



MALDON COURT

PREPARATORY SCHOOL

Spring Term 2018

Weekly Newsletter

19th January 2018

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Please check the school diary on the App and website.

THURSDAY 25th JANUARY

Form 5 Class Assembly & Fellowship Afloat Meeting 9.00am

TUESDAY 30th & WEDNESDAY

31st JANUARY

ESB Examinations

MONDAY 5th FEBRUARY

Parents Evening Self Booking opens on ParentMail

WEDNESDAY 7th FEBRUARY

Form 4 Trip to Colchester Castle

MONDAY 12th - FRIDAY 16th FEBRUARY

Half Term

TUESDAY 20th FEBRUARY

Maths Information Evening for Forms 1 – 6 at 7.00pm

FRIDAY 23rd FEBRUARY

Swimming starts for Forms 4 - 6

TUESDAY 27th FEBRUARY

Parents' Evening 3.45 - 6.00pm

WEDNESDAY 28th FEBRUARY

Form 4 Assembly
Reception Road Safety Walk

THURSDAY 1st MARCH

World Book Day
Parents' Evening 5.00 - 8.00pm

THURSDAY 8th MARCH

Pre-Reception Mother's Day Tea

FRIDAY 16th & SATURDAY 17th MARCH

KS2 School Production at URC Church 7.00pm



Dear Parents,

On Tuesday, I had a very productive meeting with the Heads of School and Heads of School Council. Grace, Callum, Emelia, Thomas and Lucia joined me for a working lunch in Mrs Guest's house. Topics that were discussed included the possibility of purchasing Maldon Court rubber keyrings to sell, a paper aeroplane competition and starting to use the table tennis table at lunchtimes. The children were enthusiastic and very articulate which resulted in a very productive meeting. We also loved our Moussaka lunch – thank you, Mrs Abrehart and Miss Curtis!

HEADTEACHER'S AWARD - Congratulations to Amy Nguyen who won the award this week for her excellent application to her work in all subjects. Well done, Amy. Swimmer of the week was awarded to India Fisher. Congratulations, India.

WORLD BOOK DAY – World Book Day is on Thursday 1st March. Children are invited to dress up as a character from any book.

MATHS INFORMATION EVENING – I am delighted to inform you that we are planning to hold a Maths Information evening on Tuesday 20th February at 7pm. The aims of the evening are to enable you to understand the changes that have occurred in Mathematics and how we can meet the challenges together. It will also provide you with a greater understanding of how Mathematics is taught in school and the progression of the 4 operations. We also hope to explain the importance of mental Maths and the associated strategies. Finally, we will explain how you can help at home. The evening is for all parents from Forms 1-6 and I have no doubt that it will be very beneficial to all who attend. The session will last no longer than an hour. A ParentMail will be sent next week to ask whether you will be attending this as it will only go ahead if we have sufficient interest.

FORM 3 - Our science topic this half term is Rocks. The children enjoyed the practical lesson testing the properties of different types of rock. We looked at their durability, their permeability and their density.

Form 3 also found their confidence in English and confirmed that we have a class of budding actors and actresses. We have used drama to help us explore descriptive language for a scene or a character. The children then acted out parts of a scene involving different emotions in front of the class. We all then discussed words to describe these emotions.

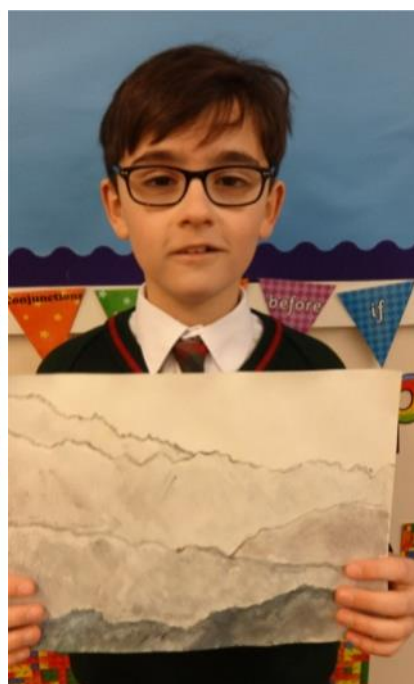
All of the class had great fun as well as working really hard. Well done Form 3!



PRE-RECEPTION PE - Pre-Reception have absolutely loved learning basic hockey skills in P.E with Mrs Holden this week. They have learnt how to hold the hockey stick correctly and practised how to keep their sticks on the ground and move a bean bag around the hall. The game 'crabs and lobsters' was devised to help the children understand more about movement. We definitely have some budding Hockey players of the future. They are all really looking forward to building on these skills and developing them further in their P.E lesson next week.



FORM 5 - Our topic this half term in Form 5 is 'Marvellous Mountains', and the children have been studying the largest mountains in the world and in the UK. The children have written fantastic menacing mountain poems filled with metaphors, personifications and imagery. In art the children have been studying tones using colour. They used watercolour paint to create these wonderful pieces of art!





FORM 1 - This week, Form 1 have been investigating what it would be like to be Polar Explorers and live in the Antarctic! We have been experimenting with different clothing to see what would keep us warm in freezing conditions!



THANK YOU - Pre Reception and Reception would like to say a very big thank you to Mrs Curtis, Märtha and Florence for our fantastic new dolls. It was very generous of you to kindly donate these lovely toys to the School. The children have thoroughly enjoyed playing 'Families' and dressing them up in their clothes this week.

PARENT'S FITNESS TRAINING - Mr Jonny Day is the father of Jacob in Form 1 and Lucas in Nursery. He runs a HIIT (High Intensity Interval Training) class every Wednesday in our school hall from 7.30-8.30pm. This class is suitable for all fitness levels and abilities and everyone is welcome. If you would like to give this class a go, Jonny is offering a trial lesson free of charge to all parents at the school. Just arrive at the hall for 7.30pm on any Wednesday. Lessons usually cost £5.

AFTER SCHOOL SNACKS - If your child is attending an after school club, please may I remind you that if you feel that your child needs to have a snack before they are picked up at 4.30pm, it should be a fruit snack only as per our school policy (medical reasons excepted).

KS2 SWIMMING HELPERS - If any parents of children in Forms 4,5 & 6 are able to help with swimming on a Friday afternoon, please either complete the ParentMail form or inform the school office asap. Thank you to those who have already offered their time.

Have a lovely weekend
Mrs E Mason,
Headteacher

FOMCS -

Thank you to Form 4 who raised £64 with their cake sale last week.

Next Friday we will be having a coffee morning in the Oakhouse after school drop off and we would really like it if you could join us.

We have many exciting things planned for this term; a newsletter with details of all forthcoming events will be sent out soon.

NEXT WEEK'S MENU

Mon	Sweet & sour chicken with rice and salad	Flapjack	Fruit
Tues	Lasagne with seasonal vegetables	Vanilla sponge & custard	Fruit
Wed	Roast pork, roast potatoes, Yorkshire pudding, seasonal vegetables and apple sauce & gravy	Fresh fruit salad	Fruit/ Yoghurt
Thurs	Brunch: Bacon, sausages, hash browns and baked beans	Chocolate sponge with chocolate custard	Yoghurt
Fri	Fish cakes, new potatoes, peas and salad	Raspberry jelly	Fruit



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