



# MALDON COURT

PREPARATORY SCHOOL

Autumn Term 2022

Weekly Newsletter

30th September 2022

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

### MONDAY 3rd OCTOBER

ESB Lessons Start for  
Forms 4, 5 and 6

### TUESDAY 4th OCTOBER

Harvest Festival Rehearsal

### TUESDAY 4th OCTOBER

Nursery Autumn Walk  
Promenade Park

### FRIDAY 7th OCTOBER

Form 5 School Trip  
Braintree Museum

### FRIDAY 7th OCTOBER

Forms 3 and 4  
Tag Rugby Tournament

### FRIDAY 7th OCTOBER

FOMCS Quiz Night

### MONDAY 10th OCTOBER

Conker Competition

### MONDAY 10th OCTOBER

Open Day

### TUESDAY 11th OCTOBER

Harvest Festival  
All Saints Church 9.15am

### MONDAY 17th OCTOBER -

### FRIDAY 28th OCTOBER

Half Term

### MONDAY 31st OCTOBER

Children Return to School  
Clubs Resume

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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



Dear Parents,

All of the children have had a lovely week at school where the classrooms have been a hive of activity with so many fun and interactive activities to enhance the children's learning. Thank you to those parents who popped in to see our Immersive Floor Gallery on Thursday. This was in conjunction with International Dot Day which celebrates creativity and courage within children. Children were asked to complete a dot and 'create bravely' in their own style. Thank you to both the School Council and Mrs Warman for this unique idea.

**HEADTEACHER'S AWARD** - Congratulations to Martha Smith and India Fisher who won the Headteacher's Award this week for their outstanding start to their topic books. Their work was to an exceptional standard and they thoroughly deserved their award. Congratulations to Freya Gower who won a Good manners award and to all of our 'Stars of the Week'.

Celebration assembly is the highlight of my week. It is a really special assembly where the children are involved in every aspect of it. We have Heads of School reading out diary dates and events every week, we have children helping to hand out the birthday lollipops and we have House Captains standing up with someone that they have picked from their house to read out the weekly stars. The children love being asked their predictions for which house is in the lead (if I ever forget this part, I am soon reminded!). In addition, children share their achievements with the rest of the school for the achievement tree, our Stars of the Week are announced as well as Cool to be Kind awards and Good Manners awards. All of these children come to the front to receive their awards where we focus on 'eye contact and firm handshakes'. It is these little things that go a long way in life and our children are taught these from such an early age that by the time they leave Maldon Court, it is second nature to them. Continued overleaf -

**CONTINUED** - Children are also chosen to lead the prayer and these children stand up together to start it. All of these things boost their confidence and public speaking and the children are taught to speak clearly to the rest of the school. Finally, at the end of the assembly, a selection of children are chosen by myself to receive a Headteacher sticker and to put 3 marbles in the tin after assembly. These children are chosen for sitting beautifully and displaying excellent listening skills. It is a really tough choice each week. We are already doing well with our marbles in the tin. This will mean that if the tin is filled by the end of the year, that Form 6 can organise a fun day for the rest of the school. Luckily, each year we always manage to achieve this!

Finally, thank you for the Harvest contributions so far. The children are looking forward to our Harvest service and have been busy learning their songs – with a few firm favourites included. We look forward to sharing our favourite songs as well as a couple of new ensembles this year.

Welcome to Zeian Awan-Patel and Cameron Pearse who have both joined Nursery I this term. We look forward to welcoming them into the Maldon Court family.  
Mrs Mason



**NURSERY** - Nursery have continued with our Nursery Rhyme topic this week. They did an excellent job of learning the Makaton sign 'twinkle', which we enjoyed using when we sang one of our favourite rhymes together. The children have also enjoyed using the Book Nook this week, we spent some time in there looking at stories together. Next week we have a new topic – Autumn and Harvest Festival. For optional homework, please bring in a non-perishable food item to put with our Harvest Festival collection.  
Mrs Kim Callaghan



**FORM 2** - Form 2 have enjoyed looking at instructional writing this week. On Wednesday, we made jam sandwiches. The children discussed each of the steps that we had to carry out to make our sandwiches. Once we had made our sandwiches, the children wrote out their recipes. Our final English lesson of the week was to follow a recipe, so we made some delicious fairy cakes!  
Mrs Stephens



**PRE-RECEPTION** - This week in Pre-Reception we have been talking a lot about emotions and the way we might be feeling. A tool we find very effective in teaching this is the story 'The colour monster' which we use a lot in the class. The children also enjoy taking part in our daily feeling activity, we sit as a group and the children pick a coloured button and put it in the matching feeling jar and explain to the group how they are feeling. We have also been created our own colour monsters for a wall display in Pre-Reception. The children picked the emotion they wanted to draw and used the matching-coloured pen to draw this emotion on their own colour monster, some fantastic work. Well done Pre-Reception.  
Mrs Kennedy, Miss Hansell and Mrs Mays



**PE Timetable - W/C 3rd October**

**Onsite PE lesson**

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Pre-Reception Form 1 Form 2		Reception Form 4 Forms 5 and 6
<b>All Weather Pitch Lesson: 1-3pm</b>		<b>Swimming</b>
Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Forms 5 and 6	Forms 3 and 4	Forms 1, 2 and 3
<b>Sports Club - Forms 3 and 4 on Thursday 6th October at the all weather pitch collection at 4.15pm</b>		

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

**FOMCS** - Afternoon Parents. Thank you for your continued donations and support to our preloved uniform shop. Our quiz night is fast approaching - please ensure your entries and monies are in by Tuesday 4th October to guarantee your place. We are looking forward to the event. Have a great weekend.  
Mrs Tsai and Mrs Jeffrey

**MENU W/C 3rd October**

Day	Main	Dessert
<b>Mon</b>	Sausage rolls served with lattice potatoes and baked beans	Shortbread or fruit
<b>Tues</b>	Roast chicken served with roast potatoes, peas, carrots, Yorkshire pudding and gravy	Yoghurt or fruit
<b>Weds</b>	Pasta Bolognese served with sweet corn and salad	Chocolate flapjacks or fruit
<b>Thurs</b>	Sweet and sour chicken served with rice and prawn crackers	Strawberry mousse or fruit
<b>Fri</b>	Hot dogs served with potato wedges and salad	Victoria sponge cake or fruit

