



MALDON COURT

PREPARATORY SCHOOL

Autumn Term 2017

Weekly Newsletter

13th October 2017

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Please check the school diary on the App and website.

MONDAY 16th OCTOBER

AM - FOMCS Silver Trail Competition
PM - Conker Competition

MONDAY 23rd OCTOBER— FRIDAY 3rd NOVEMBER

Half Term

TUESDAY 7th NOVEMBER

School Council Trip to
Houses of Parliament

THURSDAY 9th NOVEMBER

Forms 1 & 2 Trip to Abbots Hall
Forms 5 & 6 Cross Country: Chelmer
Park

MONDAY 13th NOVEMBER

Individual Photographs

TUESDAY 14th NOVEMBER

Flu Immunisations
Parents' Evening: 3.45pm - 6.00pm

THURSDAY 16th NOVEMBER

Parents' Evening 5.00pm - 8.00pm

FRIDAY 17th NOVEMBER

Pre Reception & Reception Trip to
Southend Sealife Centre

THURSDAY 30th NOVEMBER

Singing Around the Tree

THURSDAY 7th DECEMBER

EYFS Nativity

FRIDAY 8th DECEMBER

Christmas Bazaar

THURSDAY 14th DECEMBER

Children's Christmas Lunch/Maldon
Court's Got Talent



Dear Parents,

It was lovely to see so many of you at the church on Tuesday to help us to celebrate our annual Harvest Festival. As always, the children were spectacular and the singing and readings were performed superbly. The children always love to see their parents, grandparents and family members at the service. I would like to thank you all for your very generous donations – our school hall stage was overflowing on Tuesday! The gifts were distributed on Wednesday.

On Monday we hosted our School in Action Open morning which was a resounding success. It was a pleasure to show prospective parents around the school whilst the children were engaging in classroom activities. As always, the children were a credit to the school. The fantastic comments that we received made everyone extremely proud. A special well done to our Form 6 children who were brilliant tour guides.

Congratulations to our superb rugby players who competed in a thrilling tournament last Friday against schools from all over the district. I am delighted that our Form 3 and 4 team won the tournament and our Form 5 and 6 team finished 5th out of over 14 teams. A brilliant result. More details further on in the newsletter.

We have introduced a new award which is presented in Monday's celebration assembly and this is Swimmer of the Week. This award goes to the pupil judged by the staff to be trying their best in their swimming lessons. Congratulations to Rhys Hull and Lauren Griggs who won it last week and the week before respectively. Well done!

FORM 5 & 6 CROSS COUNTRY — This week we have had another exciting week of sport. Thursday 5th October saw our cross country competition at Melbourne Park. With great sunshine and fantastic parental support we had a successful day. Congratulations to Lizzie who brought home a bronze medal. Well done.



FRIDAY 6th OCTOBER : RUGBY TOURNAMENT - The success continued into Friday too at our Tag Rugby tournament at Maldon Rugby Club. With thanks to our parent helpers Mr Jones and Mr Crates we had some great results. In the morning Forms 3&4 came 1st. In the afternoon our Forms 5&6 came 5th out of 14. Well done everyone who took part in these events. We are all very proud of you.

FORM 3 SCIENCE - On Monday we had a Science immersion morning. We spent the morning studying various elements of human biology. We all had a go at each station throughout the morning. We looked at a balanced diet and nutrients. We measured the amount of sugar in various bottles of drinks including Coca Cola, Oasis, Naked Fruit



Smoothie, Ribena and Lucozade Sport. We could not believe how much sugar there were in a 500ml bottle of some of these drinks. We then looked at some of our Vital statistics. We took pulse rates, body temperature, height and looked at our reaction times. We looked at x-rays and tried to decipher which

bone they showed. Lastly we tested various Yellow liquids to find the one which was blood Plasma. We used universal indicator paper and to test the unknown yellow liquids. We all had great fun!

NURSERY - Nursery have really enjoyed their new soft play corner. We have had the toy tool box to hand to build lots of amazing things such as; walls, towers and castles. The most fun part had to be knocking them all back down again (that was more fun than building them at the start!) The children have been using their imaginations and even made a car with some chairs to sit on. Its been a fun and imaginative week with lots of smiles and giggles all round.



HARVEST DISTRIBUTION - On Wednesday Form 6 distributed all the Harvest donations to both the Maldon Food Pantry and St Peter's Hospital. Form 6 had previously sorted all the donations so everything was ready for the volunteers at the Pantry. We were so proud of all of Form 6 for their help and enthusiasm with regard to the work needed to support our Harvest Festival this year. We know how grateful both the Food Pantry and St Peters are for all the donations they have received. To provide some continuity we may co-ordinate another collection around Christmas time as we are aware that both St Peter's and the Food Pantry both put Christmas boxes together for people in need in our community. A big thank you again to all of you for your lovely donations. We were truly overwhelmed by your generosity.



FORM I—This week, Form I have been learning about the four seasons. Pupils have been discovering at what times in the year the different seasons fall. Form I have also been identifying what season their birthday falls in. We enjoyed working outside together— a great fun learning experience for Form I.

NEXT WEEK'S MENU

Mon	Chicken casserole, croquette potatoes with mixed vegetables	Iced sponge	Fresh Fruit or yogurts
Tues	Spaghetti bolognese, peas and salad		Fresh Fruit or yogurts
Wed	Roast beef, roast potatoes, Yorkshire pudding, seasonal vegetables and gravy	Jelly and mousse	Fresh Fruit or yogurts
Thurs	Cumberland sausages, mashed potato, carrot and swede batons and gravy		Fresh Fruit or yogurts
Fri	Homemade pizza, potato noisettes, sweetcorn and salad	Homemade shortbread biscuit	Fresh Fruit or yogurts

CONKERS - Please remember to bring your conkers in ready for the much anticipated conker competition on Monday. Please see the ParentMail sent last week for the rules.

Mrs E Mason, Headteacher

Thank you to everyone that came along to support our cake sale on Tuesday morning. We raised an amazing £126.80 for Macmillan! Also a huge thank you to all those who baked/donated cakes for us to use. The silver trail challenge results will be taking place on Monday morning so for any children who've not yet returned their bag of silver coins there is still time. Finally please save the date for our Christmas bazaar which will be held after school on Friday 8th December. As always your donations for the raffle are greatly appreciated.

Have a great weekend.

Laura Randall