



# MALDON COURT

PREPARATORY SCHOOL

Summer Term 2017

Weekly Newsletter

12th May 2017

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

Please check the school diary on the App and website.

### THURSDAY 18th MAY

Grandparents' Day

### SATURDAY 20th MAY

OPEN DAY

10.00am - 1.00pm

### MONDAY 22nd MAY

Class Photographs

### FRIDAY 26th MAY

Swimming Gala 11.30am - 12.30pm  
Witham Leisure Centre

### MONDAY 29th MAY - FRIDAY

9th JUNE

Half Term

### SATURDAY 10th JUNE

MEPSSA Swimming Gala  
Riverside Leisure Centre  
6.30pm

### TUESDAY 13th JUNE

Form 5 Secondary School Taster Day

### THURSDAY 15th JUNE

Reception Father's Day Afternoon

### MONDAY 19th - TUESDAY 20th JUNE

Around the World (In school!)  
Enrichment Day

### TUESDAY 27th JUNE

ESB Examinations

### THURSDAY 29th JUNE

Music Soiree

### FRIDAY 30th JUNE

Sports Day

### MONDAY 3rd JULY

Transition Day



Dear Parents,

This week, the children have been busily preparing and rehearsing for one of the most prestigious events on our school calendar – Grandparents' Day. As you are aware, this is an extremely special day that the children particularly look forward to. They relish the opportunity to show their Grandparents their school and for me, it is so special to see the extremely important and unique relationship that the children have with them. As per last year, the children will be able to have their provided packed lunch with their Grandparents. Refreshments, as always, will be provided on the day. Please remember to bring a comfy seat or cushion!

**PARKING** - May I remind parents that if you come into school with your car in the morning, you must park your car in the White Horse Car Park, not outside the school. It is essential for both the safety of our children coming into school as well as aiding our campaign to keep the permits to use the council car park.

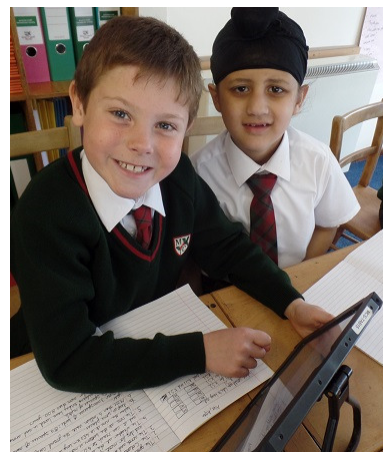
**HEADTEACHER'S AWARD** - Congratulations to Jessica Noble who won the Headteacher's award this week for her incredible achievement in gaining a trial for the England Netball Squad. Jessica has worked extremely hard to reach this superb level and I am so proud of her commitment and dedication. She is an inspiration to the younger children and thoroughly deserves this award. Miss Broadbridge has also awarded Jess a Gifted & Talented Netball Player trophy. Cool to be Kind awards were presented to Pippa Pavelin, Max Mason and Freya Driscoll for their kindness and honesty.





**FORM 3 SCIENCE-** In Science this week we have been researching the transportation of water in the plant. We understood that the stem carries water and nutrients to different parts of the plant and it takes a lot of energy. We used a drama tableau to show what we thought the stems function was and used our previous knowledge to describe it. Then to finish off the lesson we did a tricky challenge of attempting to make the longest straw, whilst being able to transport water, it took a lot of effort but was great fun! Some of our teams even succeeded at sucking water through the whole giant straw!

**FORM 3 GEOGRAPHY—**This week the children have been researching about the Grand Canyon as one of the 'Seven Natural Wonders of the World'. We have been using our research skills on the tablets to find out the interesting facts such as it spans four states and can reach up to 40 degrees in the daytime! We used Google Earth to take us on a virtual journey through the Canyon. Once we had collated all of our information we got to use the app 'Pic Collage' to present it on a poster. We had so much fun finding out facts and next week we will be looking at what animals can survive in such an isolated surrounding.



**RECEPTION & FORM 2 TRIP** - On Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2017 Reception and Form 2 spent an exciting morning at Chigborough Farm. We went on a mini beast hunt and investigated different habitats to see if the mini beasts were under, on or above the ground. We then went pond dipping where each of us had ago at scooping out some pond weed using a net and then observed closely, to spot the water creatures lurking within. We used a chart to try and name what we had found. After our picnic, we then joined with Form 2 for a nature walk. We gathered some found materials which we used to make some fantastic environmental art. A wonderful morning was had by everyone. Thank you to the Tallowin Family for allowing us to visit, it is much appreciated.



**BIKEABILITY** - This week Form 6 took part in Bikeability. The 4 day course involved learning how to look after your bike and ensure it is road worthy, being able to read and understand road signs, cycling safely including indicating and following the Highway Code. Form 6 thoroughly enjoyed this course and earned level 1 or 2 following their assessment.





**FORM 4** - Form 4 have had a full week of exciting activities. The first was our visit to Tesco for their farm to fork experience.



The highlight of the day was without a doubt, making their own bread and fruit skewers. The children participated in a host of activities including a tour of the warehouse, investigating which countries their food comes from and experiencing how cold the walk-in freezers really are. They learnt many fun facts including how Tesco moves their money through the store using pipes in the ground and ceiling! Form 4 also had a visit and workshop hosted by Essex and Herts Air Ambulance. The children learnt a vital life lesson that minutes count during an emergency and how to respond quickly and competently to save the life of an unresponsive person. Each child was taught how to administer C.P.R and mouth to mouth by a member of the air ambulance team. They then demonstrated these skills on a Resus Annie doll. They were also taught where to find and how to use an A.E.D in an emergency. Thank you to Dr. Fenton and his team, the children were captivated and feel confident that they now know what to do in a Resus Emergency.



**PE CHANGES FOR NEXT WEEK—** Due to Grandparents Day on Thursday there are some changes for the PE timetable next week: Pre Reception, Reception, Forms 5 & 6 will have PE on Monday 15th May. Forms 1, 2, 3 & 4 will have PE on Wednesday 17th May. Sports Clubs will be on but there will be no additional Athletics training.

**ORCHESTRA** - Mrs Hales would like to remind everyone in orchestra that they will need their instruments on Wednesday and Thursday next week.

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

**FOMCS** - Thank you to Form 5 for their Cake Sale this Friday. We will let you know how much was raised in next weeks newsletter. FOMCS are in need of four more helpers for Grandparents Day - two for the morning session and two for the afternoon session. If you can help, please contact Julie on 07739 297527. Thank you. We hope you received a Quiz Night entry form in the book bag this week. Which team will be crowned Maldon Court Quiz Champions 2017? It could be you; so reserve your place, then come along and join in the fun on Friday 16th June. It will be a great evening. There will be a FOMCS Meeting on Thursday 25th May, purely to discuss the Summer Fete, in The Blue Boar at 7.30pm. The meeting after will be on Thursday 29th June - same time and venue. We look forward to seeing you there. The next Cake Sale by Form 6 will be on Friday 23rd June. If you require any second hand uniform please contact Samantha Bruce on 07720 711027 or Julie Head on 07739 297527.

**NEXT WEEK'S MENU**

Mon	Ham and tomato pasta bake, baby corn cobs and salad	Iced sponge and custard	Fresh fruit or yoghurt
Tues	Chicken korma, vegetable rice and salad		Fresh fruit or yoghurt
Wed	Roast pork loin, roast potatoes, Yorkshire pudding, broccoli and gravy	Jelly and mousse	Fresh fruit or yoghurt
Thurs	Sausage casserole, mashed potatoes, baby carrots and gravy		Fresh fruit or yoghurt
Fri	Cod fish goujons, potato noisettes, peas and salad	Homemade jam buns	Fresh fruit or yoghurt

