



MALDON COURT

PREPARATORY SCHOOL

Spring Term 2019

Weekly Newsletter

15th February 2019

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Please check the school diary on the App and website.

FRIDAY 15th FEBRUARY

Form 3 Cake Sale

WEDNESDAY 27th FEBRUARY

Fellowship Afloat Parents meeting
2.45pm

THURSDAY 28th FEBRUARY

3,4,5 & 6 Cross Country
Melbourne Park

TUESDAY 5th MARCH

Parents Evening 3.40-6.00pm

THURSDAY 7th MARCH

Parents Evening 5.00-8.00pm

FRIDAY 8th MARCH

Form 1 & 2 Trip to Firstsite Gallery

TUESDAY 12th MARCH

World Book Day: Book Character
Dress Up Day

FRIDAY 15th MARCH

Red Nose Day
Form 2 Cake Sale 3.30pm

WEDNESDAY 20th MARCH

Form 1 Class Assembly 9.00am

THURSDAY 21st MARCH

KS2 Science Museum Trip

THURSDAY 28th MARCH

Pre-Reception Mother's Day
Afternoon Tea

WEDNESDAY 3rd APRIL

Form 4 Class Assembly 9.00am



Dear Parents,

Our final week before half term has been filled with many exciting activities for the children. Forms 5 and 6 had a visit from the Maldon and Essex Lifesaving Club. Their Life Support Roadshow provides the children with some invaluable life saving skills including how to assess and respond to an emergency situation, initial basic first aid, CPR and responses to choking. They thoroughly enjoyed their sessions but also treated the activities with the importance and concentration they deserved.

On Wednesday, our Form 6 children entertained their parents and the rest of the school at their class assembly. Their poems and dances were fantastic and it was even more special that they had composed it themselves. Well done Form 6 and thank you to all the parents and grandparents who came to watch.

This week I was delighted to present Cross Country Colours to an incredible 26 children throughout the school. This accolade is reserved for pupils who have represented the school on no fewer than three separate occasions. I would like to thank the parents and staff that make the children's participation in these external sporting events possible.

I would like to welcome Austin Procter, brother of Ruby, into Pre Reception. As always, I know that he will be welcomed by everyone in Pre Reception and the rest of the school community.

Finally, I'd like to wish you a fantastic half term break and we all look forward to welcoming you back on the 25th February.

NURSERY - The Nursery children have really enjoyed our Expressive Arts topic. It has allowed them to express themselves in a variety of ways including drawing, painting and also making use of our musical instruments. We have been concentrating on some maths activities this week and the children have been colouring birds, which we will use to display the results of the Bird Watch Survey we completed the other week. For optional homework over half term, we would like you to take some photos of yourselves enjoying your favourite food to link in with our Food Fortnight topic. Have a great half term!

Mrs Kim Callaghan



PE - The children have thoroughly enjoyed Badminton this half term, learning new skills with Mr Beal. The children have applied themselves well at what is a totally new sport for most of them and their improvement has been fantastic. After half term we are pleased to announce we will be switching to another new sport, handball. This will be based in the hall until the Easter holidays. The current sports club, run by Miss Broadbridge on a Wednesday after school, will change its focus to Athletics after half term.












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FORM 1 - This week, Form 1 have been exploring non-fiction books and finding out interesting facts about nocturnal animals. The children had to create posters and add labels and caption facts about their favourite animal. Form 1 enjoyed creating their own non-fiction fact book. Well done Form 1.

Miss Broadbridge



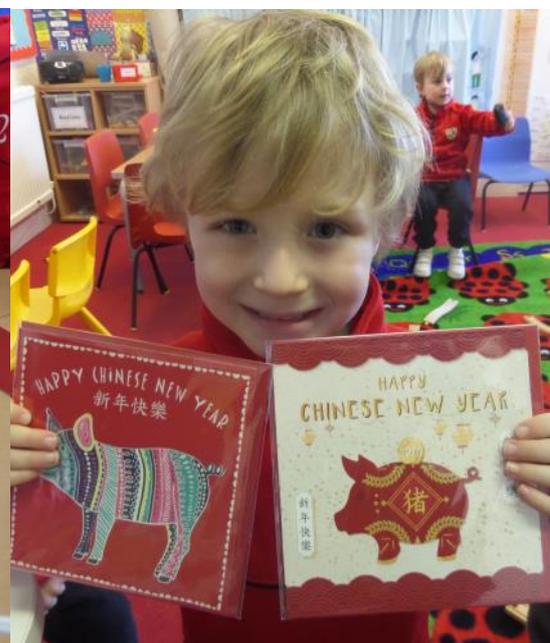
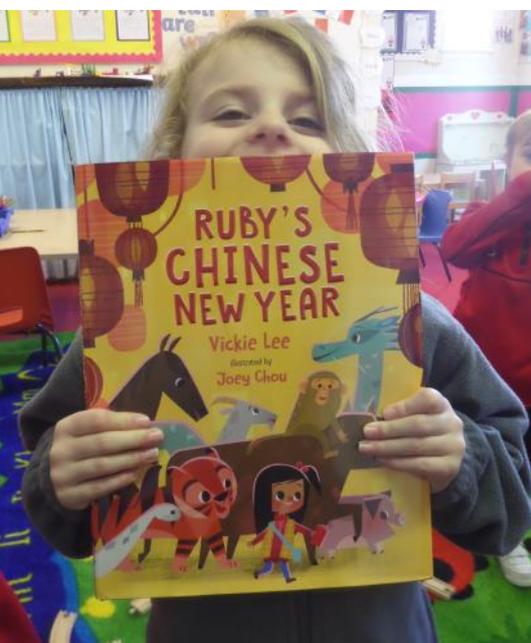
FORM 6 - Form 6 have been focussing on figurative language in English and decided to base their class assembly on poetry. They took ownership of their assembly and choreographed their own dances and wrote their own script. The children researched various poets and found poems they enjoyed and recited them with confidence and enjoyment. They also taught the rest of the school about alliteration, onomatopoeia, metaphors, similes and personification.

Mrs Fleming



RECEPTION - Reception have enjoyed continuing their topic on 'Chinese New Year' this week. We have painted our own dragons and described them using adjectives. We would like to say a big thank you to Janeska and the Woodlock-Taylor family for bringing in some fantastic resources related to our topic. We have enjoyed listening to the story 'Ruby's Chinese New Year' and we have played with special money envelopes in our Role Play.

Miss Wayman





FORM 2 - Form 2 enjoyed a fantastic practical maths lesson this week whilst they were learning about estimating. The children had to group pasta pieces, estimate the amount in their group and then see how close they were to their estimate by grouping the pasta pieces in 5's and 10's. We found that this strategy was an easier way to count our pieces. The children proved themselves to be excellent estimators.

Mrs Mason

FORM 5 - Last week Form 5 spent the afternoon with the Life Support Roadshow. It was an incredibly informative and useful afternoon for the children who all learnt so much. First, they discussed how to assess the scene of an accident and how to ensure it is safe. They were reminded how to call for help. They then worked on dummies to perform CPR and the Heimlich Manoeuvre, then on friends to put each other in the recovery position. They all enjoyed this fun, educational session but let's hope they won't ever have to put these skills to the test.

Mrs Bonner



Have a lovely Half Term
Mrs E Mason
Headteacher

FOMCS -

The Form 3 cake sale will be on Friday 15th February. There will be a FOMCS meeting on Tuesday 12th March at the Blue Boar and all are welcome to attend.

NEXT WEEK'S MENU

Day	Main	Dessert
Mon	Chilli con carne and rice served with warm tortilla chips	Flapjacks or Fruit
Tue	Chicken and tomato pasta served with sweet corn	Chocolate chip cookie or Fruit
Wed	Roast Beef, served with roast potatoes, carrots, Yorkshire pudding and gravy	Fresh fruit salad or Yoghurt
Thur	Sausages, mashed potato and beans	Apple crumble and custard or fruit
Fri	Fish fingers, potato croquettes served with leeks and peas	Traditional Welsh cakes Or fruit

