



# MALDON COURT

PREPARATORY SCHOOL

Spring Term 2019

Weekly Newsletter

1st February 2019

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

Please check the school diary on the App and website.

### THURSDAY 7th FEBRUARY

Forms 3,4,5 & 6 Cross Country  
Melbourne Park

### FRIDAY 8th FEBRUARY

Forms 5 & 6 Life Support  
Roadshow

### WEDNESDAY 13th FEBRUARY

Form 6 Class Assembly 9.00am

### FRIDAY 15th FEBRUARY

Form 3 Cake Sale

### 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,

The cold weather has not slowed down the pace of learning at Maldon Court this week. You will see throughout this newsletter that there have been some fantastic lessons and extra curricular activities over the week and the children have really impressed me with their enthusiasm and commitment to take advantage of the opportunities presented to them.

On Wednesday, forty five children from Forms 3-6 went to London for the eagerly anticipated Young Voices concert at the O2 Arena. The children have been working extremely hard over the past weeks to learn the many songs and actions ready for their performance and it most certainly paid off. The children were a credit to the school and sang beautifully. A wonderful time was had by everyone – children, staff and parents alike. I am reliably informed that the appearance of Tony Hadley performing was an additional bonus - especially for the parents! I would like to thank our school staff for their meticulous attention to detail in organising this trip and also the staff who gave their time and expertise in attending the trip with the children and parents. It was a fantastic evening for the children and my thanks goes to all the parents for their continued support of the events that we plan for the children.

**HEADTEACHER'S AWARD** - Congratulations to Elizabeth Bodal Hansen in Form 6 for winning the award this week for displaying exemplary prefect duties. Well done, Lizzie.



**PRE-RECEPTION** - Pre-Reception have been looking at how to turn a liquid in to a solid. We undertook a science experiment to turn water in to ice. The children came up with many ideas of how this could be achieved and luckily the weather has been on our side.

The children filled the outside tray with water and each put in a dinosaur figure, we then left them overnight and when we returned to school we were pleased to see the whole tray had frozen!

We then used toy hammers to break the dinosaurs free and discussed how we could make the remaining ice melt. We used salt and were amazed to hear the ice crack underneath.

*Miss Cottiss & Miss Sackett*



**NURSERY** - This week the Nursery have been enjoying the topic related to the RSPB Birdwatch. Lots of the children took part at home and brought back a completed Birdwatch Counting Sheet. We have made bird cake to feed the birds, binoculars to watch for them and we also made collage birds. The older children in Nursery 2 have also been working on their letters and writing their name. Next week our topic is Chinese New Year. For optional homework we would like to invite the children to make a collage picture that represents this. They can use colours or relate it to The Year of the Pig.

*Mrs Kim Callaghan*





**ECO SCHOOLS BIRD WATCH-** This week as part of the Eco Schools Committee action plan to earn the Silver Award the Eco Schools members took part in the Big Garden Bird Watch. The children sat for 1 hour observing the different birds that visited the school grounds. They had to count the most of each bird they observed at one time and record these on a data analysis sheet. The children are going to use this data to identify which birds visit the Maldon Court playground and they identify how we can encourage a greater variety of birds and other wildlife to visit. We will keep you updated of our findings.  
Mrs Clark



**YOUNG VOICES CONCERT-** On Wednesday evening, the children had the wonderful experience of performing at the O2. This is a very special trip for the children and parents and is always thoroughly enjoyed by everyone. The children had a great time singing and dancing to a diverse range of songs – some of the favourite being from 'The Greatest Showman'. The sound of thousands of children singing together was incredible and the atmosphere was electric. Well done to all of the children and to parents and staff for making this trip possible.





**FORM 1** - This week, Form 1 have been learning and exploring different 3D shapes. The children thoroughly enjoyed finding 3D shapes in the classroom and discussing the properties of each shape. Form 1 loved building their junk models and labelling the 3D shapes that they had used. Well done Form 1.

Miss Broadbridge



**FORM 2** - In Maths this week, Form 2 have been learning about 3D shapes. They have been learning all about the properties of 3D shapes and could confidently name the shapes and discuss faces, edges and vertices of them. They then had great fun choosing a net of a 3D shape to make and then constructed them independently. The classroom now has a wonderful display of cylinders, cubes, square based pyramids and triangular based pyramids.

Mrs Mason



### NEXT WEEK'S MENU

**PE UPDATE** - Please be aware that for next week only the PE Schedule is as follows:

- Forms 4,5 and 6 on Tuesday
  - Forms 1,2 and 3 on Wednesday
  - Pre-Reception and Reception on Thursday
- PE will resume as normal for week commencing the 11th February.

Have a lovely weekend,  
Mrs E Mason  
Headteacher

### FOMCS -

The Form 3 cake sale will be on Friday 15th February.

Day	Main	Dessert
Mon	Pasta Bolognese served with garlic bread	Flapjack or Fruit
Tue	Chicken goujons, potato wedges and sweet corn	Banana mousse or Fruit
Wed	Roast Beef, served with roast potatoes, cauliflower, Yorkshire puddings and gravy	Fresh fruit salad or Yoghurt
Thurs	Brunch (sausage, bacon, hash browns and baked beans)	Raspberry Jelly or Fruit
Fri	Fish cakes, new potatoes and peas	Vanilla sponge and custard or Fruit

