



MALDON COURT

PREPARATORY SCHOOL

Autumn Term 2021

Weekly Newsletter

8th October 2021

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Please check the school diary on the website.

MONDAY 11th OCTOBER

Conker Competition

THURSDAY 14th OCTOBER

Harvest Festival 9.30am
All Saints' Church

FRIDAY 15th OCTOBER

Forms 4 and 5 School Trip
Nuclear Races

FRIDAY 15th OCTOBER

Start of half term

MONDAY 18th - FRIDAY 29th OCTOBER

Half Term

MONDAY 1st NOVEMBER

Children return to school

TUESDAY 9th NOVEMBER

Individual and Sibling Photographs

TUESDAY 9th NOVEMBER

Parent's Evening
3.40 - 6.00pm

WEDNESDAY 10th NOVEMBER

Odd Sock Day
Anti Bullying

THURSDAY 11th NOVEMBER

Parent's Evening
5.00 - 8.00pm



Dear Parents,

Our school has been a hive of activity this week with all children thoroughly engaged in their lessons and educational visits. It was wonderful to see some of our Nursery children walk to the fire station as part of their topic 'People Who Help Us'. They walked past the old police station, the hospital and the ambulance station on their way and a fantastic morning was had by all.

It was also wonderful to welcome back Mrs Deakin, our ESB teacher, for the start of the ESB lessons for Forms 5 and 6. There was a fantastic uptake and the children really enjoyed their first lesson. Well done to all children.

Throughout the week, I continued my Heads of School lunch meetings with our Form 6 children. On Monday, I met with our Sports Captains and Peer Mentors and yesterday I met with School Council and House Captains. The children have had some excellent ideas as to how to move the school forward and it has been really lovely to spend quality time with the children.

On Wednesday, the children visited All Saints' church for their Harvest Festival rehearsal. The children walked to the church impeccably and enjoyed singing their songs. We are really looking forward to welcoming you at the Harvest Service on Thursday at 9.30am.

I would like to welcome Finley Gremi who has started with our Form 5 class and Emilia Davison who started in Nursery. I know that they will be welcomed into the Maldon Court family.

HEADTEACHER'S AWARD - Finally, congratulations to Daniel Baker and Mia Tolhurst for winning the Headteacher's award this week. Daniel demonstrated outstanding effort in PE and Mia showed excellent manners to both teachers and her friends. Well done also to Sebastian Dale in Reception class who won a Good Manners award and Ernest Mays who was awarded a Cool to be Kind Award.

★ HAPPY BIRTHDAY ★

Maldon Court wishes
Frankie Bannister, Jessica Jones, Aiden
Tai, Daniel Baker and Mrs Baron
a very Happy Birthday

NURSERY - Nursery have had such a fun week enjoying the topic People Who Help Us. We set up a dentist tuff tray. After discussing the importance of oral hygiene, the children were able to clean the 'large teeth' that were in the tray. They did a great job! On Thursday, we were very excited as we visited Maldon Fire Station, the children were thrilled to see the fire engines up close and even got to try on a real firefighter's helmet. Back at Nursery, the children enjoyed being firefighters as we set up an obstacle course for them to complete. Next week the next part of this topic is 'Our Local Community'. For optional homework please bring in a photo of you enjoying something locally with friends and family. Mrs Kim Callaghan



PRE-RECEPTION - This week Pre-Reception have continued our topic 'Autumn'. We have been using our fine motor skills to complete fingerprint leaves, using autumn colours. We looked at how leaves can be all different shapes, sizes, colours and patterns. Also, as part of World Space Week, we have had lots of fun exploring in the space themed tuff tray. The children have really enjoyed learning about the many planets in our solar system. We learnt which planets are hot and cold and the children knew we live on planet Earth. We then used a variety of shapes to build our own space rocket!

Mrs Kennedy, Miss Hansell and Mrs Dibben



RECEPTION - In Maths this week, Reception have been comparing groups. We compared objects by quantity, height, and length. We explored the language 'taller than' and 'shorter than' when comparing the height of different objects. We used the construction materials to build towers of different heights. I was very impressed to hear the mathematical language the children were using when building their towers. Well done, Reception!

Miss





FORM 5 - This week Mrs Clark led a whole school assembly on 'World Space Week' which runs from 4th – 8th October. This year's focus was 'Women in Space'. During the assembly the children learnt about a few of the 65 amazing women who have ventured into space. They also learnt about the contribution women have made to the exploration of space, including astrophysicists, scientists, and doctors. Form 5 helped Mrs Clark present the assembly sharing some amazing facts about the topic of Space, which they have been studying this half term.

Form 5 also took part in a BBC Live Lesson in which the children learnt about the relationship between the Earth and Moon. They discovered how the moon got its craters by creating a miniature comet. They also learnt about how space technology influences our lives every single day. Finally, they watched an interview with Professor Brian Cox who answered questions including 'Why are planets different colors?' and 'Is there life on other planets?' *Mrs Clark and Mrs Bonner*

FORM 6 - Form 6 have had fun in Science this week. We are learning about the different kingdoms of living organisms and how scientists classify all living things. We are currently learning about the kingdom of fungi. The children were quite horrified to learn that sometimes fungi can live on our bodies in the form of athlete's foot. However, they enjoyed learning about how useful yeast can be both in the brewing and baking industry. The children worked in groups following a recipe to make some white bread rolls. We made one batch without yeast so that the children could see the difference that yeast makes. They now understand that yeast is a microscopic fungus which can be dried and then reactivated by adding water. They know that it likes sugar just as we do, and it produces carbon dioxide. This is what causes the bubbles inside the bread and make it rise. The children produced some excellent homework writing up the task and the best part of course was eating the warm rolls later that day once proving and baking was finished!

Mrs Summers

PE Timetable - W/C 11th October	
Wednesday	Thursday
On Site PE Lesson - Morning	
Pre-Reception	
Form 1	
Form 2	
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 13th October	

Have a lovely weekend
Mrs E Mason
Headteacher

FOMCS - Thank you for all your kind comments since our election last week. We are both excited to take on our new roles in FOMCS and will work hard to provide lots of fun and events for the children. We have already been busy behind the scenes planning for Christmas festivities and look forward to sharing these with you soon.

Mrs Tsai and Mrs Jeffrey

MENU W/C 11th October		
Day	Main	Dessert
Mon	Pasta bolognese served with sweet corn and salad	Shortbread or fruit
Tues	Roast gammon served with roast potatoes, broccoli, carrots, Yorkshire pudding and gravy	Yoghurt or fruit
Weds	Chicken curry served with rice, naan bread and salad	Rocky road or fruit
Thurs	Macaroni cheese served with garlic bread and salad	Strawberry mousse or fruit
Fri	Brunch (sausage, bacon, hash brown and beans)	Mini doughnuts and chocolate sauce or fruit

