



MALDON COURT

PREPARATORY SCHOOL

Spring Term 2022

Weekly Newsletter

3rd February 2023

DATES FOR THE DIARY

MONDAY 6th FEBRUARY

Mental Health Week
Dress to Express Day

TUESDAY 7th FEBRUARY

Safer Internet Day
Pre-Reception and Form 5 School Trip
Sealife Centre - Southend

WEDNESDAY 8th FEBRUARY

Forms 1 and 2 Football Festival
Shrub End - Colchester

MONDAY 13th FEBRUARY - FRIDAY 17th FEBRUARY

Half Term

MONDAY 20th FEBRUARY

Children Return to School
Clubs Continue

WEDNESDAY 22nd FEBRUARY

Form 3 Class Assembly

THURSDAY 23rd FEBRUARY

Forms 5 and 6 Tag Rugby Tournament
Northern Gateway

FRIDAY 24th FEBRUARY

Form 3 Cake Sale

MONDAY 27th FEBRUARY

Life Support Roadshow
Forms 5 and 6

TUESDAY 28th FEBRUARY

World Book Day

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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



Dear Parents,

We have all had a very productive week at Maldon Court. The children excelled themselves on Tuesday when they took part in their ESB exams. The examiner was incredibly impressed with the amount of work that the children put into their presentations and props. They also all spoke well, read their poems and prose beautifully and read their book passages with confidence and clarity. Well done to all the children.

Our Form 6 children had a special delivery on Thursday. Their leaver's hoodies arrived! It is a bittersweet time. Whilst we love giving the children their hoodies in preparation for after half term when they can wear them to swimming on a Friday, it is also a stark reminder of just how quickly a school year goes. Half a school year has gone next week. Where does the time go? The children were super excited to receive them and as a special treat could wear them in class on Thursday. Our lovely Form 6 children have such a special bond between all of them; they are an exemplary example to the rest of the school and we are all so proud of them. Enjoy your hoodies Form 6!

Next week, we are having participating in Mental Health Week. To start the week, on Monday we are doing Dress to Express where children can choose what to wear that expresses their personality. Please refer to the ParentMail sent last week for further details. The staff have been working hard to come up with some really fun activities for the children which they will participate in throughout the week. We hope that this really important week is both educational and raises awareness of such an important topic. To coincide with this week, we are always doing Safer Internet Day where the children will be reminded of how to stay safe online and the importance of always staying vigilant. Finally, thank you for your support in getting the children to school by 8.45am. It has made a huge difference and ensures that the children are all settled and starting the school day as quickly and efficiently as possible.

HEADTEACHER'S AWARD - Congratulations to Rose Jones who won the Headteacher award this week for trying extremely hard in the Little Wandle reading sessions and reading with fantastic expression.



NURSERY - For our new topic – Up in the Air, the children have enjoyed going for a ride in their very own hot air balloon. We created this in Nursery and the children have been watching video footage of real hot air balloons. To further support and develop this, the children painted with balloons! It was great fun and very messy. The children have also enjoyed discussing the results of their Birdwatch activity. Together, we discussed and counted the birds they spotted in their gardens last weekend.



Next week, our topic is Around the World, for optional homework, please bring in a photo of a family holiday for our Around the World Board.

Mrs Kim Callaghan

PRE-RECEPTION - Continuing our numbers and colours topic, Pre-Reception have had lots of fun experimenting with colour in the tuff tray, using pipettes to add colour onto the rainbow templates. This has also developed fine motor skills. The children were interested in the colours and remembered from our activity last week what happens when certain colours are mixed together.

The children have also painted their own colour wheels, taking care to paint each section carefully staying in the lines.
Mrs Kennedy and Miss Hansell



FORM 4 - Last week, we learnt about trade and crafts in the Indus Valley. We discussed the importance of trade and the areas they traded with, how goods were transported and the things they made and what we can learn about the Indus people from these. We also made our own seals, it is believed that Indus trades people and artisans wore these to show what they made, a sort of identity card. Ours show something about us.

This week we looked at their technology, we measured using their weights and made Indus Valley rulers. *Mrs Baron*



FORM 5 - Form 5 had a wonderful morning creating 'Pandora's box' out of air-dry clay. These fantastic pieces brought together the children's mythology studies in English lessons, Greek pattern studies in art lessons and tested their 3D shape knowledge. The children took lots of care and the boxes look fantastic- they should be ready to come home soon!

Mrs Warman



PUPIL VOICE - We have interviewed a few classes on what their favourite aspects of PE are: In Form 6 Maggie Alexander said her favourites sports are Cricket, Athletics and Netball. She especially likes how everyone works as a team and she is looking forward to the Swimming Gala at the end of the year. Jacob Day said that he enjoys Hockey and the team bleep test; "they are great fun"!. Form 3 are very enthusiastic about all sports but some of their favourites are; Hockey, Dodgeball and Rugby. They are really looking forward their first year of participating in the Swimming Gala.
Scarlett Abrehart and Elijah Hawes - Form 6

PE Timetable - W/C 6th FEBRUARY		
Onsite PE lesson		
Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Pre-Reception		Reception
Form 1		
Form 2		
All Weather Pitch Lesson: 1-3pm		Swimming
Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Forms 5 and 6	Forms 3 and 4	Forms 1, 2 and 3
Sports Club for Forms 5 and 6 Wednesday 8th February - All Weather Pitch Collection at 4.15pm		

Wishing you all a lovely weekend
Mrs E Mason - Headteacher

FOMCS - We hope you have had a lovely week and been enjoying the spring sunshine. We have organised and contributed to the Form 6 leaver's hoodies which our children received this week and hope they are thrilled with them. They will be able to wear them after half term and they have some wonderful colour choices and designs. We can't believe they will be finishing their primary school chapter in only 6 months time! *Mrs Tsai and Mrs Jeffrey*.

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MENU W/C 6th FEBRUARY		
Day	Main	Dessert
Mon	Tomato and cheese pasta served with garlic bread	Flapjack or Fruit
Tues	Roast chicken served with roast potatoes, carrots, Yorkshire pudding and gravy	Yoghurt or fruit
Weds	Chinese style pork served with vegetable rice and salad	Chocolate mousse or fruit
Thurs	Hot dogs served with chips and salad	Raspberry jelly or fruit
Fri	Crispy battered fish served with herbed potatoes, peas and salad	Waffles and chocolate sauce or fruit

