



MALDON COURT

PREPARATORY SCHOOL

Spring Term 2019

Weekly Newsletter

22nd March 2019

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Please check the school diary on the App and website.

WEDNESDAY 27th MARCH

Mother's Day pop up shop
Pre- Reception, Reception,
Forms 4,5, and 6

THURSDAY 28th MARCH

Pre-Reception Mother's Day
Afternoon Tea 2.30pm
Pop up shop Nursery,
Forms 1,2 and 3

WEDNESDAY 3rd APRIL

Form 4 Class Assembly 9.00am
Form 3 - Fire Safety Talk

FRIDAY 5th APRIL

FOMCS Event: Easter Hat Parade.
Details to follow from FOMCS
End of term

TUESDAY 23rd APRIL

Children return to school
NO CLUBS THIS WEEK

WEDNESDAY 24th—26th APRIL

Form 5 - Fellowship Afloat

MONDAY 29th APRIL - 2nd MAY

Form 6 - Bikeability

TUESDAY 30th APRIL

Parent's Paediatric First Aid Session
Main Hall 1.00-3.00pm
Spaces Still Available

FRIDAY 3rd MAY

Form 1 Cake Sale

MONDAY 6th MAY

Bank Holiday



Dear Parents,

The children have been working extremely hard in class this week and the overall standard of their work has been excellent. On Wednesday, I met with our Heads of School for lunch and they updated me with all of the fantastic work that our School Committees are undertaking. School Council are currently choosing how they would like to spend the money they have raised. They are thinking of buying a permanent Green Screen for use in Computing lessons. Our Eco Schools committee have launched an initiative called the Big Battery Hunt. The children have been learning how important it is to recycle batteries. They learnt that we throw away 600 million batteries a year and 20,000 tonnes of batteries end up in landfill. The children were amazed that is the equivalent weight of 4000 elephants! Children will be given a recycling box each and prizes will be awarded for the most batteries recycled. Finally, our Healthy Schools Committee have been undertaking a research project to see which classes have the widest range of fruit varieties for their snack. They will be presenting the winning classes with certificates next week.

On Wednesday the whole school had the pleasure of watching Form 1's class assembly. They performed a wonderful rendition of 'Little Red Reading Hood'. Their acting and singing skills were superb and the quality of their written work on display was outstanding. Thank you to all of the parents and grandparents who came to watch. Yesterday, our KS2 children had the wonderful opportunity of visiting the Science Museum in London. The children had a fantastic time and were treated to many interesting and educational workshops. The smooth running of trips like these involve a huge amount of work behind I would like to thank our staff for their hard work. I am also extremely grateful to the parents who gave up their time as helpers on the day.

HEADTEACHER'S AWARD Congratulations to Toby Wilson in Form 5 and Matilda Kingston in Form 4 for winning the award this week. Toby won it for his exemplary attitude to school work and school life in general. He is a wonderful role model to others and is always smiling! Matilda won it for her excellent improvement and effort with her work and the improvement that she has made as a result of this. Well done to both children.

NURSERY - Nursery have enjoyed the first part of their Spring Topic. We have been completing lots of art work to display in Nursery. The children have made kites and bug pictures. Next week this topic continues and we will be exploring and enjoying the spring season. For optional homework, we would like to invite the children to make a Spring collage to display on our Home Link Board.

Mrs Kim Callaghan



PRE-RECEPTION - Pre-Reception have been enjoying our new topic 'Spring'. We discussed springtime and the changes we can see happening outside during this time. We have been making these beautiful daffodils to add to our display, we learnt about the different parts of the flower and what they need to grow big and strong.

Miss Sackett and Miss Cottiss



FORM I - This week, Form I performed their class assembly on the story of 'Little Red Reading Hood'. The children worked extremely hard to learn all of their lines and songs. Form I showed fantastic enthusiasm and brilliant role-play skills within their performance and loved creating their own stories in class. Well done Form I.

Miss Broadbridge



WORLD PI DAY - Last week the whole school celebrated world Pi Day. Pi is a mathematical value calculated when the circumference of a circle is divided by it's diameter and approximates to $3.14(\pi)$. Forms 1 and 2 discussed the elements of what 'Pi' means. The children used inspiration from Kandinsky to make wonderful artwork using different size circles and dipping cotton buds into paint to create some delightful creations. The children in Forms 3 and 4 worked collaboratively to record Pi in a grid sky line to see the shape of the number, they made their own Pi dream catchers carefully following the digits which continue to infinity. They learnt that Pi cannot be recorded as a fraction but $3\frac{1}{7}$ is closest. Forms 5 and 6 combined forces researching key vocabulary relating to circles. They then investigated the circumference of circles to prove that it is 3.14 times the diameter. They will continue their learning in class to find area of circles too.



FORM 2 - In Science the children in Form 2 have been exploring a variety of habitats. This week the class focused on 'microhabitats'. The children identified where you would find the mini beasts and discussed what each insect required. They then designed their own microhabitat and made their creature using playdoh.

Mrs Dickinson



FORM 5 - Form 5 have been developing their mastery of maths skills. We have recently studied the topic of volume and have used our maths fluency to become packaging specialists. We investigated the volume of a box required to package various items. This was a strange concept for the children at first but after measuring and estimating the volume of many items in the class room, we were definitely experts! It also helped us to discuss and picture the difference between 1cm^3 and 1m^3 .

Mrs Bonner



Have a lovely weekend
Mrs E Mason
Headteacher

FOMCS

Mother's Day pop up shop will be on 27th and 28th March. Pre-Reception, Reception and Forms 4,5 and 6 will be on Wednesday 27th and Nursery and Forms 1,2 and 3 will be on Thursday 28th.

Pre-Loved Uniform sale on Friday 29th March at 3.00pm in the main school hall

Southend Adventure Island tickets will be sold at a reduced price from Monday 1st - Friday 5th April - More details to follow.

FOMCS will be hosting the Easter Hat Parade, details to follow.

Form 1 cake sale Friday 3rd May, Pre-Loved uniform will also be on sale.

Day	Main	Dessert
Mon	Tomato and cheese pasta bake served with sweet corn and salad	Flapjack or fruit
Tue	Chicken curry served with rice, naan bread and salad	Vanilla mousse or fruit
Wed	Roast beef served with roast potatoes, carrots, cauliflower, Yorkshire pudding and gravy	Fresh fruit salad or yoghurt
Thur	Sausage rolls, pomme noisettes, baked beans and salad	Chocolate brownies or fruit
Fri	Birds Eye fish fingers, potato waffles, peas and salad	Raspberry ripple ice cream or fruit