



MALDON COURT

PREPARATORY SCHOOL

Summer Term 2017

Weekly Newsletter

28th April 2017

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Please check the school diary on the App and website.

THURSDAY 4th MAY

Choir Lunchtime Concert in Coggeshall

FRIDAY 5th MAY

Reception & Form 2 Trip to Chigborough Farm

MONDAY 8th—THURSDAY 11th MAY

Form 6 Bikeability

FRIDAY 12th MAY

Form 5 Cake Sale

THURSDAY 18th MAY

Grandparents' Day

SATURDAY 20th MAY

OPEN DAY

MONDAY 22nd MAY

Class Photographs

FRIDAY 26th MAY

Swimming Gala 11.30am - 12.30pm

MONDAY 29th MAY - FRIDAY 9th JUNE

Half Term

SATURDAY 10th JUNE

MEPSSA Swimming Gala
Riverside Leisure Centre
6.30pm

TUESDAY 13th JUNE

Form 5 Secondary School Taster Day

THURSDAY 15th JUNE

Reception Fathers Day Afternoon

MONDAY 19th - TUESDAY 20th JUNE

Around the World (In school!)
Enrichment Day



Dear Parents,

As always, another fantastic week enjoyed by all of the children at Maldon Court. Form 6 have had a brilliant week at Kingswood and it was fantastic to see them embracing all of the activities that were presented to them. Thank you to Mrs Baron and Mr Coyle who have given up their week to accompany the children on a trip of a lifetime. It was also a pleasure to see the start of the rehearsals for the country dancing for Form 1 and Form 5 in preparation for our Open Day on 20th May. It was incredible to see just how quickly they picked up the very tricky routines and how much the Form 1 and Form 5 children supported each other.

HEADTEACHER'S AWARD - Congratulations to George Dibben who thoroughly deserved the award this week for his overall excellent application to his school studies and for being a superb role model. Well done George.

COOL TO BE KIND - Well done to Hugh Crozier who achieved this award for his considerate thoughts and actions to other children in his class.



FORM 3 - For our 'Around the world' whole school topic, Form 3 looked at Chinese art and focused on 'koi artwork'. The children looked carefully at the proportions of the fish and drew them with precision and detail. Next the class used crayons to ensure the bold colours of the fish stood out and then creatively used a wash of colour using watercolour paints. Well done Form 3 they all look magnificent!



FORM 4 - We ventured down to the gardens this week and braced the cold to tend to our garden. We turned the soil, pulled out weeds and collected all the stones. We are hoping to be planting beans and tomatoes as soon as the weather warms up. Form four also had great fun attempting to build a structure using tessellating triangles which they had constructed out of paper straws. There were lots of problems to solve and the task involved lots of teamwork and collaboration.



PE—This week, pupils from Form 2 have been participating in tennis with-in their PE lessons. Pupils have been developing their forehands and back-hands, and learning how to control the ball in order to play a rally!



RECEPTION - Reception had a wonderful time when we visited our School Garden. The children used trowels and forks to dig and weed the Reception plot before sowing some flower seeds. We watered the seeds and the plants in the greenhouse. The children then picked up the grass that Mr Baron had kindly strimmed and put it in the compost.



ECO-SCHOOLS COMMITTEE- As part of Eco School the children would like a couple of parents to come and join their Eco School committee. This would involve coming to a meeting once a month and sharing ideas on ways to make the school more environmentally friendly. If you are able to help, please see either Mrs Clark or Mrs Dickinson. We look forward to hearing from you.



PRE RECEPTION VISITOR - Pre Reception had a special

visitor on Thursday. Jensen brought his pet tortoise, Wally, to school for the day. Jensen was very knowledgeable about his tortoise, he told us that Wally was one and a half years old. He was also able to tell his friends how to look after Wally, what he liked to eat, where he lived and how to handle him. Thank you for bringing him in Jensen, we had a very exciting day!



UNIFORM - Following the cold snap and now the weather is warming up, please can we resume after the bank holiday in full Summer Uniform. Further updates will be sent via Parentmail.

STAFF NEWS - It is with the most deepest regret that I have to inform you that Mrs Trish Thompson, our Midday Supervisor for over 3 years, has sadly lost her battle with cancer and passed away at the weekend. Our deepest condolences go to all of her family at such a sad time.

Mrs Webster continues to make excellent progress and is returning to her family home. Mrs Webster is determined to continue to be an integral part of Maldon Court. The injury to her lower left leg is such that it has had to be removed. However, Mrs Webster is the epitome of Maldon Court and she will continue to strive to achieve everything that she wishes to. We of course, will facilitate this in every way possible.

NURSERY - Nursery are very excited to be trialling a new system for our Learning Journeys this week called Tapestry. It is an online system that allows us to send photos and even videos of children to parents/grandparents, they in turn receive an email alert when an observation has been made and can access it in real time and make comments. It is a fantastic way of engaging parents and helping to bridge the gap between home and school and show development in all the EYFS areas. Our parents have been equally excited, 'what a fantastic app!', 'already loving this!', 'it's the highlight of my day', are all quotes we have heard this week.

OPEN DAY - We are very excited about our forthcoming Open Day. You will have received the timetable for the day today via Parentmail. Please can we ask you to help us advertise the event by collecting a poster from the school office and displaying in your car, business or house window. We thank you for all your help with this. We are looking forward to a fun packed day for all.

**Wish you all a lovely Bank Holiday weekend,
Mrs E Mason
Headteacher**

NEXT WEEK'S MENU

Mon	BANK HOLIDAY		
Tues	Homemade cheese and tomato pizza, curly fries, homemade coleslaw and fresh salad		Fresh fruit or yoghurt
Wed	Roast chicken, roast potatoes, Yorkshire pudding, broccoli and gravy	Iced sponge	Fresh fruit or yoghurt
Thurs	Cottage pie, garden peas and gravy		Fresh fruit or yoghurt
Fri	BBQ pork, savoury vegetable rice and salad	Homemade shortbread biscuit	Fresh fruit or yoghurt

FOMCS - Thank you to Form 4 for their Cake Sale last week, which raised £81.40. The next Cake Sale will be held on Friday 12th May by Form 5. The ever popular Grandparents Day that the school organises, will be held on the 18th May. FOMCS arrange the helpers for this day and we will be sending out forms requesting your assistance shortly. Please look out for them in the book bags and return them as soon as you can. Thank you. Thank you to everyone who attended the FOMCS Meeting on Thursday. The next meeting will be on Friday 29th June at 7.30pm. If you require any second hand school uniform, please contact Samantha Bruce 07720 711027 or Julie Head 07739 297527.

