



MALDON COURT

PREPARATORY SCHOOL

Autumn Term 2019

Weekly Newsletter

8th November 2019

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Please check the school diary on the website.

MONDAY 11th NOVEMBER

Individual and sibling photographs

11+ Information meeting for Form 4 2.45pm

TUESDAY 12th NOVEMBER

Form 2 visit to All Saints' Church

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Parents' Evening - 3.40– 6pm

WEDNESDAY 13th NOVEMBER

Anti-Bullying - Odd Sock day

THURSDAY 14th NOVEMBER

Cross Country - Hylands Park

Forms 3 and 4

Parents' Evening 6 - 8pm

FRIDAY 15th NOVEMBER

Form 5 Cake Sale

Children in Need

MONDAY 18th NOVEMBER

Colchester Castle Trip

Forms 3 and 4

FOMCS Pop up Shop

TUESDAY 19th NOVEMBER

Colchester Zoo Trip

Reception Class

FOMCS Pop up Shop

WEDNESDAY 27th NOVEMBER

Flu Immunisations

THURSDAY 28th NOVEMBER

FOMCS Christmas Fayre



Dear Parents,

Welcome back. I hope that you all had a wonderful half term break with your family. Firstly, I would like to welcome Mrs Nicola Elsweiler, our new Reception class Teaching Assistant and Mrs Kirsty Hancock who joins our Midday Assistant team. We also have Mr Steve Wells joining us as our newly appointed Site Manager. I know that they will thoroughly enjoy their new roles and that everyone will make them very welcome.

As always, we utilise every moment that the children are not in school to continue to improve the provision of the school for the children. This half term, we have continued to improve the playground. There are now new brick walls around the reception area, at the back of the playground and the steps leading to reception have been replaced. I am also delighted to inform you that the Wellness room has been freshly painted over the half term break. The children decided on the theme and helped choose the colours for it. We now have a fresh brilliant white plus a lovely blue to depict the sky. Mrs Fleming has been hard at work this week painting some beautiful clouds with rainbow raindrops as a mural and the room looks superb. This is now an outstanding provision which is incredibly popular with all of the children where they can have quiet, relaxing time and learn the benefits of meditation and mindfulness for their emotional well-being.

I look forward to seeing you all at Parents' Evening next week – please refer to the separate ParentMail for further details regarding this. Finally, Odd Sock Day is on Wednesday. This is an important day where we learn to respect everyone and that each and every child is unique and special in their own way.

HEADTEACHER'S AWARD - Congratulations to Florence Curtis in Form 4 who won the award this week for her outstanding effort in all lessons.

NURSERY - This week, Nursery have enjoyed a Fireworks topic. We have been making our own craft fireworks to play with during role play time. The children love having physical time in the hall. We made use of the musical instruments and pretended to be fireworks as we ran around the hall making a range of sounds. Next week our topic is: Nursery Rhymes. For optional homework please make a picture to represent your favourite nursery rhyme. Don't forget to bring something in for our new Show and Tell Box, which is situated outside the main door of Nursery.

Mrs Kim

Callaghan



RECEPTION - This week, Reception have been looking at special celebrations, including Diwali and Firework Night. We read the story of Rama and Sita and created some beautiful Rangoli patterns on the playground with our Form 6 Buddies. We also enjoyed creating firework patterns by tracing our fingers in glitter trays.

Miss Wayman



FORM 4 - This week, Form 4 have been learning about how to measure perimeter of rectilinear shapes and how to convert measurements. To begin with, the children enjoyed finding the perimeter of different body parts. This then set the task, to then use reasoning and problem solving in converting measurements to different units of measure. Well done Form 4.

Miss Broadbridge



CHATHAM DOCKS - Forms 2, 5 and 6 had a fantastic day at Chatham Dockyard and would love to go back again. Form 2, started the day with science-based activities. The children had to identify materials and their properties, they certainly impressed with their scientific vocabulary, and then they had to create an object that would float using polymorph. They then moved on to make a boat hull; they had to stick the plastic pattern together to make it waterproof, add a weight and a motor and then race their boats. The final activity involved making a skipping rope and visiting the rope-making building; it was so long they could barely see from one end to the other. Forms 5 and 6 were taken on a tour of the submarine Ocelot and a WWII ship the Calavore. As always, the children were extremely well behaved; they asked and answered questions confidently and sensibly; they worked cooperatively and enthusiastically and were a real credit to themselves and the school.



HARVEST GIFTS - On Wednesday 6th November, Form 6 children went to St Peter's Hospital in Maldon to give Julie Taylor all the Harvest festival donations. St Peter's Hospital help over 100 families in and around Maldon with weekly food parcels. On Christmas Eve, the team at St Peters take hampers for any elderly residence that live on their own with no families. Julie and her team work with the Red Cross and the local community nurses to make all this possible. Julie makes small toys made from wool for a school in Witham with children that are deaf and/or blind. If you have any left over wool you are able to donate, please drop it to the school office. Thank you once again for all the generous donations this Harvest.



CROSS COUNTRY - On Thursday, pupils from Forms 5 & 6 represented MCPS at the first cross country event of the year at Chelmer Park. There were over 120 pupils in each race on a 1500m, boggy course. All of the children competed brilliantly and were able to keep their stamina up to run for the entirety of the course. Maldon Court scored some fantastic places and the children should be very proud of themselves. Some of the competitors they were racing against were at a County level of ability but this did not put off our children who ran with determination and fantastic technique. Well done Maldon Court.

Mr Roast



PE - This week I was able to join Form 5 and 6 for their all weather pitch PE lesson. I am delighted with the progress the children have made this term. In the two hour session I was able to see the progress in cross country running, hockey and tag rugby. The children are now at a match playing level in both hockey and rugby and it is fantastic to see them make such excellent use of the space. They demonstrated some truly impressive technique, tactical awareness and sportsmanship. Please remember that as all KS2 children are at a match playing level it is vital they bring their shin pads and gum shields to every PE lesson. They will not be able to participate without them and we do not want any child to miss out.

Mrs Mason

PE BASE LAYERS - Please take a look at the new MCPS base layers which will soon be introduced as an optional uniform item to be worn under our red sports polo shirts. We have sent full details via ParentMail. There is a sizing set available for you in the school office and you may place an order for these items through the office or through your ParentMail account.

PE Timetable - W/C 11th November	
Wednesday	Thursday
On Site PE Lesson - Morning	
F1	F2
PR	R
F5	F6
All Weather Pitch Lesson: 1-3pm	All Weather Pitch/Cross Country Competition 1-3pm
F4	F3/4 excluding Cross Country Team will be at all weather pitch
	F3/4 Cross Country Team compete in Chelmsford

Next Week's Menu		
Day	Main	Dessert
Mon	Sweet and sour chicken served with rice, prawn crackers and salad.	Shortbread or fruit
Tues	Roast beef served with roast potatoes, seasonal vegetables, Yorkshire pudding and gravy.	Fresh fruit salad or yoghurt
Weds	Sausage rolls served with potato waffles, beans and salad. Form 4 - Baked potato with a choice of fillings.	Flapjacks or fruit
Thurs	Shepherds pie served with peas and gravy.	Rocky road or fruit
Fri	Cheese, ham and tomato pasta served with sweetcorn and salad.	Toffee ice cream or fruit

FOMCS - We hope everyone had an enjoyable half term and returned looking forward to all things festive. Our sign up sheets will be heading out very soon so please volunteer if you can - the Christmas Fayre is 28th November and we are very excited. You should have all received your Christmas card proofs and we do hope you're pleased with the children's brilliant work. Please ensure all order forms are back to the office by 19th November at the latest to avoid any printing delays, thank you. Any problems please get in touch with us or your class rep.

Mrs Lopez

