



MALDON COURT

PREPARATORY SCHOOL

Spring Term 2021

Weekly Newsletter

26th March 2021

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Please check the school diary on the website.

**MONDAY 29th MARCH -
FRIDAY 9th APRIL**
Easter Holidays

MONDAY 12th APRIL
INSET DAY

TUESDAY 13th APRIL
Children Return to School
Clubs Resume

TUESDAY 20th APRIL
Class Photographs

TUESDAY 20th APRIL
Zoom Parents' Evening
3.45pm - 6.00pm

THURSDAY 22nd APRIL
Zoom Parents' Evening
5.00pm - 8.00pm

**MONDAY 26th - FRIDAY 30th
APRIL**
PGL - Form 6 - TBC

MONDAY 3rd MAY
Bank Holiday



Dear Parents,

It has been a lovely end to the term. The children have enjoyed bringing in their Easter bonnets and eggs and the standard was exceptional. The children enjoyed showing the other children in their class their hats and some classes even did mini parades! It was a very tough task judging the entries but the winners were as follows: Charlie Allen, Lucia Cole, Amelia Pearce, Meghan Knight, George Fisher, Henry Mee, Mia Tolhurst, Anna Barnett, Jake and Alex Willey.

We were delighted to participate in the Colchester Blackwater Sports Partnership Cross Country event on Wednesday and Thursday. Due to the current restrictions we were not able to mix with other schools. Instead the event was strictly timed so that the Partnership can analyse our performance against the other schools in the district. Results will be available next term. All the children ran superbly and it was my pleasure to award highly coveted Sports Colours to all participants today. Sports Colours are only awarded once a child has represented our school against other schools, they are hard earned and worn with pride on the children's blazers.

Due to the popularity of the birthday party celebrations, this has been continued for all of the children that have had a birthday since the previous party. Every single child in the school enjoyed party festivities today and it was another resounding success. The children had a fantastic time and loved playing party games and generally having lots of fun with their friends in their bubbles. What a wonderful way to end the term!

HEADTEACHERS AWARD - Congratulations to Eli Ogbebor who won the award this week for always displaying exceptional manners and for an excellent attitude to school life.

Congratulations to Emily Tsai for winning a Cool to be Kind Award and Lauren Griggs for a Good Manners Award.

Finally, I wish you all a happy Easter holidays and look forward to welcoming everyone back for the Summer term. Have a relaxing break and we will see you all on Tuesday 13th April. Thank you for your support of MCPS.

★ **HAPPY BIRTHDAY** ★

Maldon Court wishes -
Sebastian Venus-Bishop, Hazel-Mae Ogbebor, Tobias Venus-Bishop, Leon Page, Elizabeth Neall, Elijah Hawes, Florence Fenton, Harry Mason, Jake Miss Wayman and Mr Hilton
a very Happy Birthday

NURSERY - The children have had a lovely week making Easter crafts. This included an Easter basket that the children enjoyed decorating and adding lots of Easter goodies. We loved seeing the Easter bonnets this week, what wonderful creations! We have also enjoyed playing with Easter pasta in the tuff tray and singing the song: Mary had a Little Lamb. Our first topic for Summer Term is The Hungry Caterpillar Mini Beasts. For optional homework, please create a picture of your favourite mini beast. *Mrs Kim Callaghan*



RECEPTION - In Reception, we have been learning number bonds to 10 in maths. We have explored different ways of making 10 using ten frames and counting cubes. We had lots of fun exploring the Numicon shapes and finding the correct number shapes to make 10. We enjoyed writing number sums independently in the tuff tray. Excellent work Reception! *Miss Wayman*



FORM 1 - Form 1 enjoyed a Maths lesson outside this week. We have been busy learning to identify 10 more and 10 less of a given number. We took our number mat outside this week and used beanbags to show our answers. We had a lovely morning learning maths and enjoying the sunshine. *Mrs Stephens*



FORM 3 AND 4 MUSIC - We have been enjoying singing and playing instruments in our bubbles for the past few weeks. The children have performed incredibly well and it is great hearing their voices once again. This week Form 3 and 4 practised their singing of 'Mamma Mia' and then had a go at improvising using the glockenspiels. They had great beat and tempo.

Mrs Dickinson and Miss Vaughan



FORM 4 - Form 4 have been learning about angles during their Maths lessons this week. First, the children had to create their giant protractors and then use them to measure the various 'masking tape' angles that were mysteriously found on the desktops after break time. The children labelled the angle measurements and identified whether the angles were 'acute', 'obtuse', 'reflex', 'right' or a 'straight' angle. Form 4 had a wonderful time and enjoyed helping each other with their measuring skills.

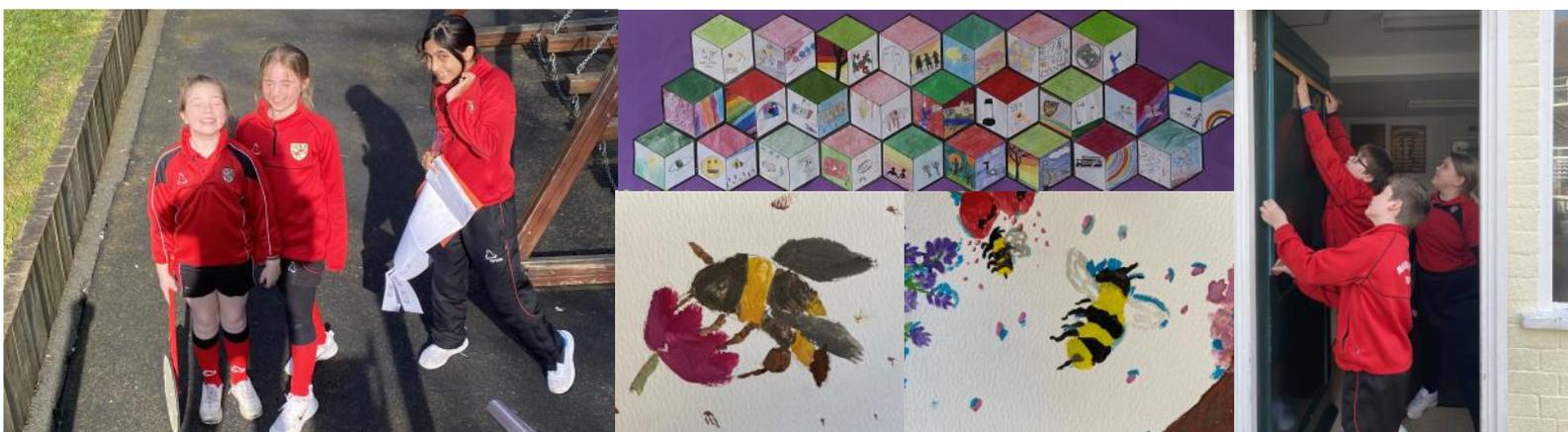
Miss Broadbridge and Mrs Dickinson



FORM 5 - It has been a busy few weeks in Form 5 and the children have settled back to school life really well. This week in Maths we took our area and perimeter topic outside and the children measured the area and perimeter of various items around the school. It was lovely to have the sunshine to be outside for a lesson!

The class have also worked really hard on their water colour bee paintings and also a collaborative art project. We have completed this together; the children chose what to draw on their cubes and wanted to include the things that were important to them through lockdown. Wishing you all a relaxing Easter Break.

Mrs Bonner and Mrs Clark



PE - It has been a fantastic week of PE for us. Children from PR all the way to F6 have enjoyed all sorts of sport, including gymnastics, tennis, hockey, netball, rugby and cross country running. This week marked the end of the Cross Country running season and the children in Forms 3-6 have been given the opportunity to race against children from other schools in a timed running event. Our results are being analysed by Colchester Blackwater Sports Partnership. But as indication of just how quick our children are, our Form 5 and 6 children ran a 1.5k course with a fastest time of 6.30 for F6 and 7.29 for F5. Form 3 and 4 ran a 1k course with fastest times of 4.15 for F4 and 4.16 for F3. I am sure you will agree that these are phenomenal times and there are not many adults that could match these. Well done to all children who participated and may now wear their Cross Country Colours with pride.

Mr Coyle



PE Timetable - W/C 12th April

Wednesday		Thursday	
On Site PE Lesson - Morning			
Pre-Reception			
Form 1		Form 3	
Form 2		Form 4	
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 14th April 3.30 - 4.30pm			

Have a lovely Easter Holiday
Mrs E Mason
Headteacher

FOMCS - Wow, the Easter bonnets arriving to school this week looked fabulous, thank you to everyone that took part, and well done to our winners. We hope you all have a fantastic Easter Holidays and look forward to exciting times in the term ahead.
Mrs Lopez and Mrs Stevenson

MENU W/C 12th April

Day	Main	Dessert
Mon	INSET DAY	
Tues	Lasagne served with sweet corn and salad	Flapjacks or fruit
Weds	Hunters chicken served with herbed potatoes, peas and salad	Strawberry jelly or fruit
Thurs	Sausage rolls served with pomme noisettes and baked beans	Yoghurt or fruit
Fri	Fish cakes served with vegetable rice and salad	Rice crispy cakes or fruit

