



MALDON COURT

PREPARATORY SCHOOL

Spring Term 2020

Weekly Newsletter

7th February 2020

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Please check the school diary on the website.

TUESDAY 11th FEBRUARY

Safer Internet Day

WEDNESDAY 12th FEBRUARY

Form 5 Class Assembly 9.30am

THURSDAY 13th FEBRUARY

Cross Country - Hylands Park
Forms 3 and 4

FRIDAY 14th FEBRUARY

Form 3 Cake Sale
Final Swimming for Forms 1,2 and 3
Break up for Half Term

MONDAY 17th -

FRIDAY 21st FEBRUARY

Half Term

MONDAY 24th FEBRUARY

Children return to school

WEDNESDAY 26th FEBRUARY

School Trip to
Fingringhoe Nature Reserve - Form 2

FRIDAY 28th FEBRUARY

Swimming starts for
Forms 4,5 and 6

THURSDAY 5th MARCH

World Book Day
Themed Lunch
FOMCS Book Sale



Dear Parents,

I am delighted to say that all of the children have embraced the activities that they have participated in for Children's Mental Health Week in class and in assemblies. The theme for the week was 'Find Your Brave' and you will find in your child's bag a sheet for them to complete over the weekend to consolidate this. On Wednesday, the children had an assembly on what being brave means and they all came up with some wonderful ideas. We then moved on to thinking of a time when they have been brave and some children came to the front to mime when they have been brave for the rest of the school to guess. This was so popular that I have promised them we would continue with this next week as well. I would like to thank you all for your support for our 'Inside Out Day' on Thursday. The aim of this day was to highlight that although people may appear happy on the outside, they may not be feeling happy on the inside and to this effect we must always be kind. This was discussed in assembly too and as always the children were thoughtful and mature with their responses.

This week has been the first week of our newly introduced initiative of the Excellent Manners Award. On Tuesday, I visited another school in Colchester. It is always interesting to visit other schools and not least to reinforce just how superb our children are. The children at our school display not only excellent manners but are also courteous, polite and respectful to others. They are an absolute credit to you, themselves and Maldon Court. The winners of the award this week are: George Fisher, Millicent Smith, Daniel Baker, Isabel Dunkin, Maggie Alexander, Jacob Tsai, Elliott Symons, Emely Dunkin, Miguel Kitasoboka and Aden Karimi. Congratulations to these children.

A Cool to be Kind award this week was awarded to Sofia Fisher, Swimmer of the Week is James Hull and congratulations to Arnold Head and Lauren Griggs who put a leaf on the school Achievement Tree.

★ HAPPY BIRTHDAY ★

On behalf of everyone at Maldon Court we wish:

Finn Lacey, Scarlett Abrehart,
Mathilda Cowell and Alex Jones
a very Happy Birthday

WET PLAY GAMES - I would like to thank FOMCS who have very kindly provided the children with some wonderful wet play games for when bad weather prevents them from playing outside. The children suggested some games that they would like and these ideas were forwarded on to FOMCS. Yesterday, the bags filled with games for the children were delivered by Mrs Lopez and these will be given to the children in celebration assembly on Tuesday. I would like to thank you all for supporting the fundraising that FOMCS implement over the year and I know that the children will love playing with these games.
Mrs Mason



NURSERY - Nursery have been very creative this week for our topic Expressive Arts. We have been using the musical instruments, dancing, painting and enjoying the dressing up clothes. This topic continues next week and we have even more messy, creative fun planned. If you have not already created a picture for optional homework, please bring in a collage or painting that shows your creative side.
Mrs Kim Callaghan



RECEPTION - Reception have been enjoying learning about Noah's Ark this week. We designed and created foil arks to keep two animals in. We had to design them to ensure that they would float on water. We discussed ways to ensure they would float, such as making sure there was a flat surface at the bottom of the ark. We were very excited to test them on the water and were pleased that most of them floated and kept the animals safe and dry.
Miss Wayman



WELLNESS - The children have enjoyed a range of activities in Wellness Club this week to mark Children's Mental Health Week. They have enjoyed practising some Yoga moves, playing a 'pick the stick' game, where, depending on which colour stick they pick up, they share a happy memory, name a quality that makes them a good friend, name an animal they'd like to be etc. They've also enjoyed colouring, making friendship bracelets and snuggling on the bean bags with their friends. The Wellness Club continues to be very popular with boys and girls of all ages. We also use the room as a calm, quiet space for any child who may be feeling upset or need some 'time out'. After half term new activities will be introduced.
Mrs Wilkins













INSIDE OUT DAY



PE Timetable - W/C 10th February

Wednesday Thursday

On Site PE Lesson - Morning

F1

F5

PR

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F2

F6

All Weather Pitch 1-3pm

F3

F4

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs E Mason

Headteacher

FOMCS - We are pleased to say we have delivered the much anticipated wet play bags to the school this week. They will be given to the classes during assembly next week. We hope you've all had a chance to read our letter re. a Summer Fayre. Without your help we simply cannot hold such an enjoyable event, thank you to those who have offered help already.
Mrs Lopez and Mrs Stevenson

NEXT WEEK'S MENU

| Day | Main | Dessert |
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| Mon | Chilli con carne served with rice and warm tortilla chips. | Flapjacks or fruit |
| Tues | Roast beef served with roast potatoes, seasonal vegetables, Yorkshire puddings and gravy. | Fresh fruit salad or yoghurt |
| Weds | Chicken and ham pasta bake served with sweet corn and salad. | Apple crumble and custard or fruit |
| Thurs | Sausage rolls served with potato croquettes, beans and salad. | Chocolate mousse or fruit |
| Fri | Fish fingers served with herbed potatoes, peas and salad. | Arctic roll or fruit |

