



MALDON COURT

PREPARATORY SCHOOL

Autumn Term

Weekly Newsletter

4th November 2016

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Please check the school diary on the App and website.

MONDAY 7th NOVEMBER

Individual & Sibling Photographs

TUESDAY 8th NOVEMBER

Parents Evening: 4.00-6.00pm
NO CLUBS

THURSDAY 10th NOVEMBER

Parents Evening: 5.00-8.00pm
NO CLUBS

TUESDAY 15th NOVEMBER

Flu Vaccinations: Reception - Form 6

THURSDAY 17th NOVEMBER

Form 3 & 4 Trip to Roald Dahl Museum
FOMCS Meeting 7.30pm

FRIDAY 18th NOVEMBER

Reception Cake Sale: 3.30pm

THURSDAY 24th NOVEMBER

Carols Round the Christmas Tree
5.15pm - 6pm

THURSDAY 1st DECEMBER

Sports Squad - Boys Only

FRIDAY 2nd DECEMBER

Christmas Fayre: 3.30pm

TUESDAY 6th DECEMBER

Pre Reception and Reception Nativity
9.30am

WEDNESDAY 7th DECEMBER

R & KSI Party, KS2 Pantomime
NO AFTER SCHOOL CARE

THURSDAY 8th DECEMBER

Form 5 Assembly - 9am
Sports Squad - Girls Only



Dear Parents,

Welcome back. I hope that you all enjoyed a lovely half term with your family and friends. The forthcoming half term is always a busy, exciting and fun time leading up to Christmas. The children have already started in earnest learning their songs for their Nativity/Carol Service to be performed to you in December.

Please note that children will have their individual school photographs on Monday. If they can come to school smart and in full uniform, including blazers.

We have also been continuing our tradition of selling the Royal British Legion Remembrance poppies at school this week. We will continue to sell the poppies next week at the beginning of the day and the end of the school day next week.

ULTIMATE TIMES TABLES - Special congratulations to Amrit Chahil who achieved the accolade of gaining her Ultimate badge for her Times Tables. In order to do this, she needed to complete 100 times table questions in two and a half minutes. Well Done Amrit - a fantastic achievement.

WRAP AROUND CARE - When using our After School Care facility it helps with planning if we know if your child will be having tea. Tea is served at 5.00pm so please ensure that if you have booked in for tea that you collect your child at around 5.15pm to allow the children the chance to eat their food. Please note that if you do not want your child to have the tea but have requested it at the time of booking that you will be charged for it.

PARENTMAIL - We are very pleased that so many parents have embraced using our new Parentmail App and all that it has to offer. You may be pleased to learn that you can notify us of any unexpected absence via the app which is a very quick and easy way to let us know if your child will not be attending school that day. Thank you for all your feedback regarding the service.

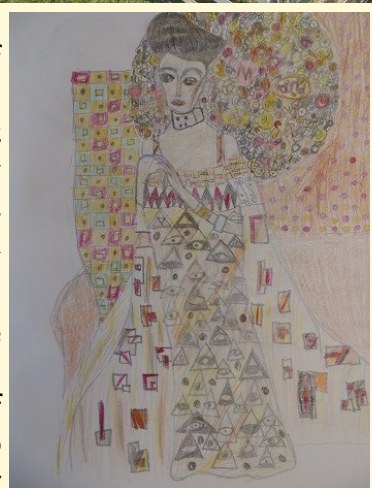
DRAMA CLUB - During half term, Maldon Court Drama group performed at the schools festival at Colchester's Mercury Theatre. Since September we have been working on an original play, receiving two workshop sessions the theatre's director to develop the play. The children were very nervous when they arrived as the stage seemed so large and there was an audience of over 500 people. That night the children gave a wonderful performance and received a fantastic cheer and applause at the end. Although we were the youngest entry, the other students were so supportive and encouraging. We received some lovely comments from other teachers and students who just could not believe the acting skills and how confident the children were, or the fact they were only aged between 6-9 years. Well done.



PRE RECEPTION TRIP TO FARM - On Thursday 13th October, Pre Reception were invited to at James Hull's farm. We all enjoyed a picnic lunch before James told us all about his pony, hens, sheep and lambs. The children loved the experience, especially feeding a 4 day old lamb. We would like to thank the Hull family for a wonderful visit.



GUSTAV KLIMT MEETS FORM 6 - During the passed few weeks Form 6 have been researching some of the work by the artist Gustav Klimt. They have studied his use of geometry and pattern as well as use of bold colours to enhance an image. Each child chose their favourite piece of artwork to focus on before embarking on their own Gustav Klimt artwork of themselves. The children chose a location within school to have their photograph taken and then once printed out they began to interpret how Gustav Klimt may well have drawn them. The children were really focussed on the detail of their work and the choice of geometric shapes they would use including triangles, circles and squares.



RECEPTION - The children made some fantastic Divali patterns on the playground using chalk. They worked together as part of a group to make a 'monkey bridge' to rescue Sita and then worked with a partner to make up a 'stick' dance.

WALLED GARDEN - The Gardening Club and Healthy School Committee are delighted to announce that we have just received the Level Two Certificate of Achievement from the RHS Campaign for School Gardening. Thank you once again for the continued support of our parent helpers. The certificate can be viewed on the Healthy School display board.

FORM 3 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - This week we have looked at the Hindu story of 'Rama and Sita' and used our drama skills to act out the story. We had to use lots of expression and ensured that our back was not towards the audience. We studied the different characters personalities and will begin writing our own version of the tale in English. Finally we researched the festival Diwali and designed our own Rangoli pattern as well as making a hanging ornament.



SCHOOL COUNCIL - HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT



On Wednesday the junior members of our School Council were very privileged to be invited on a visit to the Houses of Parliament. This was a fantastic experience that taught them all about the history and day to day workings of one of the world's oldest democracies. The children were given a tour of the magnificent buildings and were meters away as our political leaders faced interviews from the media. We were in the room right next door as the Prime Minister faced her weekly questions in the House of Representatives! The children have learnt so much

and their exemplary behaviour throughout the day was befitting of their noble surroundings.



HEALTHY SCHOOLS The Healthy School Committee are happy to announce that Ailsa Galloway has been elected as Chairperson and Kaitlin Rumble as Secretary. This week the committee hung sunflower heads around the school to feed the birds, as the days have finally got colder. These are sunflowers that were grown in the walled garden; the seeds having been generously donated by the Wilson family.

FORM 1 & 2 NOTLEY PARK - Last half term, Forms 1 & 2 went to Notley Park for an Environmental Art Day. They started the day collecting materials from around the park which they used to create rainbows. They

also painted pictures onto fabric, using brushes they made from feathers and sticks, and paint made from soil, berries, grass and anything else they could find. The day was rounded off making clay animals and using their senses to appreciate the world around them. Thank you to the parents that helped: Mrs. Dibben, Mrs. Wigginton and Mrs. Jones.



NEXT WEEKS MENU

Mon	Turkey meatballs in tomato sauce , pasta and salad	Iced sponge and custard	Fresh fruit or yoghurt
Tues	Cod fish fingers, baby new potatoes, garden peas and salad		Fresh fruit or yoghurt
Wed	Roast beef, seasonal vegetables, Yorkshire pudding and gravy	Jelly and mousse	Fresh fruit or yoghurt
Thurs	Cumberland sausages, mashed potato, golden sweetcorn and gravy	Fresh fruit or yoghurt	
Fri	Chicken breast wrap, savoury vegetable rice, homemade coleslaw and salad	Homemade shortbread biscuits	Fresh fruit or yoghurt



Have a great weekend

Mrs E Mason
Headteacher

FOMCS - I would be very grateful if you could return your Christmas card proof and money as soon as possible. We also require permission slips for the party and Panto. The Reception class cake sale will be held on Friday 18th November and 50% of the profits will be donated to Children In Need which falls on the same day.

We hope to welcome as many parents as possible to the next FOMCS meeting that is being held at 7.30pm on Thursday 17th November. Refreshments will be provided.

Julie Head—Chairperson



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