



MALDON COURT

PREPARATORY SCHOOL

Spring Term 2022

Weekly Newsletter

27th January 2023

DATES FOR THE DIARY

TUESDAY 31st JANUARY

Forms 4, 5 and 6 - ESB Exam

MONDAY 6th FEBRUARY

Mental Health Week
Dress to Express Day

TUESDAY 7th FEBRUARY

Safer Internet Day

TUESDAY 7th FEBRUARY

Pre-Reception and Form 5 School Trip
Sealife Centre - Southend

WEDNESDAY 8th FEBRUARY

Forms 1 and 2 Football Festival
Shrub End - Colchester

MONDAY 13th FEBRUARY - FRIDAY 17th FEBRUARY

Half Term

MONDAY 20th FEBRUARY

Children Return to School
Clubs Continue

WEDNESDAY 22nd FEBRUARY

Form 3 Class Assembly

THURSDAY 23rd FEBRUARY

Forms 5 and 6 Tag Rugby Tournament
Northern Gateway

FRIDAY 24th FEBRUARY

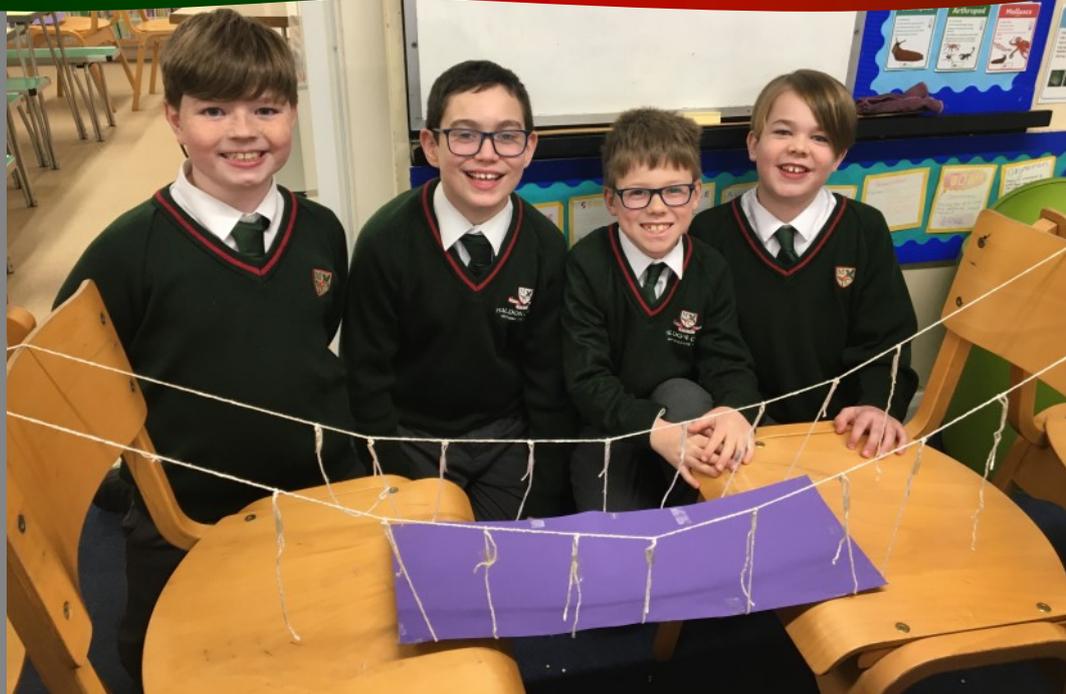
Form 3 Cake Sale

MONDAY 27th FEBRUARY

Life Support Roadshow
Forms 5 and 6

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Maldon Court wishes
George Newman, Samuel Newman
and Blake Jacob
a very Happy Birthday



Dear Parents,

Our children have excelled themselves this week with their superb attitudes to their lessons and their learning. The children have worked so hard and the staff are very proud of them all. Next week, our Forms 4, 5 and 6 children will sit their ESB exams. They have all been practising both in school and at home for these and I know the effort that they have put into this. I wish them all the very best and know they will do themselves proud. Good luck, everyone.

On Tuesday, Mr Coyle took some children from Forms 1 and 2 to Colchester for their first ever sports fixture. The children took part in a cricket festival with many other schools from the Colchester and Blackwater Sports Partnership where they had the opportunity to practise their skills and also playing some matches. The children displayed excellent sportsmanship and outstanding manners as always. We were so proud of them. Well done to all children.

We had a special visitor in celebration assembly this week. Mrs Guest brought Maisie, our school dog, in to see all of the children. Maisie will start to be seen gradually throughout the school. We explained to the children that although it will be very hard to do, when they see her around the school the best thing to do to begin with is to ignore her. This will ensure that she doesn't get too overwhelmed and excited with children petting her. The children were very sensible and understood why we were taking this approach. We are really looking forward to seeing Maisie in school – helping to clear up all of the peas that are left on the floor after lunch!

HEADTEACHERS AWARD - Congratulations to Ellie Hibbard in Reception class who won the award this week for her excellent attitude to learning and for always trying her best. Congratulations also to Addie Beckett in Form 3 for her fantastic progress in her reading.

Congratulations to Lucas Chan who won Swimmer of the Week.

NURSERY - This week the children have enjoyed learning about Chinese New Year. We discussed this festival and made cookies in the shape of rabbits to celebrate The Year of the Rabbit. The children have been dancing and moving to Chinese music, they held coloured scarves and pretended to be a Chinese Dragon. Next week, our new topic is Up in the Air. For optional homework, please complete the Birdwatch checklist that has been sent home or create a collage bird to hang in Nursery.

Mrs Kim Callaghan



PRE-RECEPTION - This week the children have been learning about colour mixing and what happens when we mix primary colours together, the children experimented with this mixing red, blue and yellow together to make green, orange and purple. They then recorded their results on the worksheet.



We have also looked at Chinese New Year and discussed this as a group, the children all painted their initial in English and Chinese and we looked at the difference between the two.

The children have also enjoyed role playing in our 'Chinese Restaurant' themed home corner.

Mrs Kennedy and Miss Hansell

FORM 2 - Form 2 had a very special visitor this week...a little lamb from Zoe's farm! The children were delighted to see the lamb and some of them even got to stroke him. We talked about what he likes to eat, his wool and what male and female sheep are called. Thank you very much to Mrs Hull. Also this half term we have been learning about shapes for the last 3 weeks. We used craft matchsticks to make the edges and playdoh to count the vertices of different 3D shapes. The children did a fantastic job with both their dexterity and their 3D shape knowledge. Mrs Caldwell



RECEPTION - This week, Reception have enjoyed learning about Chinese New Year. We read the story of The Great Race and found out the zodiac animal for the year we were born. We have also enjoyed dressing up in red clothes in the role play area, as this is a very lucky colour.

We also enjoyed creating collage Chinese lanterns. We look forward to continuing this topic next week.
Miss Wayman



FORM 4 - This week in DT, Form 4 has been consolidating their cutting and spreading skills. We revisited the claw grip and bridge hold, for cutting, safety and hygiene, healthy choices, how flavours can change when eating composite dishes and the importance of presentation. We only had one injury but as every day is a learning day here at Maldon Court, we discovered why we use bright blue plasters in the kitchen. We are very grateful for the support from Miss Reeves, not only does she supply everything we need and share her expertise, she does the washing up too. Mrs Baron



FORM 5 - This term Form 5 have really enjoyed investigating different styles of Stop Motion. This week they were focusing on 'cut out stop motion'. This style uses shapes cut out of paper or card, filmed from above, where each piece is moved independently to give the appearance of more fluid and realistic movement. The children worked in pairs to film a short movie featuring astronauts and aliens in space and on the moon. Mrs Clark





PUPIL VOICE - Over the past few weeks, Form 6 have been learning about bridges in DT. In week one we learnt that bridges consist of the deck, beams, abutments and sometimes parapets. In the past they have been made of wood or stones, further along the timeline, wrought iron, currently, a steel frame surrounded in concrete. We then tested the maximum load of different beam cross sections or shaped beams such as: square, rectangle and triangles. In week two we made trusses which are beams laid over each other to spread out compression, a squashing force. Some of our bridges held 1.1kg with only a tiny bit of sway. In week three we made a piece of card on an arch to see this weight load. Finally in week four we made suspension bridges, some of which held 1kg before breaking. Everybody really enjoyed this and we are really looking forward to next week.

Elijah Hawes - Form 6



PE Timetable - W/C 30th JANUARY

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

Sports Club for Forms 3 and 4
Thursday 2nd February - All Weather Pitch
Collection at 4.15pm

Wishing you all a lovely weekend
Mrs E Mason - Headteacher

FOMCS - Hello Parents. Well done to Form 4 on their wonderful cake sale last week which raised £83 from their cakes and treats. We are thinking of ways to run cake sales more efficiently to avoid the overcrowding that can occur. If anyone has any suggestions, we'd love to hear from you. Thank you for your help and continued support. We hope you have a lovely weekend.
Mrs Tsai and Mrs Jeffrey

MENU W/C 30th JANUARY



Day	Main	Dessert
Mon	Crispy chicken wraps served with potato wedges and sweet corn	Shortbread or fruit
Tues	Roast pork served with roast potatoes, carrots, Yorkshire pudding and gravy	Yoghurt or fruit
Weds	Pasta carbonara served with garlic bread and salad	Toffee mousse or fruit
Thurs	Chilli con carne served with rice and warm tortilla chips	Apple crumble and custard or fruit
Fri	Three cheese pizza served with chips and salad	Arctic roll or fruit

