



# MALDON COURT

PREPARATORY SCHOOL

Spring Term 2024

Weekly Newsletter

2nd February 2024

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

### MONDAY 5th FEBRUARY

Mental Health Week  
Dress to Express Day

### TUESDAY 6th FEBRUARY

Safer Internet Day

### FRIDAY 16th FEBRUARY

Form 3 Cake Sale

### MONDAY 19th FEBRUARY—

### FRIDAY 23rd FEBRUARY

Half Term

### MONDAY 26th FEBRUARY

Children Return to School  
Clubs Resume

Forms 5 and 6 Life Support Roadshow

### TUESDAY 27th FEBRUARY

Form 2 Trip to Layer Marney Tower  
Form 5 11+ Mock Examination

### THURSDAY 29th FEBRUARY

Form 5 - Fellowship Afloat Parent Meeting

### FRIDAY 1st MARCH

FOMCS Bingo Night

## STARS OF THE WEEK



KS1 Madison Lopez

KS2 Lucas Chan



KS1 Francesca Russell

KS2 Millicent Smith



KS1 Sienna Crozier

KS2 Enzo Gilabert

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Maldon Court wishes  
Teddy Rota, Blake Jacob,  
Sophia Nguyen, Isabelle Procter  
and Mrs Warman  
a very Happy Birthday



Dear Parents,

I hope that you are all well and have had a lovely week. Stop press! It has been a very exciting week...the small rucksacks have arrived for EYFS and Key Stage One. I don't think I have seen so many happy children and parents! On this note, I had previously said that after half term the children may start to wear them. This was to ensure that the uniform shop had enough time to facilitate the demand. However, I am aware that many children have already received theirs and are desperate to wear them into school. I am more than happy if children would like to wear them from Monday. Equally, after half term is also absolutely fine so whatever suits you best.

This week, we were delighted to hear that some of the children that attend After School Care have had their wonderful art work published in a book 'Perfect Pets 2023'. This is something that they worked on in their ASC sessions and we are so proud that their work has been published. I thoroughly enjoyed seeing their fantastic pictures. Congratulations to Mya Chambers, Isabella Russell, Francesca Russell, Rudy Carter, Remi Carter, Jacob Coyle, Meghan Knight and Megan Kitterhing Best. Thank you to Mrs Norton who organised this for the children.

Congratulations to Emily Tsai who achieved a bravery award this week and to Isabella Russell, Francesca Russell and Jimmy Crowley who put a leaf on the tree in celebration assembly this week.

**HEADTEACHER'S AWARD** - Well done to Leon Page who won the award this week for excellent descriptive writing in English. Congratulations to Eliza Cowell who won a Cool to Kind award.

Finally, I would like to say thank you to everyone for your generosity at our retiring collections at church. Farleigh Hospice received in incredible £608.48 at Christmas. In Celebration Assembly, a Farleigh Hospice volunteer came in to speak to the children and thank them for the wonderful donation and she explained to them where the money went and just how much it funded. Your generosity is overwhelming— thank you so much.

**NURSERY** - This week, Nursery have enjoyed a new topic - Food. This topic will run for a fortnight and will allow the children to explore healthy eating, oral health and discussions about their favourite food. They enjoyed a joint activity this week, where they made their own pizzas to taste. For physical time they discussed how fruit is healthy for them and then went on to play a game where they had to hunt for the role play fruit. For optional homework, please create a picture or collage of your favourite food.

Mrs Kim Callaghan



**FORM 2** - This term, Form 2 have been exploring their Science unit, 'Forces'. They have been observing forces to raise their own questions and perform simple tests to answer those questions. They have also learnt to gather and record data, to assist with answering these questions. This week, the children made their own Straw Rockets! The children blew through the straw to push the air in the straw forward, which in turn, pushes the rocket off the straw. We experimented with launching from different angles and using different levels of blowing air. Form 2 had a great time making, designing and launching their rockets and look forward to investigating more about forces.

Mrs Caldwell



**FORM 4** - Form 4 have been doing lots of practical activities to help our learning. We made fatballs to encourage birds to our gardens for the Great British Bird Watch, this week we have produced some lovely graphs. We have made trade seals, just like the ancient Indus valley traders and merchants did to identify their goods. In science with have been testing which materials are conductors and which are insulators. As always, Form 4 have worked cooperatively and with enthusiasm.

Mrs Baron



**CHESS CLUB** - In Chess Club the children have been learning how to set up the board, about the chess pieces, how each piece moves and how to think a few moves ahead. We have been using different playing scenarios so the children have to use different strategies to win. This involves, only playing with the pawns and a king, getting a pawn to the other side to earn their queen and other pieces back to help them win. Some of the more experienced players have been learning how to get their opponents king into checkmate in only a few moves. This has been a popular set of moves with the children. I have really enjoyed having the children in Chess Club and I look forward to them challenging and beating me at a game.

Mrs Abrehart



**LANGUAGES CLUB** - Hola! It has been a superb first few weeks of Languages Club. The Form 1 and Form 2 children have been so enthusiastic which is lovely to see and hear! We have been learning basic greetings in Spanish and the children now know how to introduce themselves to each other, say their name and ask how somebody is. We had great fun asking each other these and seeing if we could remember it all. I must say, the children have a far better Spanish accent than me! I am really proud that the children are embracing every opportunity given to them. Well done everyone.

Mrs Mason

PE Timetable - W/C 5th FEBRUARY		
Day	Form	Lesson
Wednesday	Forms 3, 4, 5 and 6	Off site PE
	Forms 5 and 6 - Sports club To be held at school Collection at 4.15pm	On site club
Thursday	Pre-Reception, Forms 1 and 2	On site PE
Friday	Swimming for Forms 1 and 2	Off site Swimming

Wishing you all a lovely weekend  
Mrs E Mason  
Headteacher

**FOMCS** - Afternoon Parents. A big well done to Form 4 who raised £96.80 in their Cake Sale. We hope everyone enjoyed their treats. Our next Cake Sale is being held by Form 3 on our last day before the half term break on Friday 16th February. The children do love creating yummy goodies for you all and we appreciate your support at these events. Have a wonderful weekend. Mrs Tsai and Mrs Jeffrey.

MENU W/C 5th FEBRUARY		
Day	Main	Dessert
Mon	Macaroni cheese served with garlic bread and salad	Flapjacks or fruit
Tues	Roast chicken served with roast potatoes, carrots, Yorkshire pudding and gravy	Yoghurt or fruit
Weds	Sausage rolls served with potato wedges and baked beans	Chocolate mousse or fruit
Thurs	Chicken korma served with rice and naan bread	Lemon drizzle cake or fruit
Fri	Cheese burger served with chips and salad (Cheese optional)	Smarties cookie or fruit

