



# MALDON COURT

PREPARATORY SCHOOL

Autumn Term 2019

Weekly Newsletter

27th September

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

Please check the school diary on the website.

### FRIDAY 4th OCTOBER

Form 6 Cake Sale

### TUESDAY 8th OCTOBER

School in Action Day for Prospective Parents

### MONDAY 14th OCTOBER

Conker Competition

### WEDNESDAY 16th OCTOBER

Harvest Festival

### FRIDAY 18th OCTOBER

Half Term

### MONDAY 4th NOVEMBER

Children return to school  
Clubs resume

### MONDAY 11th NOVEMBER

Individual and sibling photographs

### TUESDAY 12th NOVEMBER

Parents' Evening - 3.40– 6pm

### WEDNESDAY 13th NOVEMBER

Anti-Bullying - Odd Sock day

### THURSDAY 14th NOVEMBER

Parents' Evening 6 - 8pm

### FRIDAY 15th NOVEMBER

Form 5 Cake Sale  
Children in Need

### WEDNESDAY 27th NOVEMBER

Flu Immunisations



Dear Parents,

The children thoroughly enjoyed celebrating the European Day of Languages yesterday and immersed themselves in all of the wonderful activities that the teachers had prepared for them. Classes have produced some excellent work which will be displayed in our dining room. They also enjoyed an Italian themed lunch of lasagne and garlic bread with Italian bunting decorating the dining room. Thank you to all of the teachers for their hard work to ensure that we continue to expose children to a diverse range of languages and countries.

Congratulations to the children that received their TT Rockstars certificates in celebration assembly this week. The standard of times tables has improved significantly with the children that do this on a regular basis. Well done to all children. I would also like to thank everyone who participated in the Summer Reading Challenge. Certificates were presented in assembly and we hope to hear the results in the next two weeks.

Thank you to everyone for participating in our Jeans for Genes Day on Monday. The children enjoyed an assembly about this charity so that they were reminded of what they were raising money for. Thank you to everyone for their kind donations and a total of £132.45 was raised.

We have been absolutely delighted with the fantastic positive feedback that we have had from the parents and most importantly – the children about our improved PE provision. The children are so enthusiastic and their hockey, rugby and netball skills have improved dramatically in such a short amount of time.

**HEADTEACHERS AWARD** - Congratulations to Addie Beckett in Reception class who won the award this week for her excellent focus, concentration and progress in class. Fantastic Addie, keep up the great work.

**NURSERY** - This week the children enjoyed a pirate themed day. We set up the tuff tray as a treasure island and also had to find some mysterious sea creatures on a special sheet of paper. One of the pirates stole our treasure and the Nursery children had to follow the special map to find it again. Luckily they did and all the treasure was returned in time for us to enjoy our lunch! Next week our topic is Autumn and Harvest, please bring in some food donations throughout the following fortnight for our Harvest Festival Box.

*Mrs Kim Callaghan*



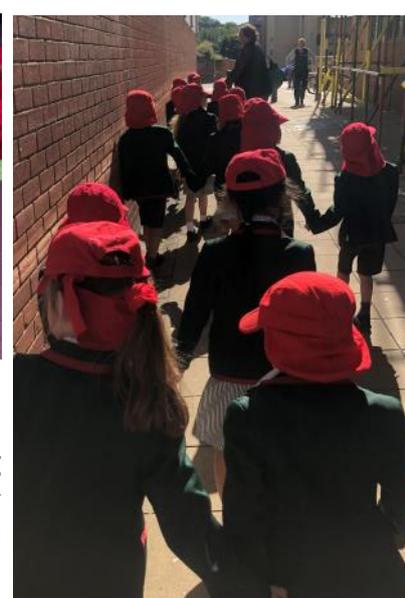
**RECEPTION** - Reception enjoyed visiting the new Wellness Room this week. We explored the water timers and toys and completed some beautiful mindfulness colouring. We enjoyed listening to a story and were very comfortable sitting on the bean bags and cushions.

*Miss Wayman*



**FORM 1** - Form 1 enjoyed being Geography detectives on their walk to the High Street. We have been researching about our local area and the different things there are to do. Form 1 chose several observation points to stop at and discuss on our journey including the church, the library, the doctors and a local play area. The children then used their detective skills to create a research map with some wonderful drawings about the local area of Maldon.

*Miss Sackett*



**FORM 3** - This week in Science Form 3 have been investigating rocks. In our lesson on Monday we carried out an experiment where we had to test different rocks permeability, floatability, fizziness and hardness. Our favourite rock to test was sandstone because it gave us interesting results. Form 3 worked extremely hard to make the investigation fair. Well done for your great science skills this week Form 3.

*Miss Vaughan*



**FORM 4** - In the past couple of weeks, Form 4 have been designing, inventing and creating their own Harry Potter Wands. First, the children had to design the look of their wand, including the special characteristics it had. Once designed, the children had to make their wands by sawing pieces of wood to the correct length, wrapping the wire in their chosen pattern and then finally, painting them. The children used this D.T. lesson within their English lessons, to write their own set of instructions on 'How to make a Wand'. The wands are now used in class to answer timetables questions. Form 4 have thoroughly enjoyed designing and constructing their wands and are now excited to use them within the classroom.

*Miss Broadbridge*



**FORM 5** - Firstly, I would like to thank you all for the support you gave the children in the Summer to complete their projects making the planets. They are fantastic and look fabulous hanging from our ceiling. The children have made an exceptional start to the year. They have been working really hard in everything and already I am pleased with the work they are producing. I took this photo of them using the atlases to find where the UK pipes Gas from in Europe. I think the photo says everything with how hard they are working and how focussed they are.

*Mrs Bonner*



**GARDENING CLUB** - Gardening Club is once again in full swing. The children had great fun harvesting leeks, tomatoes and carrots which have been given to the kitchen to be included in our school dinners. They also removed the dried-out runner beans and extracted the seeds ready for planting next year and picked a lovely crop of rhubarb; which Mrs. Guest has used to make some very tasty rhubarb crumbles.

*Mrs Baron*

**FLUENCY CLUB** - Fluency club have got off to a super start. The children have spent time looking at different pictures and writing down questions they have about the picture. They then have read a story starter related to the picture and used inference skills to decide what would happen if they were going to continue the story. We try to encourage the children to make links between what they read or see with themselves and their lives, books they have read or films they have seen and also with the world. We have started looking at reading fluency and today read some passages in different ways. We have said that fluent reading is reading with accuracy, the correct speed and correct expression. We modelled reading that wasn't fluent (wrong speed, monotone, choppy or of the wrong expression) this will be continued next week.

*Mrs Bonner and Mrs Mason*



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**BUDDY TIME** - Each Break Time and every Thursday afternoon Form 5 and Pre-Reception are spending time together. The Form 5 spent time playing with their buddies and reading to them. Form 5 have been ever so sensible and responsible, helping the children to feel happy, settled and secure. They have been superb role models.



PE Timetable - W/C 30th September	
Wednesday	Thursday
On Site PE Lesson - Morning	
F1	F2
PR	R
F5	F6
All Weather Pitch Lesson: 1-3pm	
F3	F4

Have a lovely weekend  
**Mrs E Mason**  
 Headteacher

### FOMCS

Christmas planning is in full swing with an exciting term ahead, more details to follow. Christmas card designs should be heading to you after half term and we are looking forward to seeing all the amazing designs for the cards and mugs. *Mrs Lopez*

**CAKE SALES** - Form 6 - Next Friday 4th October  
 Form 5 - Friday 15th November  
 Form 4 - Friday 17th January

### Next Week's Menu

Day	Main	Dessert
<b>Mon</b>	Pasta Bolognese served with sweetcorn and salad	Flapjack or fruit.
<b>Tues</b>	Roast pork served with roast potatoes, broccoli, Yorkshire pudding, apple sauce and gravy.	Fresh fruit salad or fruit.
<b>Weds</b>	Crispy chicken wraps served with vegetable rice and salad.	Toffee ice cream or fruit.
<b>Thurs</b>	Sausage rolls served with potato waffles, beans and salad	Chocolate chip cookies or fruit.
<b>Fri</b>	Harry Ramsden fish served with chips, peas and salad	Strawberry jelly or fruit.

