



# MALDON COURT

PREPARATORY SCHOOL

Spring Term 2018

Weekly Newsletter

23rd February 2018

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

Please check the school diary on the App and website.

**TUESDAY 27th FEBRUARY**  
Parents' Evening 3.45 - 6.00pm  
**NO CLUBS**

**WEDNESDAY 28th FEBRUARY**  
Form 4 Class Assembly  
Reception Road Safety Walk

**THURSDAY 1st MARCH**  
World Book Day & Mad Hatters Lunch  
Parents' Evening 5.00 - 8.00pm  
**NO PE or CLUBS**

**MONDAY 5th MARCH**  
Mowgli & Friends Box Office Opens  
Choir competition at KEGS 3.30pm

**THURSDAY 8th MARCH**  
Pre-Reception Mother's Day Tea

**FRIDAY 9th MARCH**  
Form 1 trip to Hanningfield Reservoir

**FRIDAY 16th MARCH &  
SATURDAY 17th MARCH**  
**No swimming on Friday 16th March**

KS2 School Production at  
URC Market Hill 7.00pm

**MONDAY 19th MARCH**  
Science Day

**MONDAY 21st MARCH**  
Form 4 Public Speaking Competition

**THURSDAY 22nd MARCH**  
Form 2 Trip to Cressing Temple

**FRIDAY 23rd MARCH**  
Drama Club Performance 9.00am



Dear Parents,

Welcome back. I hope that you all had a lovely half term break. This coming half term promises to be filled with lots of fun and exciting educational experiences for the children. There are many class trips planned, including our first ever residential trip for Form 4 to Essex Outdoors in Danbury. We also have our bi-annual KS2 production to look forward to; this year the performance is 'Mowgli and Friends'. The children have started practising in earnest this week and it is all systems go from now until the performances at the URC in March. I would like to extend a warm welcome to Leon Page who has joined us in Pre Reception class. Leon started with us on Monday. I would also like to welcome Mr Acton, our specialist Music and ICT teacher and also Miss Frazer who joins us as peripatetic singing teacher. I have no doubt you will all welcome Leon and his family and Mr Acton and Miss Frazer into the Maldon Court community.

**HEADTEACHER'S AWARD** - Congratulations to Harry Scott who won the award this week for his excellent focus and concentration in class. I am really proud of you Harry, well done.

**INDIVIDUAL REPORTS** - In your child's bag today, you will find your child's report. I hope that you find that these are clear, succinct and highly personalised to your child. You will be able to discuss this report with the class teacher at parents' evening next week. I would like to thank all of the teachers for their support and hard work to improve the reports for the children and parents.

**NURSERY** - We have now introduced a buddy system between the children in Nursery and Form 4. It has been very successful and Nursery have thoroughly enjoyed their first few weeks with their new buddies. They have been taking part in lots of drawing, reading, painting and building in the soft play area.



**SCIENCE CREST AWARD** - I would like to congratulate the first cohort of Science club attendees on their marvellous achievement to attain their Crest Star Awards. The children have worked extremely hard since September at Science club and carried out a different scientific practical investigation each week.

The CREST Awards scheme is the British Science Association's study programme for young people. The CREST scheme gives students the chance to participate in hands-on science through investigations and enquiry-based learning, supporting them to solve real-life STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Maths) challenges through practical investigation and discussion. CREST encourages pupils to learn by solving a problem or answering a question, rather than just following instructions or being given the information. The emphasis is on the process, not on finding a 'right' answer. It encourages students not to view STEM as learning facts and doing experiments, but as sharing ideas and asking questions. Our first group was available to Forms 1, 2 and 3. The children had a marvellous time investigating an array of different problems to try to find solutions. Well done all those involved. I would like to say thankyou to Emelia Wilson in Form 6, who has helped me to run the activities every week. Emelia has been reliable in her attendance and mature in her approach with the younger children.

**ARTSMARK**- The staff and children of Maldon Court are proud to announce that they have been awarded, for the first time, the Silver Artsmark Award. Artsmark is a National award that is validated by Trinity College, London and supported by The Arts Council, England. It is a rigorous programme that enables schools to evaluate, strengthen and celebrate their arts and cultural provision. It helps to ensure that every child and young person has the opportunity to

experience the richness of the arts and culture. We are extremely proud to have been awarded this prestigious award as it is a testament to the ongoing outstanding quality of our Arts provision. Thank you to Mrs Fleming for all of her hard work in order for us to achieve this award and well done to our talented and dedicated children who have made this award possible.



**Artsmark  
Silver Award**  
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**SCHOOL PLACES** - If you have a child that is currently not registered for a place here at Maldon Court, please ensure that you do so as a matter of urgency as places at the school and nursery are nearly at capacity. We have been inundated with prospective parents over the past few weeks and have many booked in over the next month.



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**FORM 3** - Form 3 had a busy and action packed end to their half term. We have now finished our topic on the Stone Age. The children had great fun making their prehistoric 'bone' jewellery! We made bracelets, necklaces and headwear. Thank you also to all parents who supported the making of the stone age weapons and houses at home. The children love the hands-on homework and we had some fantastic weapons and houses that they made. The end of the half term also saw the end to our Rocks Topic. The children have enjoyed all the practical work the topic has involved and especially enjoyed testing the permeability of different soils. The children had to make the test conditions fair and so they measured with beakers and measuring cylinders, filtered with funnels and filter paper and timed using the clock. I am so pleased with how the children's extended written work is improving and how they are really developing their imaginative and figurative writing. The children worked hard and each produced a descriptive piece developing a new character for our topic 'The Black Hat'. Well done Form 3!

**WENDY HOUSE FOR REHOMING** After years of faithful service the wooden Wendy House pictured on the right is no longer needed. It is currently in our walled garden and is free to any parent willing to collect it. Please let the office know if you would like to take it.



**FORM 1** - This week, Form 1 have been researching about the first trip to the moon. They enjoyed watching the recordings from space and talking about the astronauts who took the first steps on the moon. They then designed their own moons.

### NEXT WEEK'S MENU

Mon	Chicken curry with rice and poppadum's	Flapjacks	Fruit
Tues	Goulash served with seasonal vegetables	Jam sponge pudding and custard	Fruit
Wed	Roast beef, roast potatoes, seasonal vegetables, Yorkshire pudding and gravy	Fresh fruit salad	Yoghurt/ Fruit
Thurs	Mad Hatter's Tea Party	Alices's fairy cakes	Fruit
Fri	Fish cakes, mashed potatoes, peas and salad	Chocolate mousse	Fruit

Have a lovely weekend  
**Mrs E Mason, Headteacher**

**FOMCS** - A reminder that our Bag2School collection is on Monday; please bring your bags of donated items into school on Monday morning. Thank you to all of those who supported our Smarties Challenge this is much appreciated. Please don't forget if you would like tickets for Southend's Adventure Island these can be purchased from your Class Rep. Lastly the next FOMCS committee meeting is on Monday at 2.15pm in the Blue Boar, we hope to see you there.



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