



# MALDON COURT

PREPARATORY SCHOOL

Spring Term

Weekly Newsletter

31st March 2023

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

**MONDAY 3rd APRIL**  
**- FRIDAY 14th APRIL**  
Easter Holiday

**MONDAY 17th APRIL**  
Children Return to School  
No Clubs this week

**TUESDAY 18th APRIL**  
11+ Mock Examination

**FRIDAY 21st APRIL**  
Forms 1 and 3  
Colchester Castle

**MONDAY 24th APRIL**  
**- FRIDAY 28th April**  
Form 6 - PGL

**TUESDAY 25th APRIL**  
Form 5 Road Safety Training

**WEDNESDAY 26th APRIL**  
Reception Road Safety Training

**WEDNESDAY 26th APRIL**  
Form 5 - High Five Netball

**MONDAY 1st MAY**  
Bank Holiday

**WEDNESDAY 3rd MAY**  
Form 5 - Class Assembly

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Maldon Court wishes  
Eden Wilkinson, Isla Berryman,  
Ariya Mahar, Sebastian Venus-Bishop,  
Emily Blacknall, Elizabeth Neall,  
Leon Page, Elijah Hawes,  
Mr Coyle and Mrs Fowden  
a very Happy Birthday



Dear Parents,

What a fun and successful last week of term we have all enjoyed. On Friday last week, our KS2 children participated in the Maldon District Rugby Tournament at Drapers Farm. All teams excelled themselves and played to an exceptional standard. In what were the most atrocious playing conditions, our children battled on regardless and showed true grit and determination. We were delighted that one of our Form 5/6 teams were undefeated and won the overall tournament! This is an incredible result and we are so proud of each and every child in every team and year group that represented our school. Well done.

On Tuesday, it was our annual Easter Hat Parade. What a fantastic event with all of our classes participating in a brilliant assembly where they showcased their wonderful creations. The hall was full with children, parents and grandparents having a really lovely morning full of music, laughter and smiling faces. Congratulations to the winners in the table shown overleaf and thank you to everyone for making it such a lovely event.

Thank you to FOMCS for organising the Easter Hunt on Tuesday for all the classes and also the Name the Bunny at the school gate. The children really enjoyed the Hunt and they all got a treat at the end to congratulate them completing it. Congratulations to Isabella and Francesca Russell who won the Name the Bunny competition.

On Wednesday, we waved goodbye to our Form 5 children who embarked on the ever popular 2 night residential trip to Fellowship Afloat. The children have had the most amazing time. They have been powerboating, dredging, sailing, high ropes, archery, team building plus cabin time and doing chores onboard! Please follow this [link](#) for photos on the website. Thank you to Mrs Bonner and Mrs Warman for accompanying the children.

Finally, I would like to wish you all a lovely Easter break and enjoy the time with your family and friends. I look forward to welcoming you all back to school on 17<sup>th</sup> April in full summer uniform, including blazers, boaters and caps. Thank you for maintaining our high standards of presentation for school uniform.

# EASTER HAT PARADE WINNERS

Nursery	Zachary Bandakpara-Taylor	Form 1	Sebastian Dale	Form 4	Emily Blacknall
Pre-Reception	Lucas	Form 2	Francis McGarrity	Form 5	David van Stolk
Reception	Jimmy Crowley	Form 3	Jamie Barker	Form 6	Jacob Tsai

**NURSERY** - Nursery have really enjoyed our topic Spring and Easter. We have been busy over the last fortnight. We enjoyed making our own flowers in the Florist role play shop and created flowers using paint and our hands! The children have been discussing spring flowers, animals and changes in our environment. We were also very excited to see that our daffodils have opened in time for the spring topic. We planted the bulbs last autumn and the children have been tending to them over the winter. The children have also enjoyed some Easter crafts and loved participating in the Easter Bonnet Parade on Tuesday. When we return after Easter, our topic is The Hungry Caterpillar. For optional homework, please create a Hungry Caterpillar picture to display on our Home Link Board. *Mrs Kim Callaghan*



**RECEPTION** - Reception have had a wonderful week and have enjoyed our Easter topic. We made Easter nest cakes and took it in turns to stir the mixture. We made beautiful baskets to take them home in. We also painted beautiful daffodils to give to our parents for Easter. *Miss Wayman*

**RECEPTION AND FORM 1** - Reception and Form 1 had a wonderful day at Oaksbrook Retreat on Thursday. We learnt about the animals at the retreat and went on a nature walk around the grounds. We loved getting to pet the goats and horses. We also got to see how wool was used and turned into hats and jumpers. We each got a turn to spin the wool using a special machine. We finished our day with a delicious picnic lunch. It was wonderful to spend the day learning outside and we all had a fantastic time. *Miss Wayman and Miss Vaughan*



**RUGBY TOURNAMENT** - We are absolutely thrilled to have been crowned champions of the Year 5/6 Maldon Rugby Tournament. This event is hosted by Maldon Rugby Club and this year attracted over 20 teams from across the district. In torrential conditions our first team won every match to be crowned champions and bring home the coveted Culleton Memorial Cup. This is an amazing achievement for a school as small as ours and it is testament to the hard work and dedication of our rugby players. Also playing in the morning was our Year 3/4 team. They too played superbly and won all but one of their matches. Conceding a try in the final seconds of the match, the team finished third of 16 teams based on points. It was a truly magnificent display from a team missing some key players through sickness. We are so proud of all our children and are enormously grateful to Maldon Rugby Club for the time and expertise they put in to promoting rugby across the district.

Mr Coyle



**PE Timetable - W/C 17th APRIL**

**Onsite PE lesson**

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Pre-Reception Form 1 Form 2		Reception Form 1 Form 2
<b>All Weather Pitch Lesson: 1-3pm</b>		<b>Swimming</b>
Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Forms 5 and 6	Forms 3 and 4	Forms 4, 5 and 6

**No Sports Club This Week**

**Wishing you all a lovely Easter break**

**Mrs E Mason  
Headteacher**

**FOMCS** - Dear Parents - What an egg-cellent week the children have had! We were amazed at all the creative ideas in the Easter Hat/Egg parade on Tuesday and hope the children enjoyed the Easter Hunt around school in the afternoon.

Our guess the name of the bunny competition was a big success too and now Rhianne the Rabbit has settled well into Francesca and Isabella Russell's home. We hope you have a wonderful and fun Easter Break with your families.

Mrs Tsai and Mrs Jeffrey

**MENU W/C 17th APRIL**



Day	Main	Dessert
<b>Mon</b>	Macaroni cheese served with garlic bread and salad	Shortbread or fruit
<b>Tues</b>	Roast pork served with roast potatoes, carrots, Yorkshire pudding and gravy	Yoghurt or fruit
<b>Weds</b>	Chicken goujons served with potato puffs and baked beans	Toffee mousse or fruit
<b>Thurs</b>	Chilli con carne served with rice and tortilla chips	Chocoalte flapjacks or fruit
<b>Fri</b>	Crispy coated fish served with chips, peas and salad	Strawberry ice cream or fruit

