



MALDON COURT

PREPARATORY SCHOOL

Summer Term 2019

Weekly Newsletter

21st June 2019

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Please check the school diary on the App and website.

TUESDAY 25th JUNE

ESB examinations

WEDNESDAY 26th JUNE

Form 3 Class Assembly 9.00am

FRIDAY 28th JUNE

SPORTS DAY

No ASC or CLUBS

TUESDAY 2nd JULY

Nursery -Teddy Bears Picnic 2.30pm

FRIDAY 5th JULY

Pre-Reception and Nursery cake sale

MONDAY 8th July

Transition Day

Parent Meetings 2.45pm and 3pm

Form 6 - Rope Runners Trip

TUESDAY 9th JULY

School Fun Day

FRIDAY 12th JULY

School Reports

Report to Parents

Final Swimming Session for Forms 4 - 6

TUESDAY 15th July

FOMCS Fun Afternoon

FRIDAY 19th JULY

Prize Giving

School Closes at 12.00pm

No ASC or CLUBS

WEDNESDAY 28th - FRIDAY 30th AUGUST

Form 5 - 11+ Sessions



Dear Parents,

This week our Form 4 class have enjoyed their first residential trip to Danbury Outdoors. The children are having a wonderful time and have enjoyed some fantastic activities such as mountain biking, aerial trekking and the vertical obstacle courses. They are working together, encouraging each other and overcoming their fears. The children are a credit to the school and I am delighted that they are having such a valuable learning experience.

Tomorrow night, the school swimming squad will be in action at the newly reopened Riverside Leisure Centre in Chelmsford for the Mid Essex Primary Schools Swimming Gala. This is the first event to be hosted at the new state of the art swimming pool and the children are rightly proud and excited to be representing our school at this prestigious event. This is the culmination of a whole year of swimming training for all our children from Form 1 upwards. We have an outstanding team of swimming teachers and all our swimming training couldn't go ahead without the unwavering weekly support of our parent volunteers. Thank you and good luck to our swimming squad.

Next Friday it is Sports Day and the school staff have been working very hard behind the scenes to bring the event together. I hope you will have a fantastic day. The children are eager to showcase the sporting skills that they have been developing over the year.

HEADTEACHERS AWARD — Congratulations to Emma Mellor who won the award this week for her outstanding effort in all lessons. Well done Emma, I am very proud of you.

Cook to be Kind award was presented to Harriet Hawes this week for her kindness to another person in her class. Well done, Harriet.

NURSERY - We have had a great Summer themed week in Nursery. On Monday we went on a summer bug hunt walk to Leeches Garden. The children loved being out and about, ticking off their sheet when they found a certain type of bug. We have also made fruit ice cubes, which were delicious in our water at snack time. The outside area became a beach and we had water, sand and a tent for some shade. Next week our topic is Being Healthy/Physical which links nicely to Sports Day. We are looking forward to our races. For optional homework please make a picture to illustrate different types of sports or healthy foods.

Mrs Kim Callaghan



RECEPTION - *Supertato and the Evil Pea!* Reception have had a very exciting week. We heard that the Evil Pea and his Pea Army had escaped from the kitchen freezer. We created Wanted posters with excellent drawings of the Evil Pea and wrote brilliant descriptions. We handed them out around the School so that everyone could help us with our search. The Evil Pea was found on CCTV footage in Form 3 and, luckily, we managed to trap the Pea Army before they took over the School! We made some great estimations of how many peas we caught and then trapped them in our pea prisons. We estimated that we captured 20-60 peas each. Thank you to everyone for helping us with our search, we hope there aren't any more on the loose.



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FORM 4 - Form 4 are on their first residential trip at Danbury Outdoors. The children arrived at midday on Thursday and settled in to their rooms. After lunch, one group conquered their fears by going up the vertical obstacle course whilst the other group went mountain biking in the forest. The children were so encouraging to each other and helped each other to achieve things they thought they couldn't do. On Friday morning the children were raring to go. After a delicious breakfast of bacon baguettes, pain au chocolat, toast, yoghurt and a selection of fruit the children then had some free time playing football and games outside before they started their activities. So far this has consisted of an



obstacle course in the forest which was brilliant fun. The children had to negotiate a rope bridge over a ditch followed by balance beams and tunnels to pull themselves up onto a ledge. The children then had monkey bars which after all the practise at school on the fitness trail, they were amazing at! The 'over over' logs were a particular challenge whereby the children had to climb over steeper and steeper logs without falling over! The children are having a fantastic time and will be in need of a rest after such an action packed few days.



FORM 5 - This week Form 5 have attended a super Taster Day at The Plume Academy. The children excelled themselves in a Drama Workshop, where they explored the importance of body language over verbal communication. Next, they had a Geography lesson in which they built bridges using Newspaper and Sellotape. The twist was that they had a budget, the cost of the Newspaper and Sellotape was high, so the children had to carefully plan their expenditure. Our teams were quite successful in fact, one team won overall. Lastly, we had a fun maths lesson where we explored Tessellations and how we can predict whether a shape will tessellate by looking at its internal angles. Needless to say, the children made me very proud. They were all courteous, well behaved and focussed throughout the day. In class we have also been very busy investigating how type of surface affects the resistance on an object. The children conducted their investigation outside, making the most of the sunshine. Form 5 have also enjoyed spending some time with Form 2 doing shared reading. The older children listened to and helped the younger children with their reading and then read to them. Well done Form 5.

Mrs Bonner

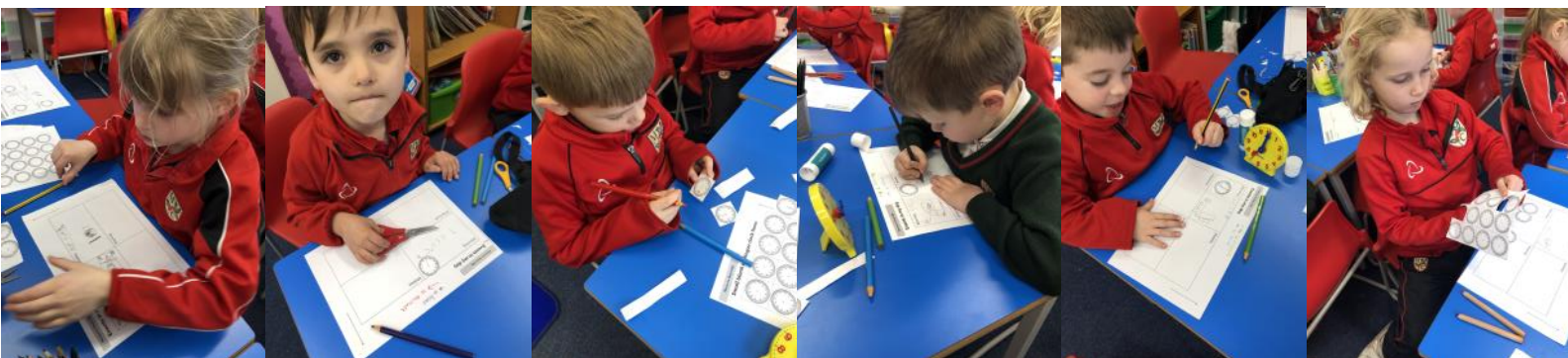


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FORM 1 - This week Form 1 have been learning more about different units of time. The children have been reading and writing the time to: o'clock, quarter past, half past and quarter to. Form 1 loved using the tablets to help with their maths lesson. Well done.

Miss Broadbridge



FORM 6 - This week Form 6 had their first microscopy lesson at The Plume with Mr Lane. They had to; cut open an onion, use forceps to peel a thin layer from the inside, spread out the layer on a microscope slide, add a drop of iodine solution to the layer and lastly place a cover slip over the layer. Once they had prepared their slides they practised looking at the cells at different magnifications using a light microscope.

Next the class were challenged to prepare a slide using their own cheek cells. Mr Lane was very impressed that everyone in the class had the patience to find and focus on their cells. He said in a class he usually only averaged two successful pupils.

Finally, the class were allowed to look at some pre prepared slides. These included looking at bedbugs, mosquito heads, taste buds, trachea cells and a cross section of an earthworm. The class were captivated.

Mrs Fleming



UNIFORM UPDATE - Due to parental feedback, the fleece lined Rain Macs will eventually be discontinued by Schoolwear Plus. I have arranged with them that a Mac in a Bag will be introduced. Once they have been delivered and had the school logo printed on them, they will appear for sale on the Schoolwear Plus website. For those who prefer the fleece lined option, a limited quantity of jackets remain in stock and will remain part of the school uniform.

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs E Mason

Headteacher

FOMCS

UPCOMING CAKE SALES

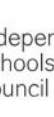
Pre-Reception and Nursery on Friday 5th July, Pre-Loved Uniform will also be on sale as usual.

SILVER COIN TRAIL - FOMCS Silver Trail Competition. Thank you to all the children and parents that have brought in their silver coins. FOMCS will be coming into school to do the Silver Trail with the children on the 5th July.

Day	Main	Dessert
Mon	Homemade meatballs served with pasta, sweet corn and salad.	Shortbread or fruit
Tues	Chicken curry served with rice, naan bread and salad	Strawberry jelly or fruit
Weds	Roast pork served with roast potatoes, seasonal vegetables, Yorkshire pudding, apple sauce and gravy	Fresh fruit salad or yoghurt
Thurs	Sausages, chips, peas and salad	Chocolate mud pie or fruit
Fri	Sports Day Packed Lunch	



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