



MALDON COURT

PREPARATORY SCHOOL

Spring Term 2018

Weekly Newsletter

29th March 2018

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Please check the school diary on the App and website.

MONDAY 2nd - FRIDAY 13th APRIL

Easter Holidays

MONDAY 16th APRIL

Children return to school
PE for Forms 1,2,3,4

WEDNESDAY 18th APRIL

Whole School Enrichment Day
NO PE

MONDAY 23rd APRIL

Class Photographs
Form 1 Cricket Competition

TUESDAY 24th APRIL

Form 3 Trip to Layer Marney Tower

WEDNESDAY 25th APRIL

Reception Road Safety Walks

THURSDAY 26th APRIL

Music Festival—Plume Academy
KS2 Choir

**MONDAY 30th APRIL—
THURSDAY 3rd MAY**

Form 6 Bikeability

WEDNESDAY 2nd MAY

11+ Parent's Meeting for Form 5
2.30pm

THURSDAY 3rd MAY

Form 1 Class Assembly

WEDNESDAY 9th MAY

Outdoor Classroom Day

THURSDAY 10th MAY

Grandparents' Day

SATURDAY 12th MAY

OPEN DAY
10am - 1pm



Dear Parents,

Form 5, myself and Mrs Clark have just returned from a fantastic residential trip to Fellowship Afloat in Tollesbury. The rain and wind didn't deter the children from having the most wonderful experiences. Activities that the children participated in included an introductory sail, archery, completing the egg challenge, and the high ropes tasks set for them, night walks and climbing walls to name but a few! All the children embraced every activity with enthusiasm and the most over-whelming support for each other—even when they had to 'learn' to wash up and Hoover the saloon! Everyone had a wonderful time and I know that the memories made will stay with them forever.

I am looking forward to presenting the prizes for the FOMCS Easter Hat/Egg parade today. Thank you to FOMCS for the wonderful hampers and the prizes for the children. I look forward to seeing parents there at 2.30pm today.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF HOLLY

It is with great sadness that I must tell you that Holly, our school dog, died on Friday night. Holly was an integral part of our school life for nearly 13 years. Her kind, caring and sensitive nature endeared her to staff, parents and children alike. She was forever 'escaping' from the garden into the playground to see the children and could be seen wandering around the school - especially when there was food around! Holly will be sorely missed by everyone. Maldon Court will not be the same without her!



DRAMA CLUB - On Friday 23rd March, Drama Club performed Jack and The Beanstalk to the whole school and parents. It was a brilliant performance with all pupils showing a fantastic take on their character! Considering the limited rehearsal time (due to the snow), all pupils showed outstanding enthusiasm and effort within the performance! Well done Drama Club!



FORM 6 - Form 6 children have been working hard at being journalists. They have been BBC News-reporters and have used the tablets to do Green Screening and written a great newspaper article about 'natural disasters'. As well as being busy reporters they have enjoyed Mr Acton's Computing lessons at programming the BB-8 robot from Star Wars. The



PRE RECEPTION - Pre-Reception have had lots of fun with their Easter topic this week, completing a variety of different activities. We have been finger painting to decorate some Easter eggs and made some wonderful Easter Baskets filled with shredded paper and some chocolate eggs to take home!







SCIENCE CLUB - KS2 Science Club have been busy this term. We started science club with an investigation that the children performed with a plate of chocolate. They had to decide which chocolate was best. The groups had to decide how they would come up with an answer that they could justify and present results. We have also had a STEM competition. The children had a challenge of building the strongest bridge with 5 pieces of paper and a 10 cm strip of Sellotape. The winner's bridge managed to hold an incredible 1.9Kg. Last week we performed chromatography tests. The students had to find, using chromatography, which thief wrote a ransom note for the puppy they had stolen. After successfully completing this they performed their own investigations into

different pen types and different pen colours, investigating which colour inks were in their make up. The children also used different solvents to investigate how the solvent type can change the chromatogram produced. We are looking forward to more investigations next term.



FORM 2 TRIP -

Last week Form 2 had a fantastic day at Cressing Temple Barns. They have been studying the Great Fire of London, where it started, how it started, why it burned for so long, why it spread so far and how we know so much

about it. It was really interesting looking at the structure of timber framed buildings which helped us understand so much more about the fire. We also enjoyed acting out how people fought the fire without the help of a fire brigade and watched some interesting experiments about how different materials burn. Thank you to Mrs. Wilson and Mr. Hilton for making the trip possible.

REMINDERS FOR NEXT TERM - Please remember that the children return to school on Monday 16th April in their summer uniform. Children in Forms 1, 2 3 & 4 will be having PE on Monday 16th instead of Wednesday (just this week) so the children in these classes will come to school in their tracksuits and PE kits. All clubs do not start until Monday 23rd April. Individual music lessons (Guitar, Singing and Piano) will start on the first week back but Ukulele lessons will be starting on Tuesday 24th April.

Have a lovely Easter break.

Mrs E Mason
Headteacher

WEEK COMMENCING 16th APRIL - MENU

Mon	Beef Bolognese with pasta, sweetcorn and salad	Flapjacks	Fruit
Tues	Chicken fajitas, with soured cream, salsa and guacamole	Raspberry Jelly	Fruit
Wed	Roast pork, roast potatoes, seasonal vegetables, Yorkshire pudding, gravy and apple sauce	Fresh fruit salad	Yoghurt/ Fruit
Thurs	Cowboy casserole with mini rosti bites	Strawberry Mousse	Fruit
Fri	Fish cake, mashed potatoes, peas and salad	Chocolate chip cookies	Fruit

FOMCS - FOMCS had their first outing last Saturday to Bewilderwood and we all had a lovely time. Lots of fun had by all - thank you to those that could make it. Please see below for photographs of our day.

Keep your eyes open for our next trip. If anyone needs any Adventure Island tickets please contact your class reps or myself. There is a need for more preloved uniform if anyone has any they don't need anymore. We have some summer uniforms available if you require anything for Summer term. Have a lovely Easter break and look forward to seeing you next term.

