



# MALDON COURT

PREPARATORY SCHOOL

Spring Term 2024

Weekly Newsletter

26th January 2024

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

### MONDAY 5th FEBRUARY

Mental Health Week  
Dress to Express Day

### TUESDAY 6th FEBRUARY

Safer Internet Day

### FRIDAY 16th FEBRUARY

Form 3 Cake Sale

### MONDAY 19th FEBRUARY— FRIDAY 23rd FEBRUARY

Half Term

### MONDAY 26th FEBRUARY

Children Return to School  
Clubs Resume

Forms 5 and 6 Life Support Roadshow

### TUESDAY 27th FEBRUARY

Form 2 Trip to Layer Marney Tower  
Form 5 11+ Mock Examination

### THURSDAY 29th FEBRUARY

Form 5 - Fellowship Afloat Parent Meeting

### FRIDAY 1st MARCH

FOMCS Bingo Night

## STARS OF THE WEEK



KS1 Rose Jones

KS2 David van Stolk



KS1 Ayla Mahar

KS2 Charlie Ashton



KS1 Thomas Harvey

KS2 Sofia Fisher

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Maldon Court wishes  
Hettie Thorogood,  
George Newman, Samuel Newman  
and Evie Beckett  
a very Happy Birthday



Form 5 children practising their science experiment

Dear Parents,

We have all had a wonderful week. The children have surpassed themselves with their excellent manners and overall attitude to school life. Our key words at school are Kindness, Manners and Respect and this is something that we instil into the children from Nursery. It really is so rewarding when you see this reflected in the behaviour and overall attitude of the children in everyday school life. Thank you for always backing our high standards and expectations, together we are a fantastic team and our children most certainly benefit so much from this.

On Wednesday, we competed in a fiercely competitive Rugby tournament at Drapers Farm. This was predominantly for Year 5 and 6 children but we also had some Form 4 children in our team too. It was a super tournament and highly contested. I am so proud of the children who displayed excellent sportsmanship and tenacity throughout. Well done for gaining a super 4<sup>th</sup> place out of 17 schools - we missed third place by just one try! More information further on in the newsletter. Thank you to Mr Coyle, Miss Broadbridge, the children and all the parents who came along to support in very chilly conditions.

We are delighted to have sourced some super new rucksacks for our Nursery to Form 2 children. These rucksacks are similar but smaller to the KS2 rucksacks. I have already had a fantastic parental response for these and thank you to Mrs Freshwater for suggesting this. We are always grateful for parental support and suggestions and will do everything we can to facilitate improvements for the children. Anything to make life easier!

Finally, please do bear in mind the car parking situation both before and after school. We have reintroduced the cones to try to minimise the amount of congestion. This appears to be significantly worse on a Monday after clubs. I appreciate how hard it is but the safety of the children must always be at the forefront of our minds. Thank you for your support.

Congratulations to Aliya Procter who won a Cool to be Kind award this week. Well done to both Joshua Tomlinson and Isabella Russell who put a leaf on the achievement tree this week.



**MAISIE POEM** - Maisie, our school dog, is a wonderful addition to the school team. Since starting her role she has brought joy to many children and staff. She greets them all as they come through to the hall for assemblies. Her calming nature soothes a worried, hurt or sad child. Keep up the hard work, Maisie!

Zara and Sophia in Form 5 wrote a poem about Maisie as below:

M – Maisie’s glossy, black fur is soft and rainbows bounce off it.

A – Amber eyes are gazing adoringly at me; her puppy eyes longing for treats.

I – I love my school and Mrs Mason except maybe my treats more.

S – Special friends I have made.

I – I will always make you happy and light up your hearts.

E – Everybody in this school is one big family.

*By Zara and Sophia Nguyen*

**NURSERY** - Our Around the World topic has been very exciting for the children. We created an plane in the role play zone, which the children travelled to Paris in. They had to check in and show their passports before boarding the plane. Once on board, they were able to buy food and drink, look at magazines and discuss the country they were visiting. On arrival in Paris, the children ate in a French Restaurant where they practised their French by saying bonjour and merci to each other. Next week, our new topic is 'food'. Please send in a photo of your child enjoying their favourite food.

*Mrs Kim Callaghan*



**PRE-RECEPTION** - In Pre-Reception we have been exploring with the Bee-Bot. We attached felt tipped pens to the back of the Bee-Bot and the children took it in turns to programme the Bee-Bot to move using the arrows and then pressing the go button. The Bee-Bot then moved in all different directions on the big piece of paper making lots of different marks, which the children found very funny! The children then designed their own Bee-Bots with junk modelling and a range of media such as paint and tissue paper to create a lovely wall display in the classroom.

*Mrs Kennedy and Miss Hansell*



**FORM 1** - This term Form 1 have been studying 'Mars' from 'The planets' by Gustav Holst. The children talked about each of the planets in our solar system, what they looked like and how they imagined a piece of music would sound for that planet. The children listened to 'Mars' and identified different instruments they could hear and how the music made them feel. Mrs Clark explained that Mars was the Roman god of war and that this piece of music is called 'Mars, the Bringer of War' and is meant to depict the changes that take place during a battle where the rhythm is endless, starting very quietly and building to a crescendo, like an army marching into battle.

*Mrs Clark*



**FORM 3** - In our art lesson this week, Form 3 have been exploring how they can use shape and colour to create their artwork, inspired by the Cut-outs of Henri Matisse. We were fascinated by the idea of 'drawing with scissors', meaning the children had to freely cut the shapes they wanted without first drawing onto the paper, to then create their own layered collage. We made sure to incorporate any mistakes and use as much as the cut off paper as possible. I loved the way their art turned out and was impressed by the range of imaginative ideas. Well done Form 3! *Miss Oxford*



**FORM 5** - This half term in Science the children are studying 'forces' and this week the children have been exploring the effects of 'air resistance'. The children designed and made their own parachutes. Their task was to investigate how to make the parachute land the slowest. They worked in groups to make their 3 different parachutes and tested them together. Great team work and fun Form 5! We look forward to exploring 'water resistance' next week.

*Mrs Dickinson*



**TAG RUGBY** - A huge congratulations to the Maldon Court Rugby Team. This amazing team competed in the Colchester Blackwater Sports Partnership Rugby Tournament on Wednesday. This is the biggest rugby tournament in the district and attracts some seriously strong teams to compete. Standards this year were exceptionally high and our team emerged unbeaten from their group games, winning 3-0, 8-0, 5-0 and 6-0. In the finals we were narrowly beaten 3-4 and 2-3, placing us 4th of 17 schools and missing 3rd place by one try! This is an outstanding achievement and we must remember we are often playing against schools 3 times our size in these tournaments. A huge congratulations to our team after a gruelling 3 hours of rugby.

This tournament was expertly hosted by [Maldon Rugby Club](#). The club has a fantastic junior section and a track record of taking primary aged children to extremely high standards of rugby. We thoroughly recommend them, for more details please contact the club or speak to our PE teachers.

*Mr Coyle and Miss Broadbridge*



### PE Timetable - W/C 29th JANUARY

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

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

**FOMCS** - Afternoon Parents. Although we are quieter this month with FOMCS we are always working behind the scenes in preloved uniform and planning for upcoming events which include parent and friends Bingo Night on 1st March, Mothers Day pop up shop on 4th/5th March followed but our Easter activities before we break up for end of term. Details and letters will be given out closer to the time but please pencil these dates in your diary. Have a lovely weekend.  
*Mrs Tsai and Mrs Jeffrey*

### MENU W/C 29th JANUARY



Day	Main	Dessert
<b>Mon</b>	Cheese, ham and tomato pasta bake served with sweet corn and salad	Shortbread or fruit
<b>Tues</b>	Roast turkey served with roast potatoes, carrots, Yorkshire pudding and gravy	Yoghurt or fruit
<b>Weds</b>	Chilli con carne served with rice and warm tortilla chips	Chocolate sponge cake or fruit
<b>Thurs</b>	Beef in black bean sauce served with rice and prawn crackers	Orange jelly or fruit
<b>Fri</b>	Brunch - sausage, bacon, hash browns and baked beans	Chocolate ship cookies or fruit

