



# MALDON COURT

PREPARATORY SCHOOL

Autumn Term

Weekly Newsletter

29th September 2023

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

### MONDAY 2nd OCTOBER

Conker Competition  
Form 2 trip to the Library

### TUESDAY 3rd OCTOBER

Harvest Festival Rehearsal

### TUESDAY 10th OCTOBER

Harvest Festival  
9.15am All Saints Church

### THURSDAY 12th OCTOBER

Tag Rugby Tournament  
Forms 3 and 4

### FRIDAY 13th OCTOBER

FOMCS Quiz Night

### MONDAY 16th OCTOBER

School in Action Day  
11+ Results Published

### TUESDAY 17th OCTOBER

Dodgeball Tournament  
Forms 5 and 6



## STARS OF THE WEEK



KS1 Rose Jones

KS2 Harrison Jones



KS1 Frankie Bannister

KS2 Emily Tsai



KS1 Eden Wilkinson

KS2 Gracie May Thorogood  
and Eliza Cowell

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Maldon Court wishes  
Francesca Russell, Zoe Hull,  
Harriet Hawes  
and Miss Jiggins  
a very Happy Birthday

Dear Parents,

We have had such a lovely week at school. We are delighted that as a school we have embraced European Languages Day on Monday. What a fantastic experience for the children; every year we celebrate this and the children thoroughly enjoy it. This week, the children have studied a wide range of cultures and languages including Spanish, French, Italian, German and Danish. At the end of the day, the children all came together for a whole school assembly where they shared what they had learnt to the rest of the school. Well done to all the children and thank you to the teachers for ensuring that it was such a special, fun and informative day.

Yesterday, was the FOMCS AGM where the new committee members were voted in. I know that I say this on behalf of all the parents at Maldon Court but it is truly appreciated by both the school and all of the Maldon Court community that these parents give up their time to ensure that FOMCS continues to go ahead. There are so many wonderful activities that the children benefit from. It was lovely to see such positivity in supporting the FOMCS events, you will hear about them in due course. As always, thank you for your continued support.

Finally, next week the children from Reception to Form 6 will participate in our traditional Conker competition. The children really enjoy this event which starts on Monday. The final will be on Thursday and winners will be announced in Celebration assembly next week. Good luck to everyone who is participating and have fun getting your conkers ready this weekend!

**HEADTEACHER'S AWARD** - Congratulations to Rudy Carter who won the award this week for fantastic effort in his story writing.

**NURSERY** - The Nursery children have had another week filled with music and dancing. We have been singing our favourite Nursery Rhymes with the use of our word mat. The children have also been enjoying a range of Funky Fingers activities this week, including peg puzzles, stacking blocks and using tweezers to pick up pom poms. This has been great for exercising our fingers whilst having fun. Next week, we begin our new topic Autumn. For optional homework please create an autumn coloured picture for our Home Link Board.

*Mrs Kim Callaghan*



**PRE-RECEPTION** - This week in Pre-Reception we have started our new topic 'The Colour Monster', this is a fantastic story in getting children to understand and talk about their emotions.

We have read the story and discussed the many different emotions we may feel in our lives and why our emotions change. The children then drew their own colour monster displaying an emotion of their choice. The children have also completed some work where they thought about things that make them happy and sad.

*Mrs Kennedy and Miss Hansell*



**RECEPTION AND FORM 6** - Reception and Form 6 have enjoyed spending time together during our weekly buddy time. Reception chose their favourite story which their buddy kindly read to them. The school's buddy system is a great support network, and it is always very special to see the friendships blossom between the younger children and older children throughout the year. We look forward to many more buddy times over the year.

*Miss Wayman and Mrs Summers*





**PRE-RECEPTION** - Pre-Reception had a lovely day celebrating European Language Day, during good morning time we introduced words in Spanish and French such as 'hello' and 'good morning'. We also filled a tuff tray with rice in the flag designs for the children to



explore. They also had colouring out on the table and tissue paper on another table to decorate the Spanish and French flags and we then sang Spanish and French nursery rhymes throughout the day. *Miss Hansell and Mrs Yeaman*



**FORMS 1 AND 4** - Form's 1 and 4 had a fantastic morning teaming up to learn all things Spanish! We started off with learning how to speak 1-10 in Spanish, the Form 4's were fantastic buddies for the younger children, and they learnt a lot from them. We played a very competitive game of Spanish number bingo and a great game of 'get into groups of'. We then decided for our assembly afternoon performance, to put our Spanish counting skills to the test and added a dance routine to the very famous 'Macarena'. A highlight of the day for all of us was both forms teaching the rest of the school in assembly and everybody joining in! Excellent Spanish Forms 1 and 4. Well done.

*Miss Vaughan and Mrs Baron.*

**FORMS 2 AND 3** - Forms 2 and 3 had a wonderful day celebrating all things Italian! We coloured a rainbow to help us learn the colour in Italian. After learning some basic greetings, we drew cartoon strips and wrote the Italian we had learnt in speech bubbles. Finally, we used tablets and books to research fun facts about Italy. We also learnt about cognates which are words that are similar in 2 languages (animal/animale, music/musica, telephone/telefono) and loanwords which are Italian words that we have integrated into English (spaghetti, cappuccino, piano) this means we can all already speak some Italian!

*Mrs Calow and Miss Oxford*



**FORM 5** - Guten Tag! Form 5 had a great day studying Germany. We learned how to count to ten, common greeting phrases and researched a lot of interesting facts. Did you know that Germany has 1000 variety of sausages and that famous stories such as Cinderella, Hansel and Gretel and Sleeping Beauty originated from Germany. The children had fun with some crafting by making a pretzel badge and a fancy alpine hat. They did a great greeting song during assembly, sehr gut Form 5!

*Mrs Dickinson*



**FORM 4** - Form 4 has been sorting a range of animals into groups and using classification keys to help identify and name a variety of living things in their local and wider environment. We have generated questions to sort vertebrates and identified vertebrates by observing their similarities and differences. This week, we did an invertebrate hunt around the school. We found all sorts of animals; slugs, beetles, worms, ladybirds, spiders, woodlice and millipedes, to name but a few. We made sure we put them back where we found them and treated them with care.

Mrs Baron



### PE Timetable - W/C 2nd OCTOBER

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

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

**FOMCS** - Many thanks to all the parents who came to our AGM this week. It was great to meet you and get ideas for future events, how we can improve and vote in our committee members. I am delighted to announce the continued roles of Mrs Tsai as head, Mrs Jeffrey as deputy, Miss Parnham as secretary and we welcome our new treasurer Mr Ashton to FOMCS. All form reps have also been voted in and we look forward to working together over this year. Have a lovely weekend. *Mrs Tsai and Mrs Jeffrey.*

### MENU W/C 2nd OCTOBER



Day	Main	Dessert
<b>Mon</b>	Sausage rolls served with potato croquettes and baked beans	Shortbread or fruit
<b>Tues</b>	Roast chicken served with roast potatoes, carrots, Yorkshire pudding and gravy	Yoghurt or fruit
<b>Weds</b>	Chilli con carne served with rice and tortilla chips	Raspberry jelly or fruit
<b>Thurs</b>	Ham and tomato pasta bake served with sweetcorn	Lemon drizzle cake or fruit
<b>Fri</b>	Young's fish fingers served with chips and peas	Waffles and chocolate sauce or fruit

