



MALDON COURT

PREPARATORY SCHOOL

Spring Term 2021

Weekly Newsletter

5th March 2021

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Please check the school diary on the website.

MONDAY 8th MARCH

Children Return to School
Clubs commence

TUESDAY 16th MARCH

Class Photographs

FRIDAY 19th MARCH

Red Nose Day

MONDAY 22nd MARCH

Danbury Outdoors - Form 4 TBC

FRIDAY 26th MARCH

Academic Reports sent to Parents

MONDAY 29th MARCH - FRIDAY 9th APRIL

Easter Holidays

MONDAY 12th APRIL

INSET DAY

TUESDAY 13th APRIL

Children Return to School
Clubs Resume

WEDNESDAY 14th - FRIDAY 16th APRIL

Fellowship Afloat - Form 5 TBC



Dear Parents,

I am sure that it will be music to your ears that this week marks the final week of remote learning for the children. The children should be so proud of themselves. They have had a year like no other and they have surpassed themselves with their resilience to the circumstances they have had to deal with. It has been so hard for them to not be able to see their friends, to not be able to participate in their clubs both inside and outside of school and for their daily routines to have changed so much. However, rest assured that we have been working hard to ensure that when the children return on Monday, they will transition back into the everyday school routine with ease. We are delighted that we can offer clubs immediately and also that we are increasing PE time as this will most definitely have an impact on the emotional and mental wellbeing of the children. In addition to this, our Wellness room will be open and children can use this as before. It really will be wonderful to have the children back and if I could ask for your cooperation on the gate to get the children in as seamlessly as possible next week it will most definitely be of benefit to everyone.

On Thursday, we celebrated World Book Day with a wonderful day filled with so many fun activities for the children. The children also dressed up for their Zoom lessons and our Nursery and Pre Reception children and staff came into school dressed as their favourite book characters. We have compiled a fantastic video of all the wonderful costumes that the children wore. [You can watch it here.](#)

Congratulations to Pip Cowell who received a Cool to be Kind award this week and all of the children who received a Headteacher's Award.

★ **HAPPY BIRTHDAY** ★

Maldon Court wishes -
Mr Guest
a very Happy Birthday

HEADTEACHER'S AWARD

		Nursery	Jacob Simpson
Pre-Reception	Sofia Hayward	Reception	Aidan Lacey
Form 1	Jamie Barker	Form 2	Henry Mee
Form 3	Mia Tolhurst	Form 4	Martha Smith
Form 5	Arnold Head	Form 6	Sophia Harvey

NURSERY - The Nursery children really enjoyed our Jungle Topic. They loved playing in our jungle den that we made together. We also created a jungle themed tuff tray, we added green and brown textures, pasta and rice and the children played with the jungle animals, making up games and moving them through the different media. The children have been building with the Duplo this week, they love making a range of constructions and discussing them. They have made ice creams, shops and even the Eiffel Tower! Next week our new topic is Science. For optional homework, please make some slime and upload a photo or recording of your finished result onto Tapestry. *Mrs Kim Callaghan*



PRE-RECEPTION - This week Pre-Reception have been focusing on the topic 'Spring'. As part of this topic, we have been looking at the different spring flowers growing around the school and talking about how we care for plants. We discussed how some flowers come from seeds and that they need water and sunshine to help them grow. To extend this further, Pre-Reception have then enjoyed using the school tablets to have a go at painting their own spring flowers, whilst discussing about nectar and how it is used by bees to make honey! We have also been working on our scissor control using the spring cutting worksheets. These have encouraged the children to follow along the lines using the scissors and practise their scissor movements.

Pre-Reception were very excited to dress up for world book day yesterday. It was fantastic to see so many different costumes and read various books with the children. *Miss Washbourne and Miss Denyer*





You will need:

Children may have lots of different feelings about going back to school after lockdown. Help your child fill in the boxes below to explore these feelings, and anything they're worried about. Find ways they can cope with their worries by using the Golden Rules for Choosing a Good Solution.

I am looking forward to ... Seeing my friends My favourite lesson	
I am worried about ... Catching the virus Not being able to play my favourite game in the playground Being away from Mum/Dad	What I can do to feel better ... Find out how the teachers are making my school safe Think of a different game Tell my friend/teacher how I feel

Remember: Sometimes we can change the situation by doing something, e.g. playing a different game. But if we can't change the situation, such as having to be away from our family, then we have to accept it and find a way to feel better.

Golden Rules for Choosing a Good Solution

It makes me feel better It doesn't hurt me or anyone else

We have really missed all of the children and can't wait to see their happy, smiling faces next week. Some of the children may be feeling a little anxious about returning to school and the teachers will be helping the children to reconnect with their friends and reflect on lockdown. Please find some activities for your child and advice below.

Advice for children who may be anxious about going back to school

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/ea/public/eapsychservices/uploads/sites/2803/2020/07/17123321/Non-Easy-Read-Child-Anxiety-Resource-V1.pdf>

Ideas for preparing to return to school

<https://education.gov.scot/media/ruufd3ds/ideas-for-returning-to-school.pdf>

Advice on supporting children returning to school after lockdown

<https://nipinthebud.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/Supporting-Children-Returning-to-School-After-the-Lockdown.pdf>

Helping your child to cope with anxiety

<https://education.gov.scot/media/pqid1btn/helping-your-child.pdf>

Big events and achievements

During lockdown have any of your friends and family had birthdays?, have there been any births or illnesses?, have you achieved anything?, learnt a new skill?, mastered a new craft or activity?

Remember them here:



What can YOU do to get ready for school?

There might be things you can do to help yourself feel better about any worries or concerns that you have. Others may be able to help you too.

Things I can do to help myself:





PE Timetable - W/C 8th March

Wednesday

Thursday

On Site PE Lesson - Morning

Pre-Reception

Reception

Form 1

Form 5

Form 2

Form 6

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 10th March

Have a lovely weekend
Mrs E Mason
Headteacher

FOMCS - We're looking forward to the children returning to school and hopefully getting back on track with some fundraising plans.
Mrs Lopez and Mrs Stevenson

MENU W/C 8th MARCH

Day	Main	Dessert
Mon	Pasta Bolognese served with sweet corn and salad	Flapjack or fruit
Tues	Roast beef served with roast potatoes, broccoli, carrots	Strawberry mousse or fruit
Weds	Sweet and sour chicken served with rice, prawn crackers and salad	Vanilla Sponge or fruit
Thurs	Sausages, chips and baked beans	Yoghurt or fruit
Fri	Young's fish fingers served with herbed potatoes, peas and salad	Arctic roll or fruit

