



# MALDON COURT

PREPARATORY SCHOOL

Spring Term 2018

Weekly Newsletter

12th January 2018

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

Please check the school diary on the App and website.

### MONDAY 15th JANUARY

FOMCS meeting at Blue Boar at 2.00pm

### THURSDAY 25th JANUARY

Form 5 Class Assembly & Fellowship Afloat Meeting 9.00am

### TUESDAY 30th & WEDNESDAY 31st JANUARY

ESB Examinations

### MONDAY 5th FEBRUARY

Parents Evening Self Booking opens on Parentmail

### MONDAY 12th - FRIDAY 16th FEBRUARY

Half Term

### FRIDAY 23rd FEBRUARY

Swimming starts for Forms 4 - 6

### TUESDAY 27th FEBRUARY

Parents Evening 3.45 - 6.00pm

### WEDNESDAY 28th FEBRUARY

Form 4 Assembly  
Reception Road Safety Walk

### THURSDAY 1st MARCH

World Book Day  
Parents' Evening 5.00 - 8.00pm

### THURSDAY 8th MARCH

Pre-Reception Mother's Day Tea

### MONDAY 19th MARCH

Science Day

### FRIDAY 16th & SATURDAY 17th MARCH

KS2 School Production at URC Church (Time TBC)



Dear Parents,

The children have been working incredibly hard this week and as always their behaviour has been exceptional. With all of the nasty bugs, colds and flu going around at the moment, it is great to see so many children coming into school. You may have noticed that our new friendship bench has arrived and is currently in the courtyard by the Form 1 and 2 classrooms. Thank you to FOMCS and to Mr and Mrs Noble (Jessica Noble's parents) for providing the children with this. The children know that when they sit on the friendship bench other children will come to make sure they are included. This is a very important part of our pastoral care that is inherent within our school.

**HEADTEACHER'S AWARD** - Congratulations to Scarlett Abrehart and Elijah Hawes in Form 1 for their excellent maths work. Swimmer of the week was awarded to Lottie Craddock in Form 3. Well done to all of these children.

**SCHOOL PRODUCTION** - This year I have changed our school production from the end of the Summer term to the end of the Spring term. There were many reasons for this including the fact that Spring term is always a slightly quieter term than Summer which has residential trips, Sports Days, District Sports and Swimming galas. It also allows the Form 5 children to settle back to working towards their 11 plus, entrance exams and scholarship preparation in the Summer term. I have also decided that it will be a Key Stage 2 production. This will give the younger children an event to look forward to participating in when they get into Key Stage 2. The location of the production will be the URC on Market Hill. The children will learn what production they will be performing on 26<sup>th</sup> January. Auditions will be held on 31<sup>st</sup> January. The leading roles will be given to children in Forms 5 and 6.



**FORM 4** - Last week Form 4 participated in their final speaking workshop. A group of six children will be selected to compete in the Public School Public Speaking Competition which will be held at the Anglia Ruskin University in March. The children have been practising moving into a space in order to hold their audiences attention. They are also learning the importance of speaking confidently , maintaining eye contact and using gestures to articulate and emphasise a point.



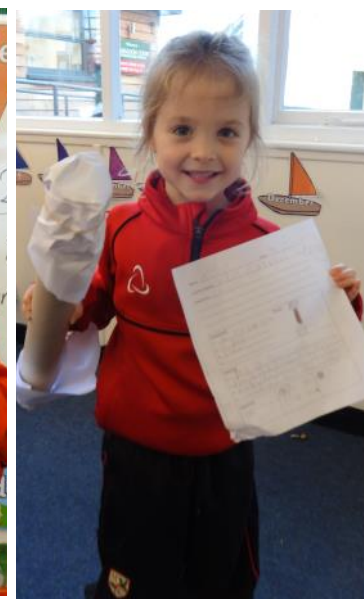
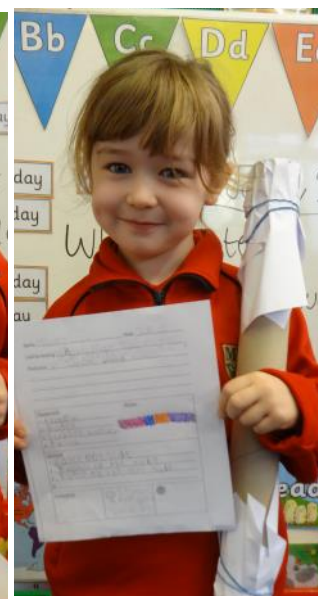
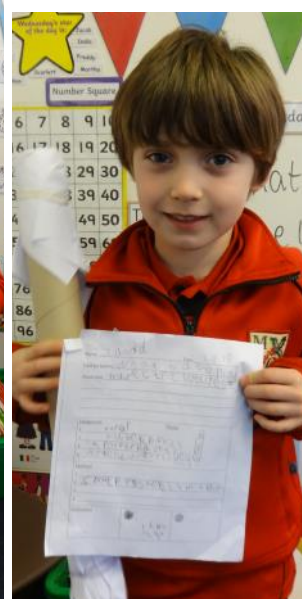
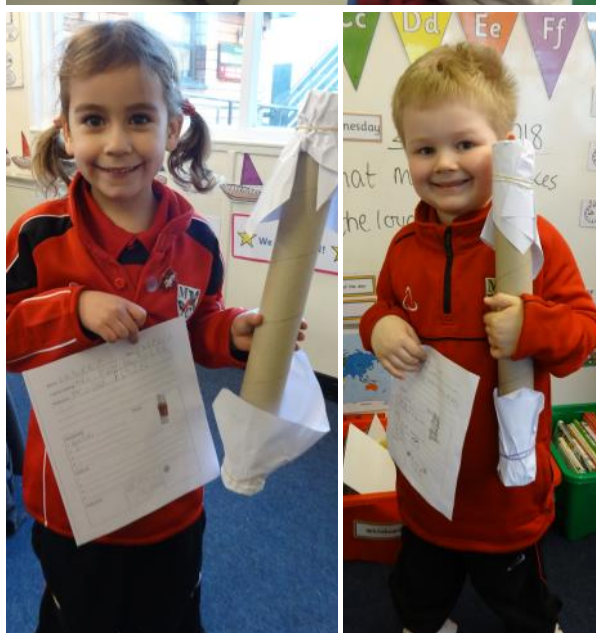
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**RECEPTION** - Reception children have been learning about money in maths this week. They have enjoyed playing in our new role play Hotel and have been using money to pay for their stay! The children have loved their new area and their stories and characters are very inventive - we have some budding actors and actresses on the horizon. Well done Reception.



**PRE RECEPTION** - As part of our winter topic Pre-Reception have been using the school tablets to create these brilliant pictures of snowmen. They really enjoyed using the paint program and were able to self-select their own colours and paintbrushes! A brilliant combination of computing and art in Pre Reception.

**FORM I** - This week, Form I have been investigating sound! We made our own noise shakers and tested different materials that made the best sound! We have thoroughly enjoyed exploring the different sounds. Here are some examples of the children's work. They enjoyed writing about their findings too. Well done Form I for all your hard work.

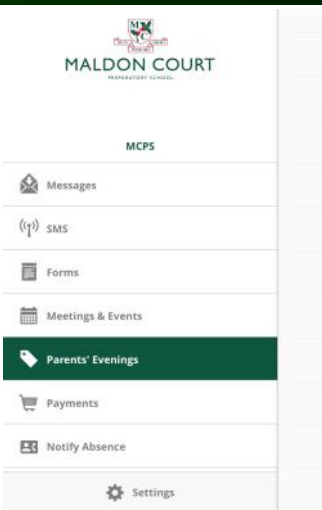


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**PARENTS' EVENINGS** - We are trialling the Parentmail system whereby parents book their own appointment slot with their class teacher via the Parentmail module titled 'Parents Evening' (pictured). You are able to book appointments with your child's class teacher as well as Mrs Holden (PE) and Mrs Hales (Curriculum Music). Parents' Evening dates are: Tuesday 27th February, 3.45 - 6.00pm and Thursday 1st March, 5.00—8.00pm. Mrs Holden will be available for both evenings and Mrs Hales is available for the Tuesday. Self-booking will go live for parents via Parentmail on Monday 5th February at 9.00am and appointments will be booked on a first come, first served basis. Please ask in the school office if you need help with this.



**NURSERY** - It has been a wonderful week in the nursery, the children have thoroughly enjoyed playing inside and outside with our new bubble machine! We have enjoyed looking at all the colours that the bubbles make as part of our colours and shapes topic for the week. We would like to say a very big thank you to Mrs Hunt for donating the bubble machine to Nursery.



Have a lovely weekend  
**Mrs E Mason,**  
**Headteacher**

**FOMCS** - Our next meeting is on Monday 15th January at 2pm in The Blue Boar. We have lots of exciting things planned for this term to tell you about so we hope to see you there.

Also a reminder that it is Form 4's cake sale after school today. Have a great weekend.

### NEXT WEEK'S MENU

Mon	Pasta Bolognese, sweetcorn and salad	Butterscotch mousse	Fruit
Tues	Moussaka and seasonal vegetables	Lemon iced sponge	Fruit
Wed	Roast turkey, roast potatoes, Yorkshire pudding, seasonal vegetables and gravy,	Fresh fruit salad	Fruit/ Yoghurt
Thurs	Sausage roll, mash and baked beans	Mixed fruit crumble	Yoghurt
Fri	Battered fish, new potatoes, peas and salad	Rocky Road	Fruit



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