



# MALDON COURT

PREPARATORY SCHOOL

Summer Term 2019

Weekly Newsletter

10th May 2019

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

Please check the school diary on the App and website.

**SATURDAY 11th MAY**

Open Day

**MONDAY 13th—17th May**

Form 6 PGL Trip

**WEDNESDAY 15th MAY**

Form 2 Class Assembly 9.00am

**MONDAY 20th MAY**

Grandparents' Day

**FRIDAY 24th MAY**

KS2 Swimming Gala

**MONDAY 27th MAY - FRIDAY**

**7th JUNE**

Half Term

**MONDAY 10th JUNE**

Children return to school

**TUESDAY 11th JUNE -**

**WEDNESDAY 12th JUNE**

Father's Day Pop Up Shop

**WEDNESDAY 12th JUNE**

Reception and Form 6 - Trip to Jimmy's Farm

**THURSDAY 13th JUNE**

Reception - Father's Day afternoon 2.00pm

**TUESDAY 18th JUNE**

Form 5 Activity Day at the Plume School



## OPEN DAY

**SATURDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2019**  
**10.00AM – 1.00PM**



**MALDON COURT**  
PREPARATORY SCHOOL AND NURSERY  
SIMPLY OUTSTANDING

Dear Parents,

We are really looking forward to seeing you all at Open Day tomorrow. We are so proud of our wonderful school and this is the ultimate opportunity to showcase just a small amount of what we do at school to both our current and prospective parents. We have had an unprecedented amount of interest for our Open Day this year and I would like to thank you all for your support of this very important day in our school calendar. Fingers crossed that the weather is kind to us.

Next week our Form 6 children will be out of school for the week as they embark on their PGL residential trip to Bawdsey Manor in Suffolk. I have absolutely no doubt that they will have a wonderful time participating in all the activities that are planned for them and at the same time developing their essential life skills such as communication, decision making, problem solving, critical thinking and empathy. The school is never the same when our children go away on a residential trip but I know that Form 5 are very excited to take over all of the prefect duties for the week. I hope that they all have a great time and look forward to hearing all about it upon their return. Please look at the website for updates and photos of their week.

**TT ROCKSTARS** - I am absolutely delighted with the uptake of our TT Rockstars initiative. After just one night, the children have come into school this morning with a fantastic sense of excitement about it, challenging others and collecting their coins. I have been looking at all the class statistics this morning and it is great to see how many children went on it last night. It is also a wonderful teaching and learning tool, allowing us to see which tables the children find hard so that their learning is highly targeted. It allows the children to rapidly develop their multiplication and division skills in a series of fun and adventurous challenges. Keep it up everyone, a fantastic start!

**HEADTEACHERS AWARD** - Congratulations to Bea Bonner who won the award this week for her excellent work in all subjects. Well done, Bea.



**NURSERY** - The children have been enjoying our topic Under the Sea and Water. We have been painting a range of fish and sea creatures to make a 3D aquarium to display in Nursery. We also set up an under the sea scene in the Role Play Zone, the children were able to enjoy the experience of being under water with the use of blue and green materials, an under the sea scene playing on the lap top and a little imagination! Our optional homework for this topic is to make a sensory bottle to bring to Nursery. Many thanks to those that have already completed this activity at home. *Mrs Kim Callaghan*



**PRE-RECEPTION** - As part of our new topic 'Transport', Pre-Reception have enjoyed mark making. They used transport vehicles in the paint to look at the different tracks they could make on the paper. The children also brainstormed some fantastic ideas of different modes of transport and used these to paint a picture for their learning journeys. The ideas included planes, trains, learning cars, jet planes and water planes! *Miss Sackett and Miss Cottiss*

**FORMS 1 & 2** - Forms 1 and 2 had a lovely trip to 'Fingringhoe Wildlife Centre', where they did lots of fun activities. They searched for minibeasts in the woods. Next they did a meadow sweep where they were exploring what creatures live beneath the grass and identified some basic plants. Finally, a pond dipping experience using nets and a magnifying glass. All the children were fascinated by what they would find and behaved beautifully on the trip.

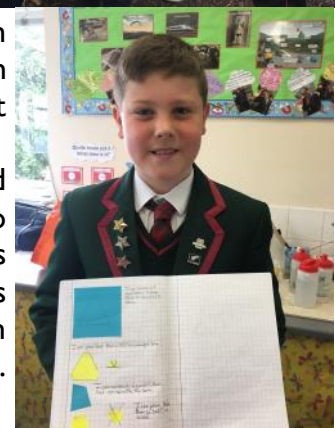
*Mrs Dickinson and Miss Broadbridge*



**FORM 5** - Form 5 have had a busy start to the term. Many of the children opted to sit an internal Mock 11+. We set the school hall up and the children sat the test under exam conditions. This has proved to be a really useful exercise for the children and great first experience for them to work on their examination technique.

We have continued to work through the syllabus and in maths have had some fun exploring and investigating angles in shapes next we will be exploring nets and using our new polyhedrons to explore. We have started the forces topic in Science and have been thinking about key words of the topic and considering their meanings. In English we have written some fabulous Metaphor Poems about Summer. I am sure the children will be really proud to show you on Open Day. The children are all working so hard and I am so proud of them all.

*Mrs Bonner*





**ECO SCHOOLS - BIG BATTERY HUNT** - Eco Schools would like to say a big thank you to everyone who has brought in batteries to recycle in the 'Big Battery Hunt'. So far, we have collected over 1000 batteries to recycle. We would just like to remind everyone to please tape the ends of the batteries before sending them in to School. Thank you.

Miss Wayman & Mrs Clark



**FORM 6** - Form 6 would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to Mrs Ewers for giving up her time to come and teach our class how to knit. They all managed to cast on and are becoming experts at untangling wool! Knitting is a lot more complicated than they first thought. After much perseverance and patience they are beginning to get the hang of it and are really looking forward to finishing knitting their toys. Mrs Fleming

Have a lovely weekend  
Mrs E Mason  
Headteacher

## FOMCS UPCOMING CAKE SALES

Reception on Friday 17th May  
Pre-Reception and Nursery on Friday 5th July  
Pre-Loved Uniform will also be on sale as usual.

**FATHER'S DAY** - Pop Up Shop, Tuesday 11th and Wednesday 12th June - More details to follow.

**SILVER COIN TRAIL** - FOMCS will be doing the Silver Coin Trail again this half term - More details to follow.

Day	Main	Dessert
Mon	Homemade meatballs served with pasta, sweet corn and salad	Flapjack or fruit
Tues	Chicken casserole served with mashed potato and green beans	Chocolate chip cookies or fruit
Weds	Roast pork served with roast potatoes, seasonal vegetables, Yorkshire pudding apple sauce and gravy.	Fresh fruit salad or yoghurt
Thurs	Sausage rolls, potato waffles, beans and salad	Chocolate mousse or fruit
Fri	Cheese burger and chips served with salad	Orange jelly or fruit



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