



MALDON COURT

PREPARATORY SCHOOL

Summer Term 2017

Weekly Newsletter

30th June 2017

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Please check the school diary on the App and website.

MONDAY 3rd JULY

Transition Day

TUESDAY 4th JULY

Form 6 Fun Day for whole school

PE kit day

District Sports Field Events

NO GYM CLUB

WEDNESDAY 5th JULY

Nursery Teddy Bears Picnic

2.30 - 3.30pm

NO KS2 DOUGH CLUB

THURSDAY 6th JULY

District Sports Track Events

FRIDAY 7th JULY

Form 1 & 2 Hockey Experience

Sponsored Silence

MONDAY 10th JULY

Heads of School Ice Cream Fundraiser

£1.00 per ice-cream

TUESDAY 11th JULY

Prizegiving rehearsal

Pre Reception trip to Fire Station

Gymnastics Club Display

4.00pm

FRIDAY 14th JULY

Prizegiving 9.30am

All Saint's Church

School closes at midday

No ASC available on this day

END OF TERM

TUESDAY 5th SEPTEMBER

Children return to school

MONDAY 26th -WEDNESDAY

28th MARCH 2018

Form 5 Fellowship Afloat Trip



Dear Parents,

The excitement is building towards the end of term and all of the wonderful days and activities that have been planned for the children. On Friday last week, Forms 1 and 2 were lucky enough to have specialist hockey training at Maldon Hockey Club. The children had a fantastic time and we are very grateful to the hockey coach and also Mr Kingston who gave up their time to provide the children with this wonderful experience. Their next hockey session is on 7th July. Pre Reception have enjoyed a fabulous trip to the Gruffalo Trail and Form 1 visited Hyde Hall to complement their Science curriculum. To top off a wonderful week, some of our extremely talented children showcased their musical abilities in last night's soiree. This was a wonderful event which was thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended. On Monday, the children will be participating in Transition day where they spend the day in their new classroom with their new teacher. This is always an exciting day for the children. Please ensure that at the beginning of the day, the children go to their new classroom.

I would like to welcome Alex Willey who has joined us in Form 2. He has already settled in extremely well and I know that you will make the family very welcome into the Maldon Court family. I would also like to congratulate Harrison Jones in Nursery and his parents on the birth of Harrison's little sister, Rose, who was born on Monday.

HEADTEACHER'S AWARD - Well done to Brodie Clampin who has achieved a Headteacher's Award this week for being so helpful around the school.

FORM 1 TRIP TO RHS HYDE HALL - On Tuesday 27th June, Form 1 went on a Science trip to RHS Hyde Hall as part of their topic on plants. The children found out why plants are so important in our lives and the important part bees play in the pollinating process. They were able to look at seeds from all around the world, make their own seed pot out of paper, plant their own seed, draw and paint flowers and examine the nests and bones of animals found in the grounds of Hyde Hall. The children were given the task of creating their own birds nest and then had to identify the sound of some common birds they might hear in the garden. The children looked at art work from the famous Land Artist Andy Goldsworthy and created their own temporary picture using petals and leaves. Form 1 had a wonderful day and the workshop leaders at Hyde Hall were very impressed with how the children listened so carefully, their behaviour and their standard of knowledge about plants and birds.



PRE RECEPTION - On Wednesday, Pre Reception had a wonderful day exploring The Gruffalo Trail at Thorndon Country Park. We followed the paths which took us around the 'deep dark wood' and found all the characters from the story. The children had great fun climbing, balancing and jumping in the woods. We found lots of dens and collected sticks to make them bigger. We then enjoyed a lovely picnic lunch. As always, the children were a credit to Maldon Court School. Thank you, Mr. Hilton and Mr. Fleming for helping us to build dens, collect sticks and have so much fun.

FORM 3 - This week, Form 3 have been studying the 'Great Barrier Reef' and discovering the true beauty of its nature. At first we looked at the natural wonder of the coral and the vast species of wildlife including nearly 1500 kinds of fish, even Finding Nemo, the Clownfish! The children discovered that the smallest fish is called the Stout Infant Fish which is only 7 millimetres long, and the biggest is the whale shark which can grow up to 12 metres long. The children produced wonderful posters and studied the on-going threats to this Natural Wonder. The children found many different causes both human and natural. The worst natural danger to the Great Barrier Reef is the Crown of Thorns starfish, which eats the coral until it dies. The children were very mature at explaining if one ocean species dies out, it has a huge effect on the reef's delicate food web. As a class we discussed ways that we could solve the problem. Well done Form 3, I know you are good at looking after the environment.



ESB EXAMINATIONS - Well done to the children in Forms 2 and 3 who have taken their ESB Examinations this week. I was pleased to see an array of picture boards and props coming into school for the children to present their talks to the examiner. Well done to all those involved and a big thank you to Mrs Deakin and all her hard work in preparing the children once again.

PARKING - Last week I had a meeting with Richard Holmes, Director of Community Services at Maldon District Council and Karen Bomford, Group Manager of Community Services, regarding our campaign to get parking permits for parents for September rather than using the pay machines. The meeting was very positive and as we have already said, parents are happy to pay for permits but on a user pay principle rather than paying for when we are not using the car park. This has been a long consultation process with the Council and many meetings have been attended to reach this stage. The final two meetings are on 4th July for Community Services meeting and then the Full Council meeting on 13th July. Both meetings are at 7.30pm and will be held at Maldon District Council offices. Any support you can give by attending these meetings would be most appreciated.

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UNIFORM - Schoolwear Plus have now been able to give us a size guide for the new tracksuit bottoms. Please see the guide below to help you order the correct size.

WAIST SIZE		20-22"	22-24"	24-26"	26-27"	28-30"	30-32"	32-34"	34-36"	38-40"	42-44"	46-48"	50-52"	54-56"	58-60"
INSIDE LEG	CM	40	52	64	70	75	79	82	84	86	88	88	88	88	88

FORM 4 - Have been learning how to posterise an image of themselves on an app. Using this image they've learnt to enlarge the image using a grid technique and have practised shading their self portrait by using pencil techniques and monochromatic colours to paint their image.



GARDENING - This week we harvested our potatoes. Results were not amazing. We think this was due to the hot weather, but we had a lot of fun rummaging through the soil to find them.

Form	Rocket	Gemson
Form 1	500g	480g
Form 2	550g	960g
Form 3	800g	400g
Form 4	425g	375g
Form 5	775g	600g

Form 2 also prepared and cooked their potatoes so that they could complete the whole seed to fork process,. How much better they taste when they are fresh. All the other potatoes went to the kitchen so nothing has been wasted.



HOCKEY - Children in Forms 1 and 2 had an excellent morning on Friday at Maldon Hockey Club. They learnt many skills and practised their passing and tackling techniques. The morning was finished off by all the children participating in mini hockey matches. A brilliant morning was had by all and the children certainly gained a lot from this experience. Thank you to everyone involved and we look forward to our next session.

CLUBS - Please be aware that both Gymnastics Club on Tuesday and KS2 Dough Club on Wednesday have been cancelled next week. Apologies for any inconvenience.

Have a lovely weekend
Mrs E Mason, Headteacher



FOMCS - A big thank you to Form 6 for their last cake sale before moving on in September. £75.60 was raised and the children of Form 6 have kindly requested that this money be donated to the Grenfell Towers fund, as so many children lost their homes. We think this is a lovely, kind and thoughtful idea, so FOMCS will be donating it on their behalf. On Tuesday 4th, Wednesday 5th and Thursday 6th July, we will be holding a Book Sale in the afternoon (if the weather is dry). After school there will be a table by the gates and all books will be 50p. Don't forget to register at the easyfundraising.org.uk website for another way to raise funds when you are online shopping. It's so easy! Thank you to all who attended the FOMCS Meeting on Thursday in The Blue Boar. There are no more FOMCS Meetings until the AGM on September 14th. This will take place in the school hall at 7.30pm. Please hand in your forms as soon as possible for the positions of Class Reps and Committee Members. If anyone requires information regarding what each position entails, please contact me on 07739 297527, or stop me and ask for a chat. Many thanks.

Julie Head

NEXT WEEK'S MENU

Mon	Cumberland sausages, mashed potato, mixed vegetables and onion gravy	Jam sponge & custard	Fresh fruit or yoghurt
Tues	Ham and tomato pasta bake, sweetcorn, fresh salad		Fresh fruit or yoghurt
Wed	Roast beef, Yorkshire pudding, roast potatoes, fresh vegetables and gravy	Jelly & ice-cream	Fresh fruit or yoghurt
Thurs	Cod fish fingers, baby new potatoes, peas and salad		Fresh fruit or yoghurt
Fri	Chicken breast wrap, potato wedges, homemade coleslaw, fresh salad	Chocolate mousse	Fresh fruit or yoghurt

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