



MALDON COURT

PREPARATORY SCHOOL

Spring Term 2017

Weekly Newsletter

24th March 2017

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Please check the school diary on the App and website.

TUESDAY 28th MARCH

Gymnastics Club Display
3.45pm

WEDNESDAY 29th MARCH

Form 3 Class Assembly 9.00am

THURSDAY 30th MARCH

Form 5 Fellowship Assembly

FRIDAY 31st MARCH

Easter Parade
Last Day of Term

TUESDAY 18th APRIL

Children return to school after Easter

THURSDAY 20th APRIL

Form 2 Class Assembly

FRIDAY 21st APRIL

Form 4 Cake Sale

MONDAY 24th - FRIDAY 28th APRIL

Form 6 Residential Trip to Kingswood

THURSDAY 27th APRIL

FOMCS Meeting 7.30pm Blue Boar

THURSDAY 4th MAY

Choir Lunchtime Concert in Coggeshall

MONDAY 8th—THURSDAY 11th MAY

Form 6 Bikeability

FRIDAY 12th MAY

Form 5 Cake Sale

THURSDAY 18th MAY

Grandparent's Day

SATURDAY 20th MAY

OPEN DAY



Dear Parents,

It was a fun morning seeing the children with their red noses on to support Red Nose Day today. Thank you to all who bought a nose and who donated at the gate. This week has been packed with many musical events. We have had many of our children undertake their Royal School of Music exams. The children (and Mrs Hales) have worked incredibly hard for these and I know they will have done themselves proud. A big thank you to Mrs Wilson who gave up her day to chaperone the children from school to their exams and thank you to Mrs Wigginton for help on the day also. It was much appreciated. Form 2 enjoyed their trip to Layer Marney on Tuesday and the Pre reception mums were treated to their wonderful Mother's Day Tea. This was an especially special and poignant afternoon, not least because it was the last Mother's Day Tea that Mrs Thomson and Mrs Huett would be coordinating. Thank you to Mr and Mrs Maison who gave up so much of their time to come in to school to help the Pre Reception children learn the songs and actions. They are an invaluable asset to our school and their help is incredibly appreciated by everyone at Maldon Court.

HEADTEACHER'S AWARD - Congratulations to Alannah Rumble for winning the award this week for her superb attitude to all areas of school life and for her excellent work ethic in every subject. Well done Alannah.

CLUB CANCELLATION - Please note, there will be no Gardening Club next Friday due to the FOMCS Easter Hat Parade.

OPEN DAY - Please note that our Open Day is Saturday 20th May. Children from Reception to Form 6 are required to attend. Further details and timings will be distributed after the Easter holidays.

MOTHER'S DAY TEA

Pre Reception gave their mothers a wonderful Mother's Day treat on Wednesday. The children entertained them with fantastic singing before giving their mothers a beautiful card and present. Everyone then enjoyed sandwiches and cakes. Many thanks to Mr Maison for his fantastic piano accompaniment.



CHEERLEADING - Last week Form 2 took part in a cheerleading workshop at the Plume School. They had a fantastic afternoon following routines, working as a team and learning new skills. Thank you Miss Broadbridge for arranging this for us, everyone took part with great enthusiasm!

SCHOOL COUNCIL CONFERENCE - Our School Council representatives were very fortunate to take part in the annual School Council Conference. Earlier in the year members were asked to select a topic which they feel is important and relevant. Our children chose the topic of e-safety. Our representatives participated in workshops and learnt invaluable lessons that they are eager to share with the rest of their peers through an assembly and posters.



FORM 2 TRIP TO LAYER MARNEY TOWERS - On Tuesday, Form 2 had a fantastic day at Layer Marney Tower. They climbed to the top of the tallest Tudor gatehouse in the country; visited Lord Marney's bedroom and his church; learned more about the Fire of London, role-played the story of the fire through the eyes of people living through it; learned about combustible materials and the need for oxygen to maintain a fire and, very importantly, fire safety. The day was rounded off creating silhouette Great Fire of London pictures.

PARKING UPDATE - Thank you to those parents who have let us know they have been making contact with Maldon District Council and their local district councillors about the removal of the parking permits for the dropping off and collection of children. The council have confirmed to us that this decision was made as part of an annual review of budgets. I have contacted the councillors for our area and the councillors and staff involved in the decision making process. A list of councillors is readily available from the District Council website and I feel it is important that our parents make the council aware of the safe and unique way our children make their way into school each day. The traffic congestion witnessed outside many schools in the area has been completely eradicated on Silver Street and Gate Street through the Council awarding these permits to our School and St Francis over many years. I do hope we can reach an acceptable compromise. We are hopeful that the council may defer the charges until May whilst further voting and decision making takes place. However, until you hear otherwise from the school; parking charges will be incurred from the first day of the Summer Term. In an exciting development and excellent learning opportunity, our own School Council have taken up the issue and will themselves be making their views known to the District Council and local Councillor in a real world involvement with the democratic process. Well done and good luck to them.

SPORTS REPORT - On Thursday 16th March, pupils from Forms 5&6 represented Maldon Court in the Cross Country Relay at Chelmer Park. All runners showed brilliant perseverance to run the entire way, of the extremely long course. Maldon Court demonstrated great quick starts, as well as excellent sprint finishes. Well done to all runners that took part! This has been a fantastic year for Maldon Court Form 5&6 runners. All pupils have proved great stamina, consistency and determination when competing in every race. Special mention to Elizabeth Bodal Hansen for finishing 1st place in her races and Henry Crates for finishing 2nd place in the Year 4 races. Arthur Ballard finished 2nd place in one Year 5 Boys race and 3rd place in two other races. What fantastic achievements! I am so pleased to announce the overall results from all of the cross countries. Well done to all runners of Maldon Court as follows : Overall Cross Country Results – 2016-2017: Year 5 Boys – 3rd / 21 schools , Year 5 Girls – 6th / 21 schools , Year 6 Boys – 2nd / 20 schools , Year 6 Girls – 11th / 24 schools.



SCIENCE WEEK - Last week was National Science Week, a time when schools are encouraged to raise the profile of Science in schools. Although Maldon Court already follows a very comprehensive science scheme, Reception to Form 6 spent Friday afternoon carrying out a number of investigations on the theme of ‘Change’ and ‘Light’. These investigations included making flower petals change colour, making balloons inflate and pop with chemical reactions, changing states of water: solid, liquid, gas; colour interactions when adding food colouring to different milks and adding washing up liquid; working out wind direction using bubbles; Shining torches through a prism to split light into a rainbow and making a rainbow spinner so that when spun the colours merge to create white light. A fantastic afternoon where the children were enthralled with all the superb activities around the school.



Have a lovely weekend
Mrs E Mason
 Headteacher

FOMCS - Thank you to everyone who has entered the Easter Hat Parade and for your kind raffle donations. Raffle tickets will be on sale next week and on the parade day. We have some lovely prizes including a blue topaz and diamond on white gold necklace courtesy of Mrs Warren at Carlton Jewellers, along with lots of fantastic prizes! The children still have time to enter and more donations are always welcome, so please keep them coming. We look forward to seeing you all there. Many thanks from FOMCS. If you require any second hand school uniform please contact Samantha Bruce 07720 711027 or Julie Head 07739 297527.

NEXT WEEK’S MENU

Mon	Beef meatballs in tomato sauce, pasta spirals, garden peas and salad	Chocolate pudding and chocolate custard	Fresh fruit or yoghurt
Tues	Sausage casserole, duchess potatoes, fresh seasonal vegetables		Fresh fruit or yoghurt
Wed	Roast pork, roast potatoes, Yorkshire pudding, seasonal vegetables and gravy	Lime jelly and lemon mousse	Fresh fruit or yoghurt
Thurs	Chicken curry, vegetable rice and salad		Fresh fruit or yoghurt
Fri	100% beef burger, potato noisettes, golden sweetcorn and salad	Homemade flapjacks	Fresh fruit or yoghurt

