



MALDON COURT

PREPARATORY SCHOOL

Spring Term 2019

Weekly Newsletter

29th March 2019

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Please check the school diary on the App and website.

WEDNESDAY 3rd APRIL

Form 4 Class Assembly 9.00am
Form 3 - Fire Safety Talk

FRIDAY 5th APRIL

FOMCS Easter Hat Parade.
End of term

TUESDAY 23rd APRIL

Children return to school
NO CLUBS THIS WEEK

WEDNESDAY 24th—26th APRIL

Form 5 - Fellowship Afloat

MONDAY 29th APRIL - 2nd MAY

Form 6 - Bikeability

TUESDAY 30th APRIL

Parent's Paediatric First Aid Session
Main Hall 1.00-3.00pm
Spaces Still Available

WEDNESDAY 1st MAY

Form 5 - Secondary School Transition
Information Meeting 2.45pm
Form 5 - 11+ Mock Examination -
Week Commencing 29th April

FRIDAY 3rd MAY

Form 1 Cake Sale

MONDAY 6th MAY

Bank Holiday

TUESDAY 7th MAY

Class Photographs

SATURDAY 11th MAY

Open Day



Dear Parents,

Maldon Court has excellent links with other independent and state schools in the area. This week I have visited Colchester High and St Thomas More School whilst staff from Royal Hospital School have visited us and our staff have visited them. It is invaluable to work with other schools in order that we can share our best practices and learn from each other. It is also important that schools that may one day be welcoming our pupils in Year 7 get to see how advanced our children are when they move on to them and how they can help them to further develop as they make the transition from Form 6 to secondary education.

On Tuesday, as part of our continuing professional development, our staff meeting was led by Mr Acton and the children in Computing Club. The teachers learnt how to use our brand new state of the art lego devices to link up to the tablets in a programming lesson. The children had prepared an impressive Power Point presentation as the introduction to their lesson. It was wonderful for the children to teach us and we learnt lots of new things. Thank you to Mr Acton and Form 5/6 Computing Club.

Yesterday, our Pre-Reception children hosted their Mother's Day Tea. The children had a wonderful time with their mummies showing them their learning journeys, making biscuits for them and singing some lovely songs. This event is a firm favourite in the school calendar and thank you to all the mummies who came to watch.

HEADTEACHER'S AWARD - Congratulations to Pip Cowell who won the award this week for his sustained effort in class and for really working hard to improve his work in class. A Cool to be Kind award was won by Samuel Abrehart for his kindness to others in his class. Well done, Samuel.

NURSERY - Nursery have had a busy and fun week! We have had chicks visit us as part of our Spring Topic, visited the library for Rhyme Time and the children have also been enjoying a problem solving activity with the sand play. They had to work out how to make a sandcastle starting off with dry sand. The children discussed what they could add to make it easier to create. They soon came up with the answer... water of course! For optional homework next week, we would like the children to make an Easter Hat to wear to Nursery and to take part in the Easter Hat Parade on Friday if they would like to.

Mrs Kim Callaghan



PRE-RECEPTION - To end our life cycles topic, Pre-Reception have enjoyed planting cress to make their very own cress head. We discussed what seeds need to grow big and strong and the children have remembered that they need to be watered every day and are pleased to see the cress starting to shoot, we have been looking every morning to spot any changes!



RECEPTION - This week, Reception went on a Spring walk around the school. We were equipped with a clipboard, pencil and Spring Hunt list. We were on the look out for blossom, buds, bumblebees, daffodils and many other signs of Spring. We were very lucky to find chicks, a bird's nest and a (toy) lamb in the Nursery outdoor area!

Miss Wayman



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FORM 1 - This week, Form 1 have been learning the Spanish words for moods and emotions. The children loved acting out their emotions for happy, sad, tired, angry, excited and worried. Form 1 thoroughly enjoyed using their Spanish to communicate how they were feeling. Well done.
Miss Broadbridge



FORM 2 - Our Geography focus has been all about 'China'. The children can direct their own learning and so they requested to draw Pandas as they had researched about the animals native to the country. They used pastels, watercolours and pencils to draw and to create these wonderful Bamboo forest backdrops with an adorable panda.
Mrs Dickinson



FORM 3 - Form 3 are proud to announce the arrival of 12 very beautiful chicks. We were greeted by an incubator of fluff Monday morning, so although we did not get to see them break their way out of their shells, we were delighted that so many eggs hatched. As you can imagine, we have been inundated with visitors eager for a cuddle, with the chicks that is; we have never felt so wanted! All the children have handled them with care, Reception used some lovely vocabulary to describe them and Form 6 reminisced about when they raised chicks way back when they were in Form 2, they even remembered their names. Once again, thank you very much Mr and Mrs Hull for giving us this opportunity.
Mrs Baron



GARDENING CLUB - Gardening Club is back in full swing this half term. We have made a good start clearing beds, to which we have added compost from our own compost bins. This week we planted carrots under cloches, which were very kindly donated by Mrs. Symons, some early potatoes and some flower seeds which we hope will attract butterflies and bees.

Mrs Baron



STREET DANCE CLUB - There are now spaces in the Street Dance Club for the Summer Term. This club is run by Mr Higgins every Tuesday between 0745 and 0830. If any children from Forms 2– 6 who would like to try a session for free they are welcome to join in on Tuesday 2nd April 7.45-8.30am. Sessions cost £5 each and will start on Tuesday 29th April for 10 weeks. If any children would like to join for the Summer Term please contact the School Office.

NEXT WEEK'S MENU

Have a lovely weekend
Mrs E Mason
Headteacher

FOMCS

Pre-Loved Uniform sale on Friday 29th March at 3.00pm in the main school hall

Southend Adventure Island tickets will be sold at a reduced price from Monday 1st - Friday 5th April - After School
Blue Band - Was £18 Now £15
Green Band - Was £15 Now £13
Red Band are £12.

FOMCS Easter Hat Parade, Friday 5th April 9.45am
Form 1 cake sale Friday 3rd May, Pre-Loved uniform will also be on sale.

Day	Main	Dessert
Mon	Pasta Bolognese served with sweet corn and salad	Shortbread or fruit
Tue	Sweet and sour chicken served with rice, prawn crackers, and salad	Orange jelly or fruit
Wed	Roast pork served with roast potatoes, peas, green beans, Yorkshire pudding, apple sauce and gravy	Fresh fruit salad or yoghurt
Thur	Bacon and pea pasta bake served with garlic bread and salad	Strawberry mousse or fruit
Fri	Brunch (sausage, bacon, hash brown and baked beans) and salad	Rice crispy cake or fruit



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