



MALDON COURT

PREPARATORY SCHOOL

Spring Term 2017

Weekly Newsletter

31st March 2017

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Please check the school diary on the App and website.

TUESDAY 18th APRIL

Children return to school after Easter

THURSDAY 20th APRIL

Form 2 Class Assembly

FRIDAY 21st APRIL

Form 4 Cake Sale

MONDAY 24th - FRIDAY 28th APRIL

Form 6 Residential Trip to Kingswood

THURSDAY 27th APRIL

FOMCS Meeting 7.30pm Blue Boar

THURSDAY 4th MAY

Choir Lunchtime Concert in Coggeshall

MONDAY 8th—THURSDAY 11th MAY

Form 6 Bikeability

FRIDAY 12th MAY

Form 5 Cake Sale

THURSDAY 18th MAY

Grandparent's 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



Dear Parents,

It has been another fantastic term and the children have had many wonderful opportunities presented to them. These include the extremely popular STOMP workshop, educational visits, numerous sporting tournaments which the children have excelled in, not to mention the ESB and music activities. This week we have been lucky enough to watch the Form 3 class assembly and the Form 5 Fellowship Afloat assembly. Both classes were fantastic and it was lovely to see so many parents there to watch the children. Our Gymnastics club also performed a fabulous display on Tuesday to the parents it was amazing to see the progress that all of the children have made throughout the year. Thank you to Mrs Guest for giving up her time to facilitate this.

SUMMER UNIFORM – Please note, summer uniform is to be worn by all children when we return for the Summer Term. Thank you for your cooperation.

HEADTEACHER'S AWARD - A unique situation arose this week when 3 Headteacher Awards were presented! Congratulations to all of Form 2 for their impeccable behaviour on their trip to Layer Marney Tower. The school received a lovely letter in the post from a member of the public who took the time to write to us to commend the wonderful behaviour of the children and "how impressed I was with the children at Maldon Court Prep School....it was obvious from arrival how well behaved these little boys and girls were....the children looked stunning in their school uniform and blazers....You and your staff have much to be proud of – your school and ethos is a credit to all staff and students alike". Well done Form 2 for representing the school so well.

Congratulations also go to Henry Tallowin in Form 5 for his superb improvement with his handwriting and to Samuel Drewitt in Form 6 for his fantastic story writing.



NURSERY GIANT WIGGLE - On Friday 24th March, Nursery took part in The Giant Wiggle, a nationally organised charity activity to raise money for Action for Children. We dressed up in our Hungry Caterpillar costumes and walked and wiggled around the playground an amazing 10 times which wasn't easy in the wind and took about half an hour! The children were all fantastic and really enjoyed the experience. A very big thank you to our parents who raised a staggering £135.

FORM 1 TRIP - On Friday 24th March Form 1 went on a trip to Chigboro Fisheries linked to their Science topic of materials. They experienced what it would be like to be shipwrecked on a 'Desert Island' and what they would need to think about to survive. Mr Harvey who was a survival instructor for the TA led the day with the help of our parent volunteers. The children learnt how to build a shelter using natural and manmade materials, a bed and a seat. They learnt how to filter water, examined a freshly caught Rainbow trout and learnt its different parts, learnt how people would set a trap to catch an animal to eat, tasted exotic fruit they might find on a desert island, how someone would start a fire to cook on and then made a raft to escape. Form 1 had a fantastic day and we would like to say a special thank you to Mr and Mrs Tallowin for letting us use the facilities at Chigboro Fisheries, Mr Harvey for leading the day and our parent helpers: Mr Mee, Mr Curtis, Mr Wilson, Mr Dunkin, Mrs Wilson, Mrs Jones, Mrs Head, Mrs Symons and Mrs Ross.



SPORTS REPORT - On Thursday 23rd March, pupils from Form 2 took part in an introductory Tag Rugby training session along with Great Totham Primary School and Wentworth Primary School. Maldon Court demonstrated excellent knowledge and fantastic leadership in guiding and helping other children. A big thank you goes to all the brilliant parent helpers that came along and assisted the session on Thursday. It was great to have so many volunteers, as it really boosted the children's confidence on the pitch.



FORM 3 - This week we applied our magnet knowledge from this half term by designing and making our own magnetic game. Firstly, we had to sort materials that were magnetic and discovered that metals that contain iron would be great for our games. Then we researched a few games and designed them at home. Finally we wrote up instructions and helped each other to make our magnetic games. Of course once we finished making them we got to test them and evaluate how they work. We have made a variety of games from fishing, to racing, to even a magnetic dog agility game!



ART EXHIBITION - We are excited to have contributed our exceptional art work to an exhibition at the Maeldune Centre in Maldon. This will be on display for the next three weeks. Children from Pre Reception to Form 6 have work that will be displayed. Thank you to Mrs Fleming for all her hard work in encouraging the children to produce such a high standard of artwork.

FORM 3 ASSEMBLY - This week the Form 3 showed off their acting skills during their class assembly which was all about 'Stone Age'. They performed beautifully and demonstrated their clear pronunciation. The staff were impressed with their fantastic acting skills and how confident the children conducted themselves. The children had so much fun and hope you enjoyed it. A huge well done Form 3!



PARKING UPDATE - Thank you to those who have informed us they have been contacting their local councillors over the removal of the car parking permits. We have invited our local councillors to the school to see for themselves how our drop off and collection system benefits from the parking permits the council have provided over many years. I believe many councillors are sympathetic to our request to reach a compromise and your support remains vital. We have managed to negotiate a delay on the implementation of the charges until 1st May. For the first two weeks of Summer Term the concession remains in place. This gives us all plenty of time to contact the council and register our concerns. As of the 1st May it remains the councils intention to remove the permits.

RED NOSE DAY - Thank you to those that brought their red noses from school and those who donated on the gate last Friday. I can confirm that the total raised from Maldon Court was a fantastic £232.19. Well done Maldon Court.

Have a lovely Easter
Mrs E Mason
Headteacher

FOMCS - Thank you to everyone who entered the Easter Hat Parade. Winners will be announced in the first newsletter next term. We would also like to thank you for the wonderful raffle prizes that were donated. We hope you and the children enjoyed the parade. The next FOMCS Meeting will be held on the 27th April at 7.30pm at the Blue Boar, so if you can, please come along. We look forward to seeing you there.

If you require any second hand school uniform please contact Samantha Bruce 07720 711027 or Julie Head 07739 297527. We would like to wish you all a very happy Easter holiday.

FORM 5 FELLOWSHIP AFLOAT ASSEMBLY - On Thursday Form 5 presented their Fellowship Afloat assembly to their parents. They worked in pairs and each presented a short piece on a particular aspect of the trip that they found enjoyable. They used a range of media including a powerpoint presentation with a musical accompaniment and edited video clips with a backing track. It was all their own work and was presented beautifully—well done Form 5!



FIRST WEEK'S MENU

Tues	Chicken casserole, potato croquettes and mixed vegetables		Fresh fruit or yoghurt
Wed	Roast beef, roast potatoes, Yorkshire pudding, seasonal vegetables and gravy	Homemade flapjack	Fresh fruit or yoghurt
Thurs	Cumberland sausages, sautéed potatoes, green beans and gravy		Fresh fruit or yoghurt
Fri	Chicken burger, potato wedges, golden sweetcorn and salad	American pancakes with fruit salad	Fresh fruit or yoghurt

