



MALDON COURT

PREPARATORY SCHOOL
Weekly Newsletter

Summer Term 2022

29th April 2022

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Please check the school diary on the website.

MONDAY 2nd MAY
Bank Holiday

TUESDAY 3rd May
Form 1 School Trip
Turncole Farm

TUESDAY 3rd May
Form 5 - Secondary School
and 11+ Parent Meeting 2.45pm

**TUESDAY 3rd May -
WEDNESDAY 4th MAY**
Form 6 Bikeability - Group 1

THURSDAY 5th MAY
Form 6 Bikeability - Group 2

MONDAY 9th MAY
Form 6 Bikeability - Group 2

TUESDAY 10th MAY
Class Photographs

**THURSDAY 12th -
FRIDAY 13th MAY**
Form 4 Danbury Outdoors

MONDAY 16th MAY
Form 6 - Crucial Crew

TUESDAY 17th MAY
Grandparents' Day



Dear Parents,

What a busy but exciting week it has been! On Monday, we waved goodbye to our Form 6 children who went to Bawdsey Manor in Suffolk for their 4 night residential trip. The children have had such a wonderful time and have completed activities such as high ropes, trapeze, climbing, rafting, beach walks and orienteering. Click [here](#) for photos on our website. It is a fantastic opportunity for the children and I know that they have made the most of all the activities that have been offered to them. We look forward to welcoming them back to school next week where they will then be undertaking their Bikeability! Well done to Form 5 who have stepped up to be 'Form 6' for the week and have undertaken their prefect duties with care and diligence. Well done, Form 5.

This week was an especially busy one for our Form 5 children. On Tuesday selected children, alongside selected children in Form 4, competed in a Rugby tournament held at Witham. The team were superb as they stepped in to replace our Form 6 children. Congratulations to all of the team – you should be so proud of yourselves. In the afternoon, Form 5 then completed their Road Safety training. Essex Road training came into school and gave the children a very informative talk about how to keep safe and information regarding the Highway code. The children then went out in groups around the local area. Well done Form 5. Finally, on Wednesday they performed their class assembly to their parents, grandparents and the rest of the school. The children spoke beautifully and with excellent expression. It was clearly evident that they had a brilliant time. What a week Form 5 – as always you take it all in your stride and are a credit to the school.

This morning, we welcomed the Maldon Mayor, David Ogg, into school to judge the Maldon Jubilee art entries. Many classes entered this and the standard was superb. Well done to all entrants and we will know the results shortly.

HEADTEACHER'S AWARD - Congratulations to Jessica Strong who won the Headteacher's Award this week for her outstanding perseverance at swimming. Well done, Jess.

★ **HAPPY BIRTHDAY** ★

Maldon Court wishes
Michael Thompson, Eliza Cowell,
Noah Bruno Sanchez, Jacob Day
and Arnold Head
a very Happy Birthday

NURSERY - The children are really enjoying our topic 'Stories, Songs and Rhymes'. This week we have been focusing on the story of Goldilocks and the Three Bears. This has been a wonderful opportunity to enhance the children's knowledge on size ordering and this was supported with a sticking activity involving the three bowls. We also enjoyed a Goldilocks tuff tray, the children loved exploring this and using the puppets. We put on our own puppet show in the pod, the children were very good at making up their own stories. Next week, this topic continues. For optional homework please create a simple homemade puppet or create a picture of your favourite story. Please bring your favourite story in for Show and Tell, which we are doing every day next week! Please ensure all books are named.

Mrs Kim Callaghan



PRE-RECEPTION - Pre-Reception have really enjoyed their life cycle topic the past few weeks. The children have been engaging in many themed activities and have been waiting patiently checking daily to see if there had been any changes in our butterfly habitat.

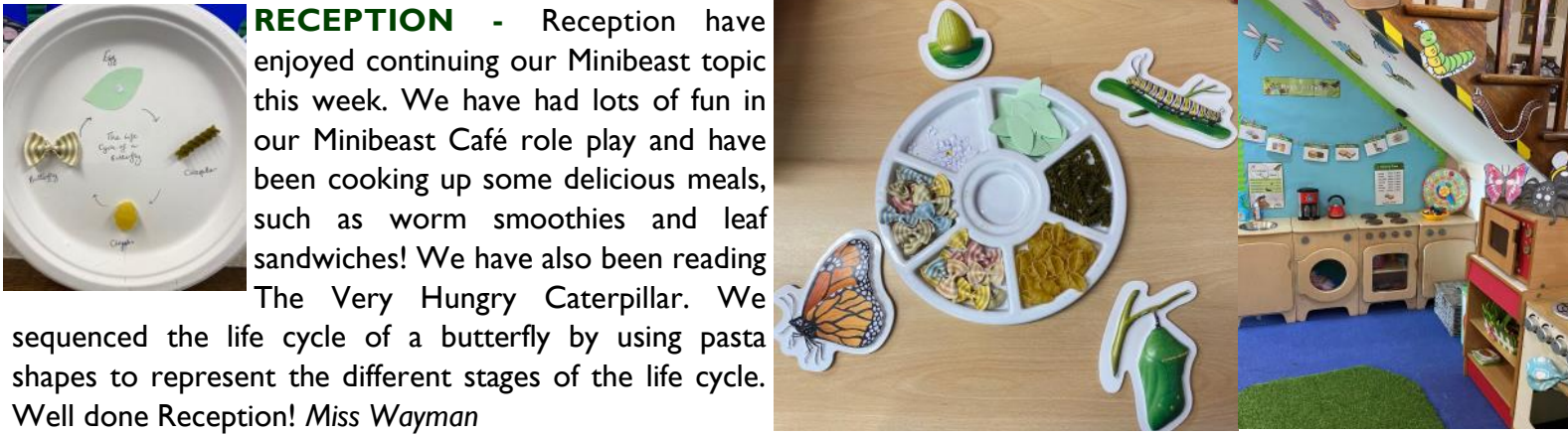
This week has been very exciting, on Tuesday the children were thrilled to come into class and see butterflies emerge from their chrysalis. They then created observational paintings of the butterflies, sitting in groups at the table looking closely at the patterns and colours they could see on the butterflies and painting them independently.

Mrs Kennedy and Miss Hansell



RECEPTION - Reception have enjoyed continuing our Minibeast topic this week. We have had lots of fun in our Minibeast Café role play and have been cooking up some delicious meals, such as worm smoothies and leaf sandwiches! We have also been reading The Very Hungry Caterpillar. We sequenced the life cycle of a butterfly by using pasta shapes to represent the different stages of the life cycle.

Well done Reception! Miss Wayman



FORM 5 - Over the last few weeks Form 5 have been developing their Stop Motion skills. Firstly, they watched short clips of Wallace & Gromit and also Morph (taking Mrs Clark back to the 1980's!). They then spent some time getting to know the features of the Stop Motion App. They also learnt how to move the objects to make them appear as if they were moving, altering the distance they moved to change the speed of the movement and also how to record audio to add sound to their films. Then the children had to create a short storyboard telling their own story before planning the scenery and props they would need before filming commenced. Finally, filming began and the Form 5 classroom was a hive of activity. All of the children busily working in their pairs to ensure their film was completed.

Mrs Clark and Mrs Bonner



FORM 5 ROAD SAFETY - On Tuesday Form 5 took part in a Road Safety Workshop. During the session they learnt about the Green Cross Code – reminding the children to STOP! LOOK! And LISTEN! They discussed the different safe places to cross a road and how to use each crossing safely. They also learnt about the stopping distance of cars at 30 mph in normal conditions and how the weather can affect the distance a car can stop.

Then the children went out on to Silver Street and Cromwell Hill to put their knowledge into practise. Each member of the class (including Mrs Clark) had to demonstrate how to cross a road, with care, on a straight, clear road and at a junction.

Mrs Clark



TAG RUGBY FINALS FORM 4 AND 5 - On Tuesday 26th April, children from Forms 4 and 5 competed against 18 other schools from the county, in the North West Essex School Sport Partnership Tag Rugby Finals Day. Maldon Court started their first game with superb determination, showing great defensive lines and preventing the opposition from scoring any tries. The subsequent games also continued to follow this pattern, with Maldon Court demonstrating relentless tagging and forcing the turnover of the ball. Forms 4 and 5 finished 8th place overall which was an incredible achievement, where most of the opposing teams were all Year 6 players. Well done Maldon Court – what a fantastic day of rugby!

Miss Broadbridge



PE Timetable - W/C 2nd MAY

Wednesday	Thursday
On Site PE Lesson	On Site PE Lesson
Pre-Reception Form 1 Form 2	Form 1 Form 2
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 4th May - Collection at 4.30pm	

Wishing you all a lovely Bank Holiday weekend
Mrs E Mason
Headteacher

FOMCS - Another lovely week in school for the children finished with our Form 1 Cake Sale today - thank you for the yummy treats! We have put some money back into the school recently to purchase some new playground toys including 8 new balls and equipment for the ping pong tables. Contribution has also been made for the Form 6 leavers hoodies and we hope they had a wonderful time at PGL this week. Mrs Tsai and Mrs Jeffrey

MENU W/C 2nd MAY

Day	Main	Dessert
Mon	BANK HOLIDAY	
Tues	Sausages served with potato puffs and baked beans	Flapjack or fruit
Weds	Sweet and sour chicken served with rice and prawn crackers	Toffee mousse or fruit
Thurs	Lasagne served with garlic bread and salad	Yoghurt or fruit
Fri	Young's fish fingers served with chips, peas and salad	Arctic roll or fruit

