



MALDON COURT

PREPARATORY SCHOOL
Weekly Newsletter

Autumn Term 2021

3rd December 2021

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Please check the school diary on the website.

MONDAY 6th DECEMBER

Nursery, Pre-Reception, Reception and KSI Christmas Party

TUESDAY 7th DECEMBER

Form 4 - 11+ Parent Meeting
2.45pm Main Hall

WEDNESDAY 8th DECEMBER

Singing around the Christmas Tree
Gate Opens at 4.45pm

FRIDAY 10th DECEMBER

EYFS Nativity 9.30am

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FOMCS Christmas Fayre
3.30pm - 5pm

MONDAY 13th DECEMBER

FOMCS Christmas Pop up Shop

TUESDAY 14th DECEMBER

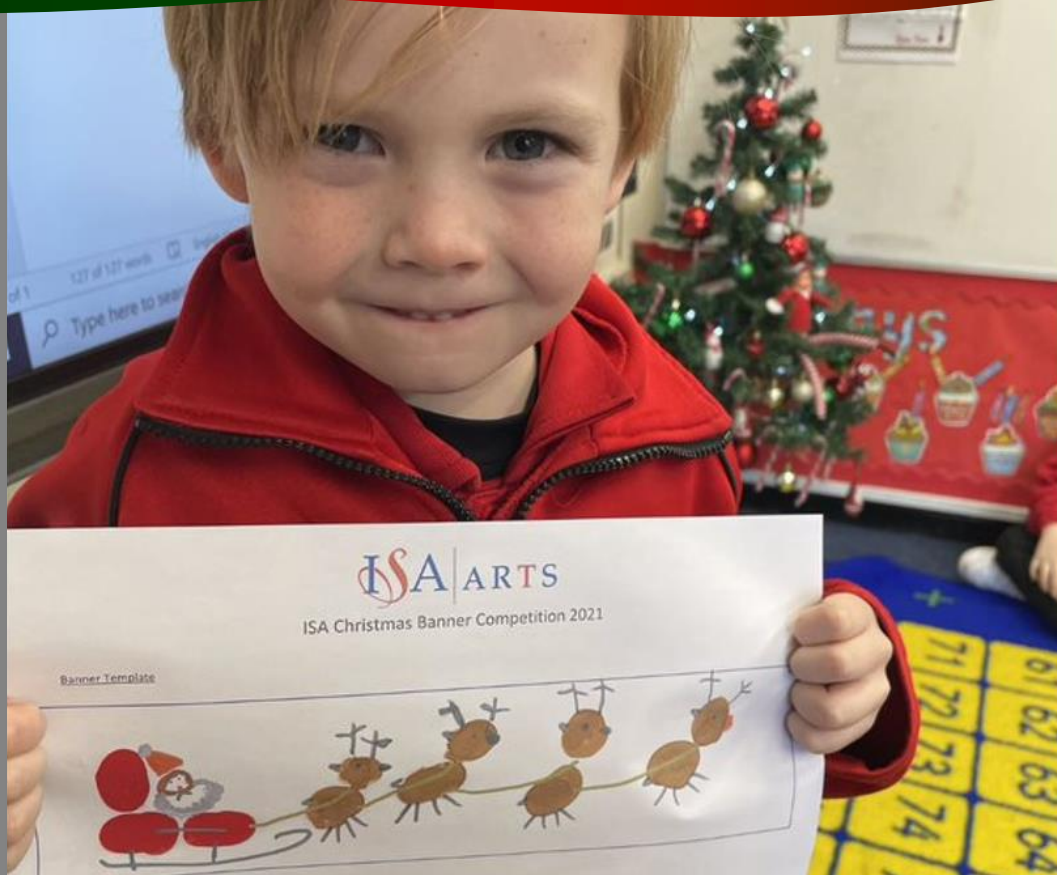
FOMCS Christmas Pop up Shop

TUESDAY 14th DECEMBER

Form 1 School Trip
Colchester Zoo

FRIDAY 17th DECEMBER

Christmas Service
All Saints' Church 9.15am Start



Dear Parents,

Welcome to December and the start of the festive season. We have started our festivities in true Maldon Court fashion with our KS2 visit to the pantomime on Tuesday. The children in Forms 3-6 visited the Civic Theatre in Chelmsford to watch Beauty and the Beast. What a truly wonderful time they all had. They all thoroughly enjoyed themselves and it really was fantastic to see the delight in their faces when watching the performance! The children were a credit to the school and it was a pleasure to accompany them. Thank you to FOMCS and the office staff for organising such a smooth school trip. After the success of the pantomime for KS2, we are now looking forward to some Christmas fun for our EYFS and KSI children. Next week, we are excited for the Christmas parties. Reception, Form 1 and Form 2 will be going to the United Reformed Church for their party and Nursery and Pre-Reception have their parties at school. We are hoping that a special visitor will remember to visit us! Thank you to everyone who makes these days so special.

HEADTEACHER'S AWARD - Congratulations to Beatrice Cowell and Isabella Russell who were presented with the Headteacher's Award this week. Beatrice won it for always trying her best and being so helpful. Isabella represented the school in Cross Country and ran in the year above her age, finishing 21st of 100, a fantastic result. We are so proud of them.

COOL TO BE KIND - Congratulations to Isabelle Procter who won a Cool to be Kind award for her excellent manners.

Finally, thank you for supporting the Unite the Uniform Day today. We have raised money towards the 999 Cenotaph which is to honour everybody who has served in the NHS and emergency services.

★ HAPPY BIRTHDAY ★

Maldon Court wishes
Mitchell Nguyen
a very Happy Birthday

NURSERY- The children were so excited to see the Nursery decorated for our Christmas Topic. They have been spending time in the Grotto that we set up for them, playing with the Christmas cuddly toys and pretending to warm themselves by the play fire. They have also been very busy creating a range of crafts for their Christmas bag, which they will bring home at the end of term. We have also been lucky to receive some new wooden play food and a tea set, the children have loved exploring these toys and there has been lots of tea parties and picnics in Nursery this week. We also had a visit from a Christmas Elf, which the children have named Angel. Angel has been hiding in all sorts of funny places in Nursery this week and the children have loved looking for him. For optional homework, please make a homemade decoration to place on the Nursery Christmas tree and / or create a Christmas picture to display on our Home Link Board.

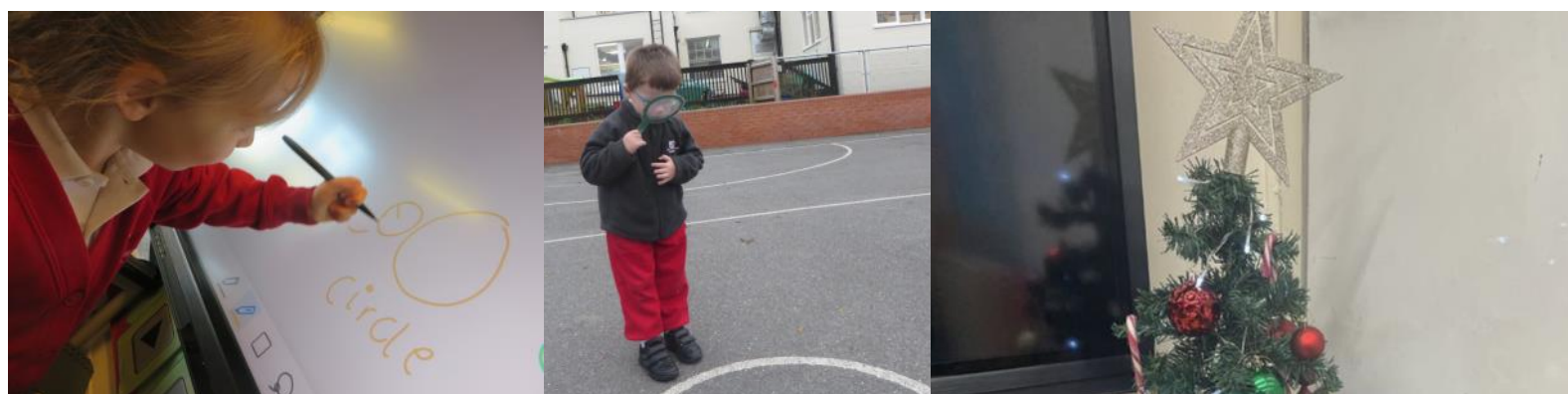
Mrs Kim Callaghan



PRE-RECEPTION - Pre-Reception have continued our Gruffalo topic this week where we have completed some story sequencing and had lots of fun engaging in a Gruffalo crumble fine motor tuff tray.

We have also been looking closely at 2D shapes, engaging in many activities linking with this. The children have been on a shape hunt outside on the playground and inside in the classroom using their magnifying glasses to help find the different shapes. We have also been practising drawing the shapes on our interactive smart board. Great work Pre-Reception!

Mrs Kennedy, Miss Hansell & Mrs Dibben



FORM 1 - Christmas has well and truly begun in Form 1 this week, with a visit from Coco the Elf who is keeping a very close eye on us all at school. In maths this week we have been focusing on 2D and 3D shapes and making patterns. To decorate the classroom, we have made paper chains following strict Christmas colour instructions and patterns which the children all thoroughly enjoyed.

I would like to say a HUGE congratulations to Lucas Day who won the Highly Commended KSI award for the National ISA Christmas Banner Competition. We are all so proud of him. You can see his artwork on the front cover. I am looking forward to the coming weeks with the children and all the fun festive activities we have planned.

Miss Vaughan



FORM 6 - Christmas has arrived in Form 6. The children are very excited that the Christmas Fayre will be going ahead next Friday and they have been very busy making gifts to sell on their stall. We will be continuing the tradition of making gifts that can be sold to raise money for a deserving charity. It is lovely that at this time of the year, when the children are busy thinking of all the gifts that are hoping to receive, to stop and take a moment to think about others who are less fortunate. We have had several charities suggested by the children that they would like to support so we will need to have a class vote to decide which one to pick. This year we have been making some lovely fridge magnets featuring pictures that the children have either drawn or coloured in, which are then stuck behind glass domes to magnify them. The children have loved making them and seem to be planning to buy most of the ones that they have made! Hopefully we will still have a few left to sell to the rest of the school! The children have also been busy practising their readings for the church service and learning this year's festive songs and carols. We are all looking forward to sharing these with you on the final day.

Mrs Summers and Mrs Warman



PE Timetable - W/C 6th December	
Wednesday	Thursday
On Site PE Lesson - Morning	
Pre-Reception Form 1 Form 2	Reception
All Weather Pitch Lesson: 1-3pm	
Forms 5 and 6	Forms 3 and 4
KS2 Sports Club at the all-weather pitch for children in Forms 5 and 6 - Wednesday 8th December	

Have a lovely weekend
Mrs E Mason
Headteacher

FOMCS - What a fabulous time our children had at the pantomime this week! It was lovely to hear all the children laughing, dancing and clapping along and each child was a credit to the school with their excellent behaviour. We are now looking forward to the EYFS and KSI Parties on Monday and Christmas Fayre next Friday. Thank you for all your help and support. *Mrs Tsai and Mrs Jeffrey*

MENU W/C 6th December		
Day	Main	Dessert
Mon	Tomato, ham and cheese pasta served with sweet corn and salad	Shortbread or fruit
Tues	Roast beef served with roast potatoes, broccoli, carrots, Yorkshire pudding and gravy	Yoghurt or fruit
Weds	Sweet and sour chicken served with rice and prawn crackers	Chocolate cookies or fruit
Thurs	Fish in crispy golden breadcrumbs served with chips, peas and salad	Banana mousse or fruit
Fri	Brunch - Sausage, bacon, hash browns and baked beans	Arctic roll or fruit

