



# MALDON COURT

PREPARATORY SCHOOL

Spring Term 2020

Weekly Newsletter

31st January 2020

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

Please check the school diary on the website.

### CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS WEEK 3RD-7TH FEBRUARY

#### THURSDAY 6th FEBRUARY

Life Support Roadshow

Forms 5 and 6

'Inside Out' Mental Health Day

#### TUESDAY 11th FEBRUARY

Safer Internet Day

#### WEDNESDAY 12th FEBRUARY

Form 5 Class Assembly 9.30am

#### THURSDAY 13th FEBRUARY

Cross Country - Hylands Park

Forms 3 and 4

#### FRIDAY 14th FEBRUARY

Form 3 Cake Sale

Final Swimming for Forms 1,2 and 3

Break up for Half Term

#### MONDAY 17th -

#### FRIDAY 21st FEBRUARY

Half Term

#### MONDAY 24th FEBRUARY

Children return to school

#### WEDNESDAY 26th FEBRUARY

School Trip Form 2

Fingringhoe Nature Reserve

#### FRIDAY 28th FEBRUARY

Swimming starts for

Forms 4,5 and 6



Dear Parents,

The children have all been working very hard this week. Many of our Form 4, 5 and 6 children had their ESB exams on Tuesday and the examiner commented on how impressed she was with them and what lovely children they were. I would like to thank Mrs Deakin for all of her hard work in preparing the children for this and to Mrs Wilkins who works alongside Mrs Deakin to ensure that everything runs smoothly.

In celebration assembly on Tuesday the children were introduced to a new positive behaviour initiative which they will be rewarded and recognised for. All staff will be looking for two children per week in each class that are displaying excellent manners throughout the school day. These children will be rewarded in assembly with a certificate and a sticker and the first ones will be presented this Tuesday.

Finally, next week we will be participating in Children's Mental Health Week to continue to highlight the importance of children and young people's mental health. Over the past year, we have driven forward the message to children about looking after themselves and their emotional well-being. Our wellness room is a superb provision that we now offer to the children and is a place where mindfulness activities take place, meditation sessions, craft activities linked to emotional wellbeing and a general place where children feel safe to speak to staff members if there is anything that is worrying them. Next Thursday we will all be participating in 'Inside Out Day' to highlight the importance of being kind to others as nobody knows how someone may be feeling on the inside. It would be lovely to see the parents supporting this too by wearing their tops inside out for drop off!

**HEADTEACHERS AWARD** Congratulations to Finn Fleming and Jamie Barker who won the award this week. Finn drew an exceptional piece of artwork of All Saint's Church for Canon Carter's leaving card and Jamie Barker has displayed both excellent manners and outstanding effort in class. Well done to both boys.

## ★ HAPPY BIRTHDAY ★

On behalf of everyone at Maldon Court we wish:

George and Samuel Newman, Sophia Nguyen, Isabelle Procter and Alice Wilson a very Happy Birthday.



**NURSERY** - Nursery have really enjoyed learning about Chinese New Year. We made the role play zone into a Chinese Restaurant with menus and plenty of food to choose from. The children enjoyed a Chinese tuff tray with noodles, rice and chopsticks. The children made rat masks to represent The Year of the Rat and even got to taste some Chinese food for snack.

*Mrs Kim Callaghan*



**PRE RECEPTION** - Pre-Reception had a fantastic time at the Sealife Centre, we saw lots of different animals including sting rays, jellyfish, sharks and there were even some monkeys and tortoises there too! The children were very lucky to experience a rockpool encounter where they were able to learn about a starfish and even stroke its skin. We learnt that starfish have bones that live on the outside of their bodies, their favourite food is mussels and they have two stomachs. The children behaved beautifully and absolutely loved learning about lots of different animals, a fantastic school trip was enjoyed by all.

*Mrs Kennedy and Miss Washbourne*



**FUNDRAISING ART COMPETITION** - We are holding an art competition in aid of the animals in Australia that have been injured or orphaned during the bush fires. If you want to enter your child into the competition they will have to draw, paint, sketch or make an animal native to Australia. We are trying to raise money for the injured animals to send off to an animal hospital in Australia. If we all work together then slowly, we can help the poor animals that have been injured. It is a £1 entry fee. There will be two winners in KS1 and two winners in KS2, one boy and one girl who will each receive a prize. The closing date is 24th February. It would be an honour knowing that you have helped to save loving and caring animals. Every penny counts. Thank you in advance.

*Grace Gallagher and Rosie Smith Form 6.*



**CHINESE NEW YEAR** - Nursery, Reception and Form 1 would like to say a huge thank you to Mrs Tsai for coming in on Thursday afternoon to tell us all about Chinese New Year. We learnt so many interesting facts and enjoyed trying on traditional clothes. We enjoyed trying to use chopsticks to pick up noodles, although they were quite slippery! The dragon dance was a huge hit and we had a fantastic time manoeuvring the dragon around the hall in time to traditional Chinese music. Thank you again Mrs Tsai, we all had a wonderful afternoon.



**FORM 1** - Form 1 have been busy this week creating their own counting stories in English. The children enjoyed exploring some different counting books to gather ideas. They then had to plan out their pages and finally create their books. We were very lucky to be able to share our exciting stories with Pre-Reception and Reception. The children all had a lovely time and Form 1 were excellent at reading their stories to the other children.

*Miss Sackett*



**FORM 3** - In Science Form 3 have been investigating how much sugar is put into popular sugary drinks such as Coco-Cola and Sprite. We were amazed to find that 57g of sugar is put into one can of Rockstar energy drink and that Capri sun (which we thought was one of the healthier drinks) has 31g worth of sugar content. We looked at many different drinks and discussed how much healthier it is to drink sugar free drinks than sugary ones. We then recorded our results on a pictogram. Great investigative work Form 3, well done.

*Miss Vaughan*



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**KS2 MUSIC** - This week in music lessons all the KS2 children have performed their compositions from their area of curriculum study. After weeks of planning, preparation and rehearsing we have been delighted by their confident performances to the class. They were able to evaluate each other and give positive comments on each group's work. They have enjoyed playing the percussion instruments and working together to give their best performances.

Mrs Stone



**NATIONAL SCHOOLS EQUESTRIAN ASSOCIATION** - Congratulations to Mathilda Cowell in Form 5 who came an incredible 1st in the Prelim U10 section and 3rd in the overall section of the December Pop Up Dressage. Good Luck Mathilda for the February round. Coming up we have the following at Beechwood EC; 15th February County Dressage Qualifier, 17th February at 5pm Training & 14th March County Show jumping Qualifier and at Duckhurst, Kent; 18th February Grassroots Show jumping. Should anyone be interested in taking part please do get in touch.

Sam Leech; MCPS NSEA Team Manager



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

Wednesday		Thursday	
On Site PE Lesson - Morning			
F1		F2	
PR		R	
F3		F4	
All Weather Pitch Lesson: 1-3pm			
F5		F6	

**Have a lovely weekend**  
**Mrs E Mason**  
**Headteacher**

**FOMCS** - An exciting week for FOMCS finalising dates for upcoming fundraisers and events throughout the rest of the school year. Lookout for WhatsApp messages for more information. We are pleased to say the much anticipated wet play boxes are in progress and will be with the children next week, again a huge thank you for making those possible.

Mrs Lopez and Mrs Stevenson

**NEXT WEEK'S MENU**

Day	Main	Dessert
<b>Mon</b>	Homemade meatballs in tomato sauce served with pasta and sweetcorn	Shortbread or fruit
<b>Tues</b>	Roast gammon served with roast potatoes, seasonal vegetables, Yorkshire puddings and gravy	Fresh fruit salad or yoghurt
<b>Weds</b>	Cumberland pie served with mixed seasonal vegetables	Raspberry jelly or fruit
<b>Thurs</b>	Spanish chicken served with vegetable rice and salad	Jam sponge pudding or fruit
<b>Fri</b>	Harry Ramsden fish served with chips, peas and salad	Chocolate chip cookies or fruit

