



MALDON COURT

PREPARATORY SCHOOL

Spring Term 2017

Weekly Newsletter

27th January 2017

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Please check the school diary on the App and website.

WEDNESDAY 1st FEBRUARY
Essex Air Ambulance Visit

SUNDAY 5th FEBRUARY
England Netball Trip

TUESDAY 7th & WEDNESDAY 8th FEBRUARY
ESB Examinations

THURSDAY 9th FEBRUARY
Form 5 Fellowship Afloat Meeting
3.00pm

FRIDAY 10th FEBRUARY
Form 2 Cake Sale

MON 13th - FRI 17th FEBRUARY
Half Term

TUESDAY 21st FEBRUARY
Parents' Evening 4.00 - 6.00pm

WEDNESDAY 22nd FEBRUARY
Form 4 Class Assembly
9.00am

THURSDAY 23rd FEBRUARY
Parents' Evening 5.00 - 8.00pm

WEDNESDAY 1st - FRIDAY 3rd MARCH
Form 5 Fellowship Afloat Trip

THURSDAY 9th MARCH
Forms 3 & 4 Cross Country Relay

FRIDAY 10th MARCH
Form 3 Cake Sale

MONDAY 13th MARCH
Form 3 & 4 Trip to Chelmsford Cathedral



Dear Parents,

We had a fantastic end to the week last Friday when 35 children had the opportunity to participate in the 2017 Young Voices performance at the O2 arena in London. The children were there with another 8000 children to perform songs they had learnt. Thank you to all the staff who worked extremely hard to facilitate this trip for the children, who all had a wonderful time.

I have been informed by Schoolwear Plus that there are 12 parents who have orders waiting to be collected from the store. As these items have been paid for they can't be put back into stock. Please check to see if this is could be you and contact them to arrange collection of the uniform.

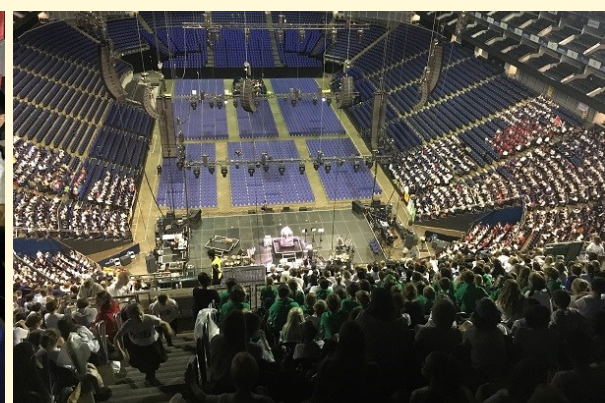
HEADTEACHERS AWARD - Congratulations to Emely Dunkin in Form 1 who won the award this week for her superb attitude to her school work and for always working extremely hard. Well done Emely.

LOST PROPERTY - Please may I remind you to label your child's uniform and belongings. I have found a brand new duffle coat (KS2) with no name in and therefore cannot return to its owner! If you have lost a coat, please let me know.

FORM 3 SPANISH & ART - We have been introduced to our Spanish language by 'Toro', the magnificent Spanish bull. So far we have learnt how to greet people and say our name. This week we have been learning numbers up to 20. Toro is very helpful with our pronunciation and very funny!

In Art this week we are continuing our study on Paul Klee, and focusing on his art work called, 'yellow birds'. We have had to concentrate again on his use of lines and shapes. We created a piece of collaged art by cutting and sticking carefully. It was not as simple as we thought, however we were very resilient!

YOUNG VOICES AT O2 - On Friday the Key Stage 2 Choir attended a musical extravaganza at the O2 Arena in London. Upon arrival the children took part in a 3 hour dress rehearsal with the flamboyant conductor, David Lawrence and phenomenal dance group Urban Strides. They put the children through their paces following a variety of dance routines before the final performance in the evening to their extremely proud and excited friends and family. The children sang songs from all over Great Britain and around the world, even singing in Welsh and Zulu. As always the children were an absolute credit to the school and performed amazingly. Thank you to Mrs Hales and Mrs Bennett for organising the trip - it was something the children will remember for years to come.



RECEPTION - Reception have been making the most of the cold weather by carrying out investigations, making predictions and observing changes. We dressed hot water bottles in different layers and left them outside for a while. We found out the more layers we wear, the warmer we are. We tested which material is best for Mr Hilton to put on the playground to melt the ice.



PRE RECEPTION - We have been celebrating Chinese New Year this week. We had lots of fun learning about how different cultures celebrate important festivals. We made a fantastic dragon and made up our own dragon dance. We had a go at Chinese writing and made good luck banners for our home corner and enjoyed a delicious stir fry using chopsticks!

NEXT WEEKS MENU

Mon	Homemade beef meatballs in tomato sauce, pasta spirals and salad	Lemon drizzle sponge custard	Fresh fruit or yoghurt
Tues	Homemade tomato and ham pizza, potato noisettes and sweetcorn		Fresh fruit or yoghurt
Wed	Cumberland sausages, roast potatoes, Yorkshire pudding, seasonal vegetables and gravy	Strawberry jelly and mousse	Fresh fruit or yoghurt
Thurs	Chicken pasta bake, garden peas and salad		Fresh fruit or yoghurt
Fri	Pork cobbler, sweet potato mash with mixed vegetables	Homemade shortbread	Fresh fruit or yoghurt

LIGHTS SWITCH OFF - Our latest Heads and Eco Schools initiative is a 'Switch Off The Lights' poster competition. Reception to Form 6 are invited to participate. The children have been provided with a template - please can your child complete this and give to either Keara Driscoll or Thomas Philips. The closing date is Wednesday 1st February.

Mrs E Mason , Headteacher

FOMCS - Thank you to everyone who braved the cold and made it to the FOMCS meeting yesterday. We discussed how to improve the Christmas Bazaar and decided on some future events. The next FOMCS meeting will be held on Thursday 2nd March at 7.30pm in the school hall. Everyone is welcome so please come along. Refreshments will be provided. The Form 2 Cake Sale will be on Friday 10th February. Second hand uniform will be on sale as always. If you require uniform in the meantime, please contact Samantha Bruce on 07720 711027.



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