



# MALDON COURT

PREPARATORY SCHOOL

Autumn Term

Weekly Newsletter

6th October 2023

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

### TUESDAY 10th OCTOBER

Harvest Festival  
9.15am All Saints Church

### THURSDAY 12th OCTOBER

Tag Rugby Tournament  
Forms 3 and 4

### MONDAY 16th OCTOBER

School in Action Day  
11+ Results Published

### TUESDAY 17th OCTOBER

Dodgeball Tournament  
Forms 5 and 6

### MONDAY 23rd OCTOBER - FRIDAY 3rd NOVEMBER

Half Term

### MONDAY 6th NOVEMBER

Children Return to School

### TUESDAY 7th NOVEMBER

Individual and Sibling Photographs

## STARS OF THE WEEK



KS1 Mabel Rota

KS2 Isabel Dunkin



KS1 Alice Heath

KS2 Jessica Strong



KS1 Finn Lacey

KS2 Lorelai Bamgboye

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Maldon Court wishes  
Reuben Fletcher, Cameron,  
Autumn Wilkinson, Frankie Bannister,  
Daniel Baker and Mrs Baron  
a very Happy Birthday



Dear Parents,

This week, our children took part in our traditional Maldon Court Conker competition. As always, this is led by our wonderful Form 6 children who do a fantastic job leading and invigilating the many matches from Reception all the way through to Form 6. It was a fantastic afternoon filled with lots of fun, laughter and competitiveness. There were some brilliant shots that I witnessed – I was so impressed! It was a wonderful afternoon; thank you for organising your child with a conker and thank you to Mr Coyle and Form 6 for the superb tournament set up. Congratulations to all children and a special well done to the winners.

Our Harvest Service will be taking place at All Saints' Church on Tuesday at 9.15am. It is always a lovely service and the children have been working so hard on their songs and readings to share with you. I look forward to seeing you all there next week to celebrate together. Although it is not customary to do a retiring collection at Harvest, this year we will be doing one for the charities Mind and Winston's Wish. Thank you in advance for your support.

I would like to welcome Mrs Spicer who joins us as part of our strong and established midday team. I would also like to welcome both Sienna and Inara Knapp in Nursery who started with us this week. I know that they will all be welcomed into the Maldon Court family.

**HEADTEACHER'S AWARD** - Congratulations to Sophia Nguyen in Form 5 who won the Headteacher's award for challenging herself, excellent focus and for writing brilliant and engaging stories. Congratulations also to Noah Bruno Sanchez for being an excellent buddy.



**NURSERY** - Our topic this week has been Autumn. The children have been exploring the role play zone by pretending to serve each other food and produce in the Farm Shop we created for them. They loved weighing the food, filling up the shopping baskets and using the play till to pay for their purchases. They also made paintings using conkers, they dipped the conkers into the autumn coloured paint and printed. Our tuff trays were full of autumn leaves and we set up the train track for the children to enjoy. Next week, this topic continues. We will be focusing on Harvest Festival. For optional homework, please bring in an item for Harvest Festival and / or complete the autumn checklist we have sent home.

Mrs Kim Callaghan



**PRE-RECEPTION** - Pre-Reception have really enjoyed our weekly P.E sessions, this week we practised ball skills and a variety of ways in which a ball can be controlled. The children practised rolling, throwing, and bouncing, working in pairs. We also discussed why it is important to exercise and what happens to our bodies when we exercise, the children have picked this up so quickly and if you ask them, I'm sure they will be able to tell you the impact of exercise on their bodies.

Mrs Kennedy and Miss Hansell



**FORM I** - Form I absolutely loved completing a collaborative piece of work in this week's geography lesson. We have been learning all about the UK and the four countries in it. We learnt all about the countries' four different characteristics and then collated this information on a HUGE piece of paper. Every child played their part and worked as a team to include lots of interesting facts. I was blown away by the results, well done Form I. What a fantastic lesson!

Miss Vaughan





**FORM 2** - Form 2 had a fantastic visit to Maldon library this week. We met Bridget who read us a selection of stories before showing us how to check out books using the machine. The children then had some time to peruse the shelves and choose a book to check out independently.

We found out about all of the services the library offers including Lego club, knitting club and they even have a keyboard with headphones you can sit and play! We thoroughly enjoyed the visit and hope to go back again soon. *Mrs Caldwell*



**CONKER COMPETITION** - The children from Reception through to Form 6 all enjoyed our annual Conker Competition that took place on Monday. Listed opposite are all the winners from each class, well done to you all. They were presented with their certificates in Celebration Assembly today. Thank you to the Form 6 children who did a diligent job of umpiring each round.

*Mr Coyle*

Reception	Sebastian Sinnott
Form 1	Ethan Bandakpara-Taylor
Form 2	Sebastian Dale
Form 3	Megan Kitterhing-Best
Form 4	Austin Procter
Form 5	Samuel Abrehart
Form 6	Mya Chambers





**FORM 5** - Form 5 enjoyed investigating Semaphores during Computing this Tuesday. This builds on our knowledge of codes, keys and ciphers! The children enjoyed interpreting the flag signals and even practised signalling their own names. Mrs Warman



### PE Timetable - W/C 9th OCTOBER

Day	Form	Lesson
<b>Wednesday</b>	Forms 3, 4, 5 and 6	Off site PE
	Sports Club for Forms 5 and 6 collection at 4.15pm	Off site club
<b>Thursday</b>	Pre-Reception, Forms 1 and 2	On site PE
<b>Friday</b>	Reception	On site PE
	Forms 5 and 6	Swimming

**Wishing you all a lovely weekend**  
**Mrs E Mason**  
**Headteacher**

### MENU W/C 9th OCTOBER



Day	Main	Dessert
<b>Mon</b>	Breaded chicken fillet served with lattice potatoes, peas and salad	Shortbread or fruit
<b>Tues</b>	Roast gammon served with roast potatoes, carrots, Yorkshire pudding and gravy	Yoghurt or fruit
<b>Weds</b>	Moroccan chicken served with rice and mixed vegetables	Strawberry mousse or fruit
<b>Thurs</b>	Cheese and bacon pasta served with sweet corn and salad	Iced vanilla sponge and sprinkle or fruit
<b>Fri</b>	Sausages served with potato puffs and baked beans	Chocolate flapjacks or fruit

**FOMCS** - Good afternoon parents. Well done to Form 6 on their fantastic bake sale last Friday raising £81 from their tasty treats. The children have started their Christmas artwork designs this week in school for the annual cards and gift ordering. We are using a new company this year called My Childs Art who have great reviews, after listening to feedback from parents from the previous company we used. More details to follow on this in due course. Have a lovely weekend. Mrs Tsai and Mrs Jeffrey

