



MALDON COURT

PREPARATORY SCHOOL

Autumn Term 2022

Weekly Newsletter

25th November 2022

DATES FOR THE DIARY

TUESDAY 29th NOVEMBER

Parents' Evening 3.40 - 6.00pm

WEDNESDAY 30th NOVEMBER

Parents' Evening 5.00 - 8.00pm

THURSDAY 1st DECEMBER

Forms 1 and 3 Colchester Zoo Trip

Singing Around the
Christmas Tree

Gates Open at 4.45pm for a
5.00pm Start

MONDAY 5th DECEMBER

EYFS and KS1 Christmas Party

TUESDAY 6th DECEMBER

KS2 Pantomime

WEDNESDAY 7th DECEMBER

EYFS Nativity 9.20am

THURSDAY 8th DECEMBER

KS2 Choir Singing at the URC
1:00pm Start

FRIDAY 9th DECEMBER

Form 6 School Trip
Braintree Museum
FOMCS Christmas Fayre

MONDAY 12th DECEMBER

FOMCS Christmas Pop up Shop

TUESDAY 13th DECEMBER

Christmas Service Rehearsal

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FOMCS Christmas Pop up Shop

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Maldon Court wishes
Wilfred Smith
a very Happy Birthday



Dear Parents,

It has been an exciting week this week. On Monday, children were given the choice to watch the England World Cup football match. This gave us a fantastic opportunity to both allow the children that wanted to watch the football to do so and for everyone else to complete some Christmas craft activities. The children really enjoyed watching the match and cheering on the team. A lovely afternoon that the children will remember.

On Tuesday, our Form 4 and Form 6 children had their trip experience of having Eden Oasis visit for the day. It was a lovely day where the children learnt so much about various animals and their habitats. The array of animals that they could see was incredible including snakes, geckos, rats and chameleons. The children learnt so much from the most knowledgeable and informative hosts. Please see further on for photos of this wonderful day.

On Thursday, selected children from Forms 5 and 6 represented Maldon Court at Wentworth Primary after school for a Maldon Primary Consortium Dodgeball tournament. The children displayed excellent skills, determination and sportsmanship, more details further in the Newsletter.

We were delighted to welcome Essex Fire and Rescue into school today. Our Forms 5 and 6 children had a very informative talk regarding keeping themselves safe online. In addition to this, they were also spoken to about peer pressure and the consequences of actions that have an effect on the emergency services. We are very grateful that they came into school to give our children such an important talk and the children learnt a lot from it.

I would like to welcome Felicity Pudney-Filtness who started in Nursery this week. I know that we will all welcome her and the family into our Maldon Court family.

HEADTEACHER'S AWARD - Congratulations to Harvey Rota in Form 2 who was awarded the Headteacher's Award for excellent behaviour and always working so hard, doing everything that is asked for him. Well done, Harvey. Well done to Jessica Jones who was awarded a Cool to be Kind Award.

Finally, we would like to congratulate Miss Broadbridge and her fiancé, Orrie, on the birth of their beautiful baby girl, Camille, who was born on Friday 18th November. We are so happy for them and are looking forward to meeting Camille very soon.
Mrs Mason

NURSERY - This week, the children have started a new topic. Our Transport and Road Safety topic is always fun and gives us the opportunity to discuss crossing the road safely. On Wednesday we were lucky enough to have a walk into town. We discussed using zebra and pedestrian crossings when we are crossing the road. We finished off by completing a traffic survey together. We watched and saw cars, buses and vans and ticked them off on the sheet when we saw them. The children also enjoyed spending time in our role play zone, which we made into an airport this week. Next week, this topic continues, for optional homework, please create a 3D mode of transport using recycled materials or complete the pencil control worksheet that has been sent home this week.
Mrs Kim Callaghan



PRE-RECEPTION - Our topic this week has been 'The Gruffalo' which the children have really enjoyed. The children listened closely to the story where we discussed as a group the different parts and what had happened.

They then created some fantastic pieces of artwork, drawing either the Gruffalo, Fox, Mouse or Owl from the story and even having a try at writing the names underneath. We will continue this topic next week, where the children will be making Gruffalo biscuits!
Mrs Kennedy, Miss Hansell and Mrs Mays



RECEPTION - This week, Reception have been reading the story 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears', as part of our Traditional Tales topic. On Wednesday, we enjoyed making some porridge for snack time. We had to make sure it was just right! We also enjoyed a number of other Goldilocks themed activities, including role play in the Bears' Cottage, small world puppets, construction and counting activities. Well done Reception!
Miss Wayman



FORM I - In Form I, we love fine motor Thursday's. This is where we spend an hour choosing a specific activity which focuses on strengthening our fingers and fine motor skills. This week the children absolutely loved playing with the connects and making fantastic creations, threading pipe cleaner spaghetti through a colander, practising our threading skills and trying to make the biggest link in the world! Well done Form I.

Miss Vaughan



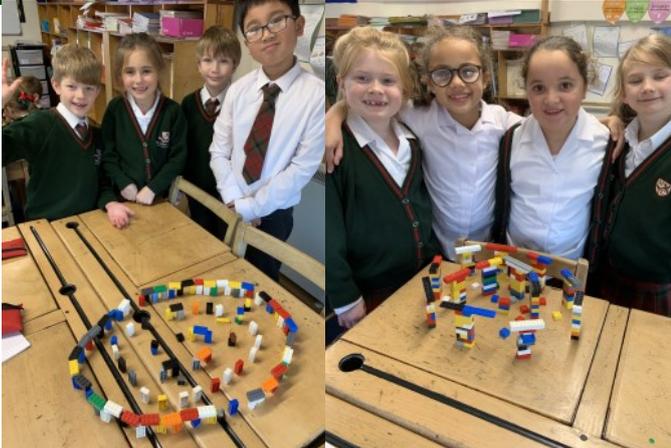
EDEN OASIS EXPERIENCE PUPIL VOICE - Forms 4 and 6 had an interactive factual experience with exotic animals such as: ocellated Uromastyx, Leachianus Gecko, Yemen Chameleon, Duprasi, Pygmy Hedgehog. While some children were handling the animals the other group created a fact file about the animals Eden Oasis had brought into school. We would love to repeat the experience, it was a very exciting and memorable. We loved the variety of exotic animals and the enormous amount of facts that we learnt. Did you know that 80% of the animals that Eden Oasis have are rescues?

Scarlett Abrehart and Elijah Hawes - Form 6



FORM 3 - Form 3 have been having a great time with hands-on activities this week. In our science lesson we investigated whether children with longer femur bones were able to jump further. We made some predictions, measured our femur bones, and then headed outside to measure our jumps! The children were able to take accurate measurements and we enjoyed discussing our results afterwards. In our history lesson this week, I challenged the children to make their own model of Stonehenge using Lego. I was very impressed with all the teamwork that I witnessed, and they ended up with some very impressive creations!

Miss Oxford



DODGEBALL TOURNAMENT - Yesterday, selected children in Forms 5 and 6 played in the Maldon Consortium Tournament. It was such a competitive tournament and we played at an exceptional level to win against Great Totham 3-0, we beat Wentworth 3-0 and we also beat St Francis 3-0. We went to the final undefeated. After a fiercely contested final, we lost at the last minute to another Great Totham team. We were so proud of our children competing against much larger schools and are thrilled that we gained 2nd place overall. Well done to all children for fantastic teamwork and sportsmanship.



PE Timetable - W/C 28th November		
Onsite PE lesson		
Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Pre-Reception Form 1 Form 2		Reception Form 4 Forms 5 and 6
All Weather Pitch Lesson: 1-3pm		Swimming
Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Forms 5 and 6	Forms 3 and 4	Forms 1, 2 and 3
No Sports Club this week		

Wishing you all a lovely weekend
Mrs E Mason - Headteacher

FOMCS - A massive congratulations to our Form 5 children who raised £128.55 for their cake sale and are kindly donating 50% of this to support Children in Need. We appreciate there is a lot of communication from us at the moment with all our upcoming Christmas events this half term and appreciate your time and support with these. Volunteers are still required for the Christmas fayre on 9th December so please let us know if you are able to spare time for this event to go ahead. Have a lovely weekend, Mrs Tsai and Mrs Jeffrey

MENU W/C 28th November		
FOOD HYGIENE RATING		
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Day	Main	Dessert
Mon	Three cheese pizza served with chips and salad	Flapjacks or fruit
Tues	Roast gammon served with roast potatoes, broccoli, carrots, Yorkshire pudding and gravy	Yoghurt or fruit
Weds	Chicken korma served with rice and naan bread	Chocolate chip cookies or fruit
Thurs	Sausages served with potato puffs and baked beans	Toffee mousse or fruit
Fri	Fish in crispy golden breadcrumbs served with herbed potatoes, peas and salad	Strawberry ice cream or fruit

