



MALDON COURT

PREPARATORY SCHOOL
Weekly Newsletter

Spring Term 2021

28th January 2022

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Please check the school diary on the website.

TUESDAY 1st FEBRUARY
Rugby Tournament

MONDAY 7th FEBRUARY
Mental Health Week

TUESDAY 8th FEBRUARY
Dress to Express Day
Safer Internet Day

FRIDAY 11th FEBRUARY
Form 3 Cake Sale

MONDAY 14th - FRIDAY 18th FEBRUARY
Half Term

MONDAY 21st FEBRUARY
Children Return to School
Clubs resume

FRIDAY 25th FEBRUARY
Swimming Starts for
Forms 4, 5 and 6

MONDAY 28th FEBRUARY
Life Support Road Show
Forms 5 and 6

WEDNESDAY 2nd MARCH
KS2 Netball Tournament

THURSDAY 3rd MARCH
World Book Day



Dear Parents,

It has been a fantastic week where the children have all worked exceptionally hard. Firstly, congratulations to the children who completed their ESB exam. The examiner was very impressed with all of the children and we look forward to receiving their results in due course. The most important thing is that they all worked hard and tried their best. Well done to all the children.

On Wednesday, a selection of Form 1 and 2 children travelled to Colchester to participate in a Cricket Showcase event. The children had a wonderful time and thoroughly enjoyed themselves. [Please take a look at the video highlights of the event by clicking here.](#) On that note, if you are on Facebook and /or Instagram please do like our page and posts. We are constantly updating and adding videos/photos onto these and it is a great way to keep up to date. Thank you to all the parents who already follow/like us.

Following on from this, it was lovely to go with Form 1 to Leeches Garden on Wednesday. We had a great time studying the trees and even took the new school tablets with us to take photos to use for our written work in the afternoon.

HEADTEACHER'S AWARD - Congratulations to George Barnett and Rose Jones in Reception class who won the award this week. George won it for his kind and caring attitude in class and Rose for her increased confidence in class. Well done to both children – a great week for Reception.

Congratulations to the Thorogood family who welcomed baby Hettie into the world this week. We are delighted for you and know that Gracie May will be a fantastic big sister.

★ HAPPY BIRTHDAY ★

Maldon Court wishes
George Newman, Samuel Newman,
Blake Jacob, Sophia Nguyen, Isabelle
Procter and Alice Wilson
a very Happy Birthday

NURSERY - For Expressive Arts week, the children have been really expressing themselves through their play. We have been dressing up and having afternoon tea in the role play zone and we have also been trying on hats and scarves. For physical time, the children have danced with pretty materials and also used the musical instruments to make music together. For our art activity this week, the children listened to classical music as they painted. It was interesting to see the different strokes they used with the paintbrush, depending on what piece of music was playing. Next week our topic is Chinese New Year. Please create a picture or painting that represents the Year of the Tiger. You are welcome to join in with our Birdwatch homework also.

Mrs Kim Callaghan



PRE-RECEPTION - This week in Pre-Reception we have enjoyed finishing off our topic 'The Rainbow fish'. We have made salt dough fishes which we then decorated with sparkly, coloured sequins to create our very own rainbow fishes to take home. The children followed the salt dough recipe step by step, guessing what the ingredients could be, measuring them out and pouring, mixing and moulding to complete the instructions. The children worked very well in small groups demonstrating brilliant patience and teamwork.

Mrs Kennedy, Miss Hansell and Mrs Dibben



RECEPTION - As part of our Weather and Water topic, Reception have been learning about Noah's Ark. We enjoyed listening to the story. We worked in pairs to create our own arks out of foil. We shared our ideas about how we could keep our arks strong to hold the animals. We also enjoyed painting our own rainbows as there was a beautiful rainbow at the end of the story. Well done Reception!

Miss Wayman



FORM 1 - On Wednesday, some of the Form 1 children were lucky enough to go out to Leeches Garden. This was linked into their Science, Geography and English topics. The children investigated all of the different trees and plants that they could see. We also took the new tablets to make the trip even more interactive. The children had a wonderful time and thoroughly enjoyed their investigation.

Miss Vaughan



FORM 2 - Form 2 have been writing instructions. We made some cone bird feeders, first we followed instructions to make them and then we wrote instructions so other people could make them too. We used time connectives, imperative verbs and adverbs. We hope the bird feeders will encourage more birds for the Great British Bird Watch that we will be doing at the weekend.

Mrs Baron



FORM 5 - Form 5 have made a great start to the year. We have got straight back into work with Fractions in mathematics and we have been writing Biographies about Sir David Attenborough in English. In art we will be studying cityscapes. The children are exploring different media to work with before creating their final piece. We started the year using pastels and we explored colour and how to blend. The children are incredibly proud of the finished pieces and I don't blame them. They are exceptional and have created a lovely bright display in our classroom.

Mrs Bonner and Mrs Clark



FORM 4 - Form 4 have had great fun starting their new science topic, 'What Do Scientists Do?'. This week, the children have investigated various types of scientists and their job descriptions, as well as the processes and methods that they consider when trying to investigate an enquiry. Form 4 then had to develop their own questions about fingerprints! The children then developed their own scientific method (as forensic scientists) and investigated their own fingerprints in more detail. Well done Form 4.
Mrs Dickinson and Miss Broadbridge



PE Timetable - W/C 31st January

Wednesday	Thursday
On Site PE Lesson	On Site PE Lesson
Pre-Reception	
Form 1	Form 5
Form 2	Form 6
All Weather Pitch Lesson: 1-3pm	
Forms 5 and 6	Forms 3 and 4
KS2 Sports Club at the all-weather pitch for children in Forms 5 and 6 - Wednesday 2nd February - Collection at 4:30pm	

Wishing you all a lovely weekend
Mrs E Mason
Headteacher

FOMCS - Thank you to all that attended this week's FOMCS meeting and offering your feedback and ideas. We received the sad news that after 8 years Mrs Bruce has stepped down from the position of our FOMCS secretary. We would like to thank Mrs Bruce for all her hard work and contributions to the committee and wish to welcome a new volunteer to fulfil this role. If you would like any further information and to be considered as secretary please do let us know. Closing date for this role is Friday 4th February 2022. Mrs Tsai and Mrs Jeffrey

MENU W/C 31st JANUARY

Day	Main	Dessert
Mon	Chilli con carne served with rice and warm tortilla chips	Flapjack or fruit
Tues	Roast gammon served with roast potatoes, broccoli, carrots, Yorkshire pudding and gravy	Yoghurt or fruit
Weds	Hunters chicken served with herbed potatoes sweetcorn and salad	Strawberry mousse or fruit
Thurs	Sausage rolls served with pomme noisettes and baked beans	Chocolate chip cookies or fruit
Fri	Harry Ramsden fish fillet served with chips, peas and salad	Pancakes with golden syrup or fruit

