



MALDON COURT

PREPARATORY SCHOOL

Spring Term 2017

Weekly Newsletter

10th February 2017

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Please check the school diary on the App and website.

MON 13th - FRI 17th FEBRUARY
Half Term

TUESDAY 21st FEBRUARY
Form 5 & 6 E-safety at Plume School
Parents' Evening 4.00 - 6.00pm

WEDNESDAY 22nd FEBRUARY
Form 4 Class Assembly
9.00am

THURSDAY 23rd FEBRUARY
Parents' Evening 5.00 - 8.00pm

MONDAY 27th FEBRUARY
Form 1—6 STOMP workshops

WEDNESDAY 1st - FRIDAY 3rd MARCH
Form 5 Fellowship Afloat Trip

MONDAY 6th MARCH
Book Week Dress Up Day

THURSDAY 9th MARCH
Forms 3 & 4 Cross Country Relay

FRIDAY 10th MARCH
School Council Conference
Form 3 Cake Sale

MONDAY 13th MARCH
Form 3 & 4 Trip to Chelmsford Cathedral

TUESDAY 14th MARCH
Reception Trip to Wat Tyler Park

THURSDAY 16th MARCH
Form 1 Assembly 9.00am

TUESDAY 21st MARCH
Form 2 Trip to Layer Marney Tower



Dear Parents,

We have started the week on a more positive note with the news that Mrs Webster is in a slightly more stable condition whereby the doctors feel that she is in a position to control her own breathing rather than being on life support. Mrs Webster is currently still in intensive care and we have learnt that she has received life-changing surgery. Mrs Webster has been brought out of her induced coma and although heavily sedated, is beginning to have a better level of consciousness. We have this week been praying for her and I ask for you to keep her in your thoughts and prayers. Thank you for everyone's kind words and we will of course pass all of these on to Mrs Webster.

The first half of term has really flown by and the children have continued to excel in their achievements, making us all so proud. Have a lovely half term break and see you on Monday 20th February.

HEADTEACHER'S AWARD - Congratulations to Harry Barker in Reception class for winning the award this week for his excellent attitude to his school work which has resulted in marked improvements in the progress that he has made in his reading and writing. Well done Harry.

SWIMMING - Swimming will commence for Forms 4, 5 and 6 after half term. Please ensure children have their correct kit and swim hat on Fridays. A big thank you to all the parent volunteers that have helped with KSI & Form 3 swimming for the last term and a half—without your help, swimming wouldn't be possible.

NEW ZEALAND ASSEMBLY— On Wednesday New Zealand House performed their assembly to the rest of the school. February 6th is Waitangi day in New Zealand and is celebrated every year on this day. The children explained how the Treaty of Waitangi was first signed on 6th February 1840 by representatives of the British Crown and various Maori chiefs from the North island of New Zealand. It resulted in the declaration of British sovereignty over New Zealand.



The children showed photographs of the beautiful landscape of New Zealand and read out a lovely poem they had written about New Zealand and the Kiwis. They acted out a Maori story called 'Maui and the Goddess of fire' and ended their assembly singing a famous Maori farewell song. The children had worked hard over the weeks to

perfect their assembly getting together in their free time to type up their poems and powerpoint and rehearsing their play and songs. Well done New Zealanders!

END OF DAY LINING UP - Please note that as from after half term children will be lining up in year group order on the playground at pick up time starting from Reception class in their usual position at the far end of the playground through to Form 6 at the nearest end of the playground.

LIFE SUPPORT ROADSHOW - This week children in Forms 5 & 6 attended a First Aid training workshop which encourages children to feel more confident in an emergency. They were taught how to approach an emergency situation and how to establish whether a casualty would need CPR. The children practised their resuscitation skills using Resusi-Annie dolls.



ECO-SCHOOLS REQUEST - After half term the whole school will be taking part in an upcycling Competition. We would like to ask parents to look in their sheds for any old or unused gardening equipment that could be used to create some garden sculptures for the schools vegetable plots. Please can these be brought into school by Friday 24th February.



AUSTRALIA HOUSE ASSEMBLY - Last week the children of Australia house held their House assembly for the school. The children re-enacted two traditional Aboriginal stories telling of the origin of water in Australia. Key Stage 1 performed Tidalick, a story about a greedy frog who drank all of the water and would not share it with the other animals. Key Stage 2 performed a story about a blue-tongued lizard called Gudjilla who hid the water under a rock and would not let the other animals have a drink. An excellent and informative assembly.

ENGLAND NETBALL TRIP - On Sunday Miss Broadbridge, Mrs Guest, Mrs Olive and Mrs Bennett took 9 Form 5 & 6 girls to watch the England Netball Team play the Australian Diamonds at Wembley Arena. Mr Guest kindly gave up his day to drive the minibus. The match itself was very close with Australia only winning by one goal—the crowd were on the edge of their seats. A fantastic day was had by all. A big thank you to all the staff involved, especially Miss Broadbridge. Please see our website for more photographs.

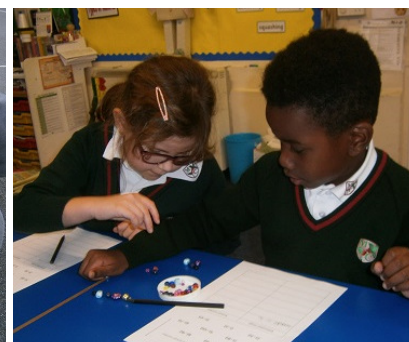


ECO-SCHOOLS - The Heads of School did a switch off the lights competition earlier in the term along with eco schools thank you to Thomas Philips who came up with the idea. The aim of this competition was to design a 'Switch of the Lights' template that would be displayed around the school in order to save electricity. Congratulations to Isabel Gill and Rosie Smith who won. All of the entries were very creative and every single one was appreciated and was a very hard choice to decide the winners as they were all fantastic.

By Pippa Pavelin, George Smith & Thomas Philips

FORM 2 - This week in Maths, we have been estimating and grouping to count large numbers. We are very confident counting in 5s and 10s so we found that we were rather good at it! Our estimating skills got better as we went along too.

We have also been learning about habitats and food chains. We went around the school looking at micro-habitats; we were surprised at just how many mini-beasts we could find, where they like to live and why.



HEADS OF SCHOOL— On Tuesday, George Smith and Keara Driscoll had a meeting with Mrs Head, Chairperson of FOMCS to request some money to buy some new playground equipment and games for the children in the school. They came to the meeting fully prepared with all of the research that they had undertaken. They explained to Mrs Head what the children really enjoy playing with and why they chose the slightly more expensive equipment as the better quality goods would last longer! Mrs Head was very impressed with the children and said that she would discuss this with the other committee members. Fingers crossed!

NEXT WEEKS MENU

Mon	Cumberland sausages, savoury vegetable rice, homemade coleslaw and salad	Iced sponge	Fresh fruit or yoghurt
Tues	Homemade chicken hot pot, green beans, carrots & gravy		Fresh fruit or yoghurt
Wed	Roast beef, roast potatoes, Yorkshire pudding, seasonal vegetables and gravy	Apple tart and custard	Fresh fruit or yoghurt
Thurs	Cod fish fingers, baby new potatoes, garden peas and salad		Fresh fruit or yoghurt
Fri	Tomato and ham pasta bake, golden sweetcorn and salad	Orange jelly and chocolate mousse	Fresh fruit or yoghurt

FELLOWSHIP AFLOAT MEETING – There was an excellent parent turnout at the information meeting for our upcoming Form 5 residential trip to Trinity, Fellowship Afloat in Tollesbury. It is the perfect stepping stone to prepare the children for the Form 6 Kingswood residential and we are very much looking forward to the trip at the beginning of March.

Mrs E Mason
Headteacher

Thank you for your Lego competition entries. Have fun building your World Landmarks over the half term holiday. If you haven't had a chance to enter, please don't worry. You can still pay the £1 entry after half term and bring in your creations on Tuesday 21st, so get building! The next FOMCS Meeting will be on Thursday 2nd March at 7.30pm in the school hall. If you require any second hand school uniform, please contact Samantha Bruce 07720 711027 or Julie Head 07739 297527. Have a great half term.



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