



MALDON COURT

PREPARATORY SCHOOL

Autumn Term 2022

Weekly Newsletter

7th October 2022

DATES FOR THE DIARY

MONDAY 10th OCTOBER

Conker Competition

MONDAY 10th OCTOBER

Open Day

TUESDAY 11th OCTOBER

Harvest Festival

All Saints Church 9.15am

THURSDAY 13th OCTOBER

11+ Results Posted to Parents

THURSDAY 13th OCTOBER

Conker Competition Final

MONDAY 17th OCTOBER -

FRIDAY 28th OCTOBER

Half Term

MONDAY 31st OCTOBER

Children Return to School

Clubs Resume

TUESDAY 8th NOVEMBER

Individual and Sibling Photographs

TUESDAY 8th NOVEMBER

Parent's Evening

3.40 - 6.00pm

THURSDAY 10th NOVEMBER

Parent's Evening

5.00 - 8.00pm

MONDAY 14th NOVEMBER

Anti Bullying Week

Odd Sock Day

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Maldon Court wishes
Cameron, Frankie Bannister,
Riley Tai, Daniel Baker and
Mrs Baron
a very Happy Birthday



Dear Parents,

We are really looking forward to welcoming you to our Harvest Festival service on Tuesday at 9.15am. The children have been working hard on their Harvest Festival songs and readings. Thank you for all of your generous donations which will be distributed next week to the Maldon and Dengie Food Banks.

This week, our Forms 4, 5 and 6 children that chose to participate in ESB this year started their lessons. The children were all well prepared and have started with their usual enthusiasm for their lessons. Well done to all children.

Today, our Forms 3 and 4 rugby team are participating in a local Tag Rugby Tournament at Drapers Farm. Good luck to all the children and have lots of fun.

HEADTEACHER'S AWARD - Congratulations to Grace Jeffrey for winning the award this week for her excellent progress in English and Maths. Congratulations also to Elizabeth Neall who was awarded the Headteacher's award for being recognised by members of the public outside school for displaying exemplary manners, being well behaved and for being smart and well presented. In the email it stated that 'she was a magnificent ambassador for the school'. Congratulations to both girls. Also, Forms 1, 2 and 3 have all won a Headteacher's Award for an amazing swimming session on Friday and for getting changed so quickly and efficiently afterwards. This meant that we were back at school by 3.15pm - a record! All children in the classes were rewarded with putting marbles in the tin.

Congratulations to Isabelle Procter who has won a Cool to be Kind award this week.

Finally, I am looking forward to coming to the FOMCS quiz night tonight at 7.30pm in the school hall. I am sure it will be a fun evening; thank you to FOMCS for organising this event for our Maldon Court community. Remember your drinks and nibbles for your table!

NURSERY - Nursery have had such a fun week! We have really enjoyed the start of our new topic – Autumn and Harvest Festival. We particularly enjoyed our walk to the Prom on Tuesday. The children had a great experience collecting leaves and conkers together. We also enjoyed our snack whilst we were there and enjoyed looking at all the interesting shop displays as we walked through the town. Once we were back at Nursery we counted the conkers we had collected and discussed the size and the feel of each of them. With our Autumn leaves we created leaf paintings. Next week, this topic continues, for optional homework please bring in a non perishable food item for Harvest Festival (Monday will be the last day for this) and complete the Autumn check list we have sent home this week.

Mrs Kim Callaghan



PRE-RECEPTION - This week in Pre-Reception we have been looking at signs of Autumn, we used lots of autumnal items found on an Autumn walk in a capacity themed tuff tray, where we looked at weight and capacity.

The children have also experimented with the computer to complete an Autumn leaf, the children developed their hand-eye co-ordination to use the mouse to click and drag adding autumn colours onto their leaf. These are proudly displayed on the display board in the classroom.

Mrs Kennedy, Miss Hansell and Mrs Mays



RECEPTION - Reception have enjoyed learning about Autumn this week. As part of our Autumn topic, we searched for signs of Autumn on a walk around the school. We found lots of crunchy leaves on the ground. We came back to the classroom and used an Autumn word mat to write down what we found. Very well done Reception. Miss Wayman



FORM 1 - In Science this half term Form 1 have been learning all about the 5 senses. We have been completing various sense investigations such as smell tests and sight pictograms. This week we had our very fun and exciting tasting lesson, where we tried numerous foods such as lemon juice, tomato ketchup and sweeties. The children were then tasked of finding the best describing words. As a trick, I also turned some food and drink different colours. We had bright orange mash and dark green orange juice. The children were all asked to taste these strange looking foods to see if they could recognise them! It was very exciting and the children all guessed correctly. Well done this half term Form 1, keep it up.

Miss Vaughan



FORM 4 - In History, we have been learning about Anglo-Saxon life; their homes, their food, how they dressed, what they did in their leisure time and the stories they told. This week, we made clay, coil pots, just as the Anglo-Saxons would have done. It was not as easy as it looked.

Mrs Baron



FORM 6 - Form 6 have been learning about evolution in science. This week we looked at what fossils are, and how they are formed. Next, we learned about how they provide important information to our understanding of evolution and that they are the only evidence we have about long extinct creatures. Archaeopteryx for example, is key evidence of a link between flying dinosaurs and early birds. We had a lot of fun making our own fake fossils using plaster of paris.

Before finding out who the puzzle solvers in our class were by trying to reassemble a complicated dinosaur bone puzzle sheet by figuring out which bones belonged to which skeleton.

Mrs Summers












ECO COMMITTEE - Mrs Summers and Miss Oxford are so impressed with the dedication and enthusiasm from our Eco Committee. Last week they hosted a wonderful event, and they have written this message for everyone: Last week the Eco Committee had a book swap. We would like to thank you for bringing in books for the event. Lots of children swapped their books for other books to read and they were so happy to take new ones home. The books that were left over were either taken to the classroom bookshelves or they have been donated to charity.
Eco Committee



PE Timetable - W/C 10th October		
Onsite PE lesson		
Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Pre-Reception Form 1 Form 2		Reception
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 - Forms 5 and 6 on Wednesday 12th October at the all weather pitch collection at 4.15pm		

MENU W/C 10th October		
Day	Main	Dessert
Mon	Crispy chicken wraps served with potato puffs, sweet corn and salad	Flapjacks or fruit
Tues	Roast pork served with roast potatoes, peas, carrots, Yorkshire pudding and gravy	Yoghurt or fruit
Weds	Chilli con carne served with rice and warm tortilla chips	Strawberry mousse or fruit
Thurs	Carbonara pasta bake served with garlic bread and salad	Apple crumble and custard or fruit
Fri	Three cheese pizza served with chips and salad	Toffee ice cream or fruit

Wishing you all a lovely weekend
Mrs E Mason - Headteacher

FOMCS - We are looking forward to our Quiz Night this evening - we know there is a lot of competition already and hope it will be a fun night for all. This week we launched our AmazonSmile fundraising initiative. It is so easy to support FOMCS with this and once you have set it up it runs itself so every time you purchase from Amazon you are raising money for our school and children. Please see the ParentMail sent out earlier this week with details of this. Mrs Tsai and Mrs Jeffrey.

