots of fun throwing the bean bags in the hoops and working out different ways to make 10.

Miss Wayman



FORMS 1 AND 2 MATHS DAY - For Maths Day, Forms 1 and 2 had a lovely morning trip into Maldon town. We sat on the benches in the sunshine and completed a survey on the different colour cars that went past. We thoroughly enjoyed this exercise and collected our data by using a tally chart. Once we completed this, we came back to school, analysed our results and presented it on a bar graph. The children loved this activity and enjoyed working with different scales and discussions on interpreting their data as well. Well done everybody!
Miss Vaughan and Mrs Baron



FORM 3 AND 4 MATHS DAY - In Forms 3 and 4 Maths Morning, the children had to predict and then investigate whether there would be a relationship between pupil height and shoe size. Before we started our investigation, we discussed the distinct types of 'correlation' and predictions were made on the results. First, the children had to measure one another and then find out their individual shoe sizes. Once the data had been collated, the children then worked together to create and present their data within a scatter graph. This concept is not covered in depth within lower key stage 2 and all children worked extremely hard to present their data neatly and accurately. The children were able to recognise that there was a 'positive correlation' between the results of pupil height and shoe sizes. Well done Forms 3 and 4 for a wonderful morning of statistics.
Miss Oxford and Miss Broadbridge



FORMS 5 AND 6 MATHS DAY - Forms 5 & 6 had to work in small teams to solve a variety of problems around an orienteering track. Each team split into two pairs and the first pair had to locate their marker and solve one of the problems at that point. Once they had solved the problem, they then returned to the rest of their group to check if the answer was correct so that the next pair could then find and solve the next problem. A fabulous morning of Maths, teamwork and exercise to stimulate the little grey cells!
Mrs Clark and Mrs Summers



FORMS 3 AND 4 COLCHESTER ZOO - On Tuesday 22nd March, Forms 3 and 4 visited Colchester Zoo. Once we arrived, the exciting activities started straight away. First, the children were involved in a creative and artistic experience, led by one of the Zoo's classroom teachers. We learned about the history of animal art and some famous artists and their fascinating and unique styles of work. The children then had the opportunity to get hands on with a variety of biofacts and study the textures and patterns of the different animal groups. The children thoroughly enjoyed looking and touching the biofacts and drawing their own interpretations of them. After the art session, the children enjoyed exploring the different areas of the zoo and visiting their favourite animals. We were extremely fortunate with such wonderful weather on the day and all children showed outstanding manners throughout the visit. Well done Forms 3 and 4.

Miss Broadbridge and Miss Oxford



PE Timetable - W/C 28th March	
Wednesday	Thursday
On Site PE Lesson	On Site PE Lesson
Pre-Reception	Form 1
Form 1	Form 2
Form 2	Form 3
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 30th March - Collection at 4.30pm	

Wishing you all a lovely weekend
Mrs E Mason
Headteacher

FOMCS - Thank you to all our children who attended our Mothers Day Pop Up Shop this week. It was so lovely to see the children excited to buy gifts for their mummies and grandmas and we hope you will like them too. We wish you all a very happy Mothers Day. Please don't forget we have our Easter Bonnet parade next Tuesday. Can all creations be named with your £2 entry and brought into the office by Monday ready for judging. Have a lovely weekend and enjoy the sunshine.
Mrs Tsai and Mrs Jeffrey

MENU W/C 28th MARCH		
Day	Main	Dessert
Mon	Sausage served with criss cross potatoes and baked beans	Flapjacks or fruit
Tues	Roast beef served with roast potatoes, broccoli, carrots, Yorkshire pudding and gravy	Yoghurt or fruit
Weds	Sweet and sour chicken served with rice and prawn crackers	Strawberry mousse or fruit
Thurs	Pasta Bolognese served with sweet corn and salad	Chocolate chip cookies or fruit
Fri	Cheese and ham pizza served with chips and salad	Vanilla ice cream pots or fruit

