



# MALDON COURT

PREPARATORY SCHOOL

Autumn Term 2017

Weekly Newsletter

16th September 2017

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

Please check the school diary on the App and website.

### FRIDAY 22nd SEPTEMBER

Jeans for Genes Day

### SATURDAY 23rd SEPTEMBER

11+ Examination

### MONDAY 25th SEPTEMBER

11+ Information Meeting for Form 4 parents

### TUESDAY 26th SEPTEMBER

Form 6 Crucial Crew

### MONDAY 9th OCTOBER

School In Action Open Day  
9.30-11.30am

### TUESDAY 10th OCTOBER

9.30am

Harvest Festival; All Saints' Church

### FRIDAY 13th OCTOBER

Form 6 Cake Sale 3.30pm

### MONDAY 23rd OCTOBER—

### FRIDAY 3rd NOVEMBER

Half Term

### TUESDAY 14th NOVEMBER

Flu Immunisations  
Parents' Evening: 3.45pm - 6.00pm

### THURSDAY 16th NOVEMBER

Parents' Evening 5.00pm - 8.00pm

### THURSDAY 30th NOVEMBER

Singing Around the Tree

### THURSDAY 7th DECEMBER

EYFS Nativity

### THURSDAY 14th DECEMBER

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



Dear Parents,

I am delighted to inform you that yet again we have started our academic school year with a number of outstanding successes. We were informed this week that we have won many prizes in the Maldon Art Trail. This competition is open to all of the schools in Maldon and therefore the children aren't just competing against the children at Maldon Court but all of the other schools too. There are 2 categories that we were eligible to enter – the Under 7's and the 7-10 years. We swept the board in the Under 7's category and I would like to congratulate Miguel Kitasoboka for winning 1st place, Finn Fleming for winning 2<sup>nd</sup> place and Kitty Ross for winning 3<sup>rd</sup> place. In the 7-10 category, congratulations to Henry Tallowin for winning first place and Brandon Clarke for winning 2<sup>nd</sup> place. What an incredible achievement for Maldon Court! The children will be formally presented with their certificates at Maldon library this afternoon at 4pm. I look forward to seeing you there.

Well done to all children who completed the library reading challenge. These children had their certificates presented to them on Monday.

I would like to welcome Lucas Day, brother of Jacob, into Nursery 1. He started on Monday this week and I know that he will enjoy his time in Nursery. I would also like to welcome Mrs Abrehart who joins our Maldon Court staff team as a much valued midday assistant.

Finally, I would like to wish all of the girls that are sitting the CCHS entrance exam on Saturday the very best of luck. All the children have worked so incredibly hard for their entrance exams and deserve to do really well. Good luck!

## Samuel Peter Almond 23rd June 1983 to 31st July 2017



This week we were saddened to hear of the passing of a former Maldon Court pupil.

Sam Almond was a pupil at our school, leaving our Form 6 in 1994. Sam will be fondly remembered by many of the parents of our current pupils who went through the school with Sam. Sam went on to gain both BA and MA degrees at The University of Wales, Trinity St David. His expertise gained him memberships of the British Maritime Archaeological Society and the Royal Art Association. He was fluent in French, German, and Russian with a knowledge of Arabic and Chinese.

After holding positions at various organisations he went on to be recruited to the Shandong Polytechnic University in

China. Sam was a hugely successful teacher, his high standards and humorous teaching style made him immensely popular with his students.

In testament to his life achievements and in an incredible display of the high esteem in which he was held, Sam was presented with The People's Republic of China Friendship Award. This is the People's Republic of China's highest award for "foreign experts who have made outstanding contributions to the country's economic and social progress".

Sam, the only son of John and Lyn Almond, died suddenly on 31<sup>st</sup> July whilst at the university. He will be sadly missed and as a school community we proudly remember Sam and his remarkable achievements in his all too short life.

John and Lyn Almond have donated an iMac computer and printer to the school in Sam's memory. This will be made available for all our pupils to use and learn from. Sam's teaching principal was clear, his message was:

*"As educators we are no longer teachers, we are facilitators guiding students through their discoveries on their life path."*

Sam's ethos is thoroughly endorsed by our whole school community and his memory lives on at our school.



**FORM 1** - Form 1 have had a lovely first two weeks back and have settled in wonderfully into their new classroom. They have all taken on their new classroom roles brilliantly and this week Form 1 have been learning about many new things. They have been learning about the human body in science, which included the main body parts, as well as height and growth of the body. Form 1 compared their heights with one another and even compared them with me! Well done!

**MATHS CLUB** - This week Maths Club were getting to grips with the skills needed to solve problems. They were given a maths riddle to solve and had to work in pairs to find as many solutions as possible. Each pair was given the numbers 1-15, which could only be used once in the final answer. The children recorded several solutions to the riddle, as well as identifying the skills needed to be great problem solvers, these included knowing their number facts, working methodically to avoid missing possible solutions and listening to their partners. Over the coming weeks they will be solving puzzles and playing games which will test their mathematical ingenuity and ability to apply problem solving and reasoning skills in a variety of contexts.



We're working towards Artsmark  
Awarded by Arts Council England



**RECEPTION** - Reception have had a very creative week! We read the story 'Handa's Surprise' and created our own



food baskets using fruit stamps! The children enjoyed discussing the story and using fruit instead of paintbrushes!

**FORM 5** - Form 5 have been so excited to have the responsibility of having their buddies with Pre Reception. They have not only enjoyed spending time with them at break but also on Fridays they got read to their buddy and spend quality time getting to know one another.



**SCHOOL CHOIR EVENT: FRIDAY 13th OCTOBER:** The school choir will be taking part in a charity concert with the Chelmsford Male Voice Choir on Friday 13th October at 7pm at All Saints' Church Maldon. Children will need to be at the church no later than 6.30 in full school uniform including blazers. Tickets for the concert are on sale for £10 in the school office. Children are very welcome to attend, there is no charge for children but please still ask for a ticket so we can know exact numbers who are attending. If your child has signed up to be in the choir then they will be given song words will be given out to learn and I would encourage parents to help with these. I look forward to seeing you all the concert Kind regards. Permission will be sought via Parentmail next week. *Mrs C Hales*

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

**FOMCS** - I would like to say a big thank you to everyone who attended the FOMCS AGM last night. We have now voted in a new committee, along with the new class reps for 2017/2018. There are lots of things for the children to look forward to in the coming months. I will continue to be a 'General Committee Member' and help whenever I can. As outgoing Chairperson, I would like to thank you all for your help and support over the past year, which I know will continue for the new committee. Now the weather is changing, don't forget the second hand uniform shop - we have Maldon Court School umbrellas, winter hats, mittens, gloves and scarves, plus lots of other pieces of uniform. If you haven't already signed up to [easyfundraising.org.uk](http://easyfundraising.org.uk) please do. It's a very simple way to raise extra funds for FOMCS while you shop online; just go to their website and follow the instructions. Once again, thank you to everyone and I wish the new committee good luck for the future.

*Julie Head*

### NEXT WEEK'S MENU

Mon	Homemade pork meatballs in tomato and basil sauce, pasta spirals and salad	Fruit crumble and custard	Fresh Fruit or yogurts
Tues	Homemade chicken and vegetable cobbler with mashed potato and gravy		Fresh Fruit or yogurts
Wed	Cumberland sausages, roast potatoes, Yorkshire pudding, seasonal vegetables and gravy	Carrot cake	Fresh Fruit or yogurts
Thurs	Cod fish fingers, new potatoes, garden peas and salad		Fresh Fruit or yogurts
Fri	Jacket potato with chilli con-carne, grated cheese and salad	Jelly and fruit	Fresh Fruit or yogurts