



MALDON COURT

PREPARATORY SCHOOL

Autumn Term

Weekly Newsletter

16th December 2016

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Please check the school diary on the App and website.

THURSDAY 5th JANUARY

Children Return to School

FRIDAY 13th JANUARY

Form 1 Cake Sale

FRIDAY 20th JANUARY

Young Voices Choir at O2

SUNDAY 5th FEBRUARY

England Netball Trip

TUESDAY 7th & WEDNESDAY

8th FEBRUARY

ESB Examinations

FRIDAY 10th FEBRUARY

Form 2 Cake Sale

MONDAY 13th - FRIDAY 17th FEBRUARY

Half Term

TUESDAY 21st FEBRUARY

Parents' Evening

WEDNESDAY 22nd FEBRUARY

Form 4 Class Assembly

THURSDAY 23rd FEBRUARY

Parents' Evening

WEDNESDAY 1st - FRIDAY 3rd MARCH

Form 5 Fellowship Afloat Trip

THURSDAY 9th MARCH

Forms 3 & 4 Cross Country Relay

FRIDAY 10th MARCH

Form 3 Cake Sale

MONDAY 13th MARCH

Form 3 & 4 Trip to Chelmsford
Cathedral



Dear Parents,

The end of term has come along so quickly but what a brilliant time we have had. The weeks have been filled with lots of hard work but just as importantly, lots of fun! This week is my favourite week of the school year and this year has been no exception. On Wednesday, every single child in the school participated in our 'Whole School Community' art project which will be displayed outside Reception class and in the entrance foyer in the New Year. The idea behind this was to highlight to the children important values such as working together, caring, valuing and respecting others and showing tolerance. The end result is absolutely stunning and I am proud of every single child.

Of course, the highlight of the week for the children was yesterday when we had our Christmas Jumper Day and our first ever whole school Christmas Dinner in the School Hall. The hall was set out beautifully with a top table for our Form 6's and all other children on tables around the hall. The children loved their crackers (thank you to FOMCS for buying these). We had Christmas music playing and the atmosphere was amazing. It was so special to hear the children's reactions when they walked in the hall saying 'WOW'! A special thank you to Mrs Webster and Mrs Fowden for all of their hard work to make the hall look so wonderful for the children and also to Mrs Hill and Mrs Hudson for their hard work to make such a delicious dinner. Our afternoon culminated in our infamous Maldon Court's Got Talent. Further details can be found on the final page of the newsletter.

HEADTEACHER'S AWARD - Well done to Martha Curtis who won the award for her outstanding progress in maths and English. Thoroughly deserved, congratulations Martha.

SCHOOL COUNCIL - On Thursday 8th December Finn Robinson and Izzy Harrison in Form 6 joined with the Blackwater Partnership Schools for a School Council meeting at Moot Hall Maldon. The meeting took place in the Council Chamber and was chaired by Finn and Izzy. The purpose of the meeting was to agree a theme for the annual Blackwater School Council Conference to be held next March. Each school gave their ideas, which were discussed in detail, before a vote was held. The theme which won was e-safety, as all the schools thought this was an important topic to cover. Pupils from all the schools enjoyed a tour of the historic building led by local historians who knew plenty of interesting stories about the Moot Hall, since it was built almost 600 years ago in 1420.

PRE RECEPTION - Pre Reception enjoyed a fantastic Christmas party with lots of fun and games followed by a wonderful party tea. We were so excited to have a visit from Father Christmas who took time to speak to each child despite his busy



schedule! We have also been enjoying some fabulous role play in their Santa's Grotto this week. They have been acting out stories, using their imagination and developing their social and language skills.

FORM 6 ENGLISH—Macbeth: a story about murder and treachery, soldiers and war, witches and ghosts, the battle for a very man's soul, this was enough to get Form 6 really interested in the Shakespeare play and want to perform it!

The children have been working hard for the last 4 weeks to learn all their words and then put the play together using as few props as possible and perform it in half an hour. Impossible I hear you say -but no-given the right level of challenge the children achieved the impossible. The children found the new and unusual words exciting. They spent time looking at the punctuation Shakespeare used to tell his story. They became more and more confident in themselves and finally on performance day to their parents (Monday), they were fantastic. To quote the Bard 'You



can never have too much of a good thing'. Well done to all for their excellent acting and for speaking out their words so well.

FORM 3 DT - We have finally made our designed frames and completed our weaving. Some of us were wanted to change our designs and knew it was important to build a stable structure. We are excited to give them to our family and now feel we have accomplished weaving, next sewing. A very Merry Christmas to all from Form 3.



MALDON COURT CHRISTMAS DINNER



MALDON COURT'S GOT TALENT All performers were super and the children thoroughly enjoyed every act. Mrs Short was our compere for the afternoon and we had 'guest appearances' from Simon Cowell, Amanda Holden and David Walliams who were our judges! Congratulations to all children who won through to perform in the show and a special congratulations to Bayley Lempriere who won this year's contest with his amazing rendition of 'The African Song'. In second place was Finn Fleming for his truly impressive quick drawing skills. In joint third were Beatrice Bonner for her piano recital and Hudson Williams for his Abba recital.



Have a fantastic Christmas
Mrs E Mason
Headteacher

MENU FOR 5th & 6th JANUARY

FOMCS - As this is the final newsletter of the year, I would like to take this opportunity to say that since I took on the role of chairperson in September, I have been truly amazed at the support and help I have received, both from the parents and staff and I appreciate it a great deal. The lead up to Christmas is a very busy time for everyone and I'm sure we are all looking forward to a lovely festive break. The next FOMCS meeting has now been changed to Thursday 26th January at 7.30pm in the school hall. On behalf of FOMCS, I would like to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and New Year.

Thurs	Chicken Korma, vegetable rice with fresh salad		Fresh fruit or yogurts
Fri	Cod fish fingers, new potatoes, peas and salad	Homemade carrot cake	Fresh fruit or yogurts

