



MALDON COURT

PREPARATORY SCHOOL

Spring Term 2024

Weekly Newsletter

9th February 2024

DATES FOR THE DIARY

FRIDAY 16th FEBRUARY

Form 3 Cake Sale

MONDAY 19th FEBRUARY—

FRIDAY 23rd FEBRUARY

Half Term

MONDAY 26th FEBRUARY

Children Return to School

Clubs Resume

Forms 5 and 6 Life Support Roadshow

TUESDAY 27th FEBRUARY

Form 2 Trip to Layer Marney Tower

Form 5 11+ Mock Examination

THURSDAY 29th FEBRUARY

Form 5 - Fellowship Afloat Parent

Meeting 2.45pm

FRIDAY 1st MARCH

FOMCS Bingo Night

MONDAY 4th -

TUESDAY 5th MARCH

Mother's Day Pop up Shop

WEDNESDAY 6th MARCH

Mother's Day Morning Tea -

Pre-Reception

STARS OF THE WEEK



KS1 George Barnett

KS2 Riley Tai



KS1 Charlie Allen

KS2 Stanley Ashton



KS1 Thomas Harvey

KS2 Eliza Cowell

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Maldon Court wishes
Remy Carter, Finn Lacey
and Jessica Strong
a very Happy Birthday



Forms 1 and 2 children before a scavenger hunt at Maldon Prom

Dear Parents,

As a school, we have been highlighting both Mental Health week and Safer Internet Day and the children have participated in many exciting activities both inside and outside of class. It was lovely to see the children 'Dress to Express' on Monday – we had some wonderful outfits and the children enjoyed explaining why they chose to wear what they did in assembly on Monday. All of the children completed a gratitude leaf which will be laminated and put on our new gratitude tree in the playground. Once we have these displayed, please do take a look – the children have written some beautiful things.

On Tuesday, all children completed activities in class about using the internet safely and how to keep themselves safe online, especially with the rising popularity of online games. This was reinforced in an assembly on Tuesday afternoon.

On Wednesday and Thursday, children throughout the school completed orienteering and scavenger hunt activities either in PE, at the Prom or at Leeches Garden. Pre-Reception and Reception completed yoga activities and story telling. This was a very popular day and the children loved participating in the activities that the staff had planned for them.

Finally, today it was 'Relaxation Friday', - not quite all day as the children were hoping for! The children buddied up with other classes and completed glitter jars together. They have absolutely loved doing this and were so excited to do them with other classes. It has been a really lovely week and I would like to say a special thank you to Healthy Schools and School Council committee members for coming up with such wonderful ideas for this week and to the staff for facilitating these.

HEADTEACHER'S AWARD - Congratulations to George Newman and Henry Allen and who have won a Headteacher award this week. George won it for fantastic effort in phonics every day and for excellent independent writing. Henry won it for his improved handwriting and overall attitude to school life. Well done to both boys. Well done to Elizabeth Neall who won the Bravery Award this week.

KEYRINGS - It is lovely to see the children coming into school with their Maldon Court bookbags and rucksacks and the children always look so smart. Now that we have many new rucksacks in school, please may I ask for your cooperation with the amount of keyrings on bags. I promise that I am not being a killjoy; it is because we have such limited space in the classrooms and cloakrooms to store the rucksacks. It makes it much harder to store them and pack away. Previously, there were no keyrings allowed on bags but so that the children aren't completely disappointed, they will be allowed one keyring if they wish to. I have spoken to the children in assembly yesterday and explained my reasoning. Thank you as always for your support.

Mrs Mason

NURSERY - This week, alongside our Food Topic, Nursery have been exploring some activities linked to Mental Health Week. On Monday the children enjoyed dressing to express themselves. They all wore something that made them feel great! We also made our own Gratitude Tree, the Nursery 2 children were all asked what they are grateful for. There were some lovely answers including 'my Mummy', 'my home', 'toys'. It was a lovely activity to complete with the children. This week, the children enjoyed collating the numbers from our Birdwatch which we completed at the end of January. It was a great maths activity, which the children joined in well with. The Tree and the Birdwatch chart will be displayed in Nursery. Next week, for Chinese New Year our optional homework is to create a picture of a Dragon.

Mrs Kim Callaghan



PRE-RECEPTION - Pre-Reception have been looking at colour and colour mixing this week, the children all painted their own colour wheels paying close attention to stay in the lines and paint a different colour in each section of the wheel. The children also completed a colour mixing sheet using the primary colours red, blue, and yellow to make purple, orange and green. The children all enjoyed mixing each colour to see what the final colour would be and recording the results on their worksheet.

Mrs Kennedy and Miss Hansell



FORMS 1 AND 2 - Forms 1 and 2 had a fantastic walk down to Maldon Prom on Wednesday for Mental Health Day.

On our walk, we spoke with children we would not usually speak to and asked various questions, finding out more about each other. When we arrived at the Prom, we completed an extremely exciting scavenger hunt, finding many different things in the Maldon maze. The most important thing we tasked the children to find was Mrs Huett, she was lost but thank goodness we found her again! We then took a lovely long walk past the quay and back to school again. On the way back the children's energy was at 1% so by the sounds of it, they all thoroughly enjoyed the fresh air. Both classes displayed fantastic manners walking through the high street where comments were made by members of the public on how polite all the children are. Well done Forms 1 and 2, such a lovely morning had by all!

Miss Vaughan and Mrs Caldow



MENTAL HEALTH WEEK

Welcome to Maldon Court's Mental Health Week and my goodness have we been busy this week looking after our minds!

It started with the all-time favourite 'Dress to Express' day! Each and every single child in the school had fantastic reasons for dressing the way they wanted to dress, from chameleons to traffic cones, we had a fantastic assembly celebrating all our expressions.

Mrs Baron has also kindly gifted the school a gratitude tree, where each child in the school has been asked to write on a leaf what they are grateful for, all I can say is I cannot wait for you as parents to see what the children have written because we all do have so much to be grateful for. This tree will be available for all children to visit, so if they are feeling upset in any way, they can take a look at the tree to remind them of all the things they have to be happy for. To continue the week, we saw Pre-Reception and Reception completing some yoga activities, Forms 1 and 2 went on a 3 mile walk to Maldon Prom completed various activities, Forms 3 and 4 went on a scavenger hunt at Leeches Garden and Forms 5 and 6 completed different orienteering activities at the all-weather pitch.

Last but not least, Relaxation Friday! This was where we all took a step away from our forever busy school day, and instead took time to relax and reflect. Each child helped to make or made their own wellness glitter jar. Other relaxation activities were also completed in class.

As you can see from the pictures, it's extremely important for us to look after our Mental Health and we have all had such a lovely week celebrating this. Well done to everyone at Maldon Court, we hope you enjoyed! *Miss Vaughan*





FORM 3 - Form 3 have really been enjoying their rainforest topic- it may also be one of my favourite topics of the year too! Following some research about the different animals that live in the rainforest, each child made their own animal mask. We had a varied range of snakes, birds and tigers. The children used fabric pens, feathers and pipe cleaners to bring their wonderful designs to life. Well done Form 3- we had plenty of fun making these!
 Miss Oxford



PE Timetable - W/C 12th FEBRUARY		
Day	Form	Lesson
Wednesday	Forms 3, 4, 5 and 6	Off site PE
	Forms 5 and 6 - Sports club To be held at the Maldon Hockey Club Collection at 4.15pm	Off site club
Thursday	Pre-Reception, Forms 1 and 2	On site PE
Friday	Swimming for Forms 1 and 2	Off site Swimming

MENU W/C 12th FEBRUARY		
Day	Main	Dessert
Mon	Crispy chicken wraps served with potato puffs and salad	Shortbread or fruit
Tues	Roast gammon served with roast potatoes, carrots, Yorkshire pudding and gravy	Yoghurt or fruit
Weds	Pasta bolognese served with sweetcorn and salad	Raspberry jelly or fruit
Thurs	Chicken and vegetable casserole served with mashed potato	Iced sponge cake and sprinkles or fruit
Fri	Hot dogs served with chips and salad	Chocolate flapjack or fruit



Wishing you all a lovely weekend
 Mrs E Mason - Headteacher

FOMCS - Good afternoon parents. Letters will be going out soon with regards to our parents Bingo Night on Friday 1st March along with our Mothers Day Pop Up shop details, to be held on 4th and 5th March which we know our children love to attend. Our quiz night will be in the summer term. Your support is greatly appreciated in all our events. Have a lovely weekend.
 Mrs Tsai and Mrs Jeffrey

