



# MALDON COURT

PREPARATORY SCHOOL

Spring Term 2017

Weekly Newsletter

3rd February 2017

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

Please check the school diary on the App and website.

**TUESDAY 7th & WEDNESDAY 8th FEBRUARY**  
ESB Examinations

**THURSDAY 9th FEBRUARY**  
Form 5 Fellowship Afloat Meeting  
3.00pm

**FRIDAY 10th FEBRUARY**  
Form 2 Cake Sale

**MON 13th - FRI 17th FEBRUARY**  
Half Term

**TUESDAY 21st FEBRUARY**  
Parents' Evening 3.45 - 6.00pm

**WEDNESDAY 22nd FEBRUARY**  
Form 4 Class Assembly  
9.00am

**THURSDAY 23rd FEBRUARY**  
Parents' Evening 5.00 - 8.00pm

**WEDNESDAY 1st - FRIDAY 3rd MARCH**  
Form 5 Fellowship Afloat Trip

**MONDAY 6th MARCH**  
World Book Day: Dress up Day

**THURSDAY 9th MARCH**  
Forms 3 & 4 Cross Country Relay

**FRIDAY 10th MARCH**  
Form 3 Cake Sale

**MONDAY 13th MARCH**  
Form 3 & 4 Trip to Chelmsford Cathedral

**TUESDAY 14th MARCH**  
Reception Trip to Wat Tyler Park

**MONDAY 27th MARCH**  
STOMP Workshops



Dear Parents,

This week we have been faced with a rollercoaster of emotions where the staff and children have encountered some fantastic highs and some very sad lows. Unfortunately, on Sunday, our longest serving member of staff, Mrs Webster (our Form 1 teaching assistant) was taken very seriously ill. Mrs Webster has been an integral part of the Maldon Court family for over 17 years and is one of the kindest and most caring people I know. I am proud to have her as a friend and colleague. The love and commitment that she has shown to the school and the children in her care over nearly two decades is second to none. Mrs Webster is currently in intensive care and she is in our thoughts and prayers every day. The children are aware that Mrs Webster is in hospital and we have been praying for her in our morning assemblies. I will, of course, keep everyone updated with any news as and when it is appropriate but please do keep her and her family in your thoughts and prayers. Our fantastic staff have conducted themselves with the utmost professionalism and have put on a brave face to continue to provide another exciting and fun-filled week for the children. A highlight for me was to accompany the children on a visit to the Essex Air Ambulance base at Earls Colne. More details on this trip can be found later in the newsletter.

**HEADTEACHER'S AWARD** - Congratulations to Isobel Gill for her dedication to the KS1 Gifted and Talented art club every Friday morning. She is a brilliant help and we all appreciate her commitment. Well done!

**PARENTS' EVENING** - Please reply ASAP regarding which date and time slot you would prefer for your appointment. Appointments are given on a first come, first served basis.

**ESSEX AIR AMBULANCE TRIP** - On Wednesday, twelve children had the wonderful opportunity to visit the Essex Air Ambulance base at Earls Colne. This was an incredible day where the children had a once in a lifetime opportunity to meet the doctors, pilots and all of the Essex Air Ambulance support team. The children had the chance to meet Dr Fenton who was busily showing them all of the kit inside the ambulance car when an emergency phone call came through! The doctors had to rush to the emergency in their car (cloud cover was too low for the helicopter to take off). This gave the children an opportune time to speak to the pilots of the air ambulance and they asked many interesting and valid questions. They were also allowed in to the helicopter! This was an enthralling day for everyone involved and I would like to say a special thank you to Dr Fenton (Jamie and Florence's dad) for his help in facilitating such a memorable trip.



**KS2 ART CLUB** - Our Key Stage 2 Gifted and Talented Art Club have been experimenting with various painting techniques. This week we have looked at Jackson Pollock and have been trying to create our very own splatter art landscapes. We started by painting a landscape in water colour and we're slowly building up splatters to create some beautiful wild flower scenes.



**SCIENCE** - This week the children in Forms 5 & 6 took part in a live science lesson hosted by the BBC. The lesson focussed on 'What happens to the food we eat?' The children took part in activities which identified how much water we are made of, which food groups certain food belong to and how nutrients are extracted from the food as it travels through the intestines. The children will also be taking part in lessons in class to identify whether they are non-tasters, tasters or super-tasters!

**ECO SCHOOLS** — Thank you to all the parents who bought our homemade Fat Balls and Spider Scarers in the lead up to the Big Garden Bird Watch. The Eco Schools Committee raised a fabulous £37 which they will put towards a whole school Eco project. The Eco Schools Committee is also proud to announce that Maldon Court has been awarded the Eco Schools Bronze Award. Thank you to all the past and present committee members for your commitment to making Maldon Court a more environmentally friendly school. We are well on our way to gaining the Silver Award and appreciate your continued support with events such as Switch Off Fortnight and Waster Week.



**FORM 5 ART** - Form Five have been studying the work of Chris Ofili, a British Contemporary artist. His work is extremely detailed and comprised of thousands of dots building up to a large dynamic painting. His work is often shocking and makes a statement. We've discussed the layers involved in building up his painting and the double meaning of the symbols and colours he uses. In groups we are building up our own canvas art using his style as inspiration.



**BIG GARDEN BIRD WATCH** - A big thank you to all the children and parents who took part in the Big Garden Bird Watch. The children have been working hard on analysing all the data collected. All of the classes from Nursery to Form 6 have practised their data handling skills to present their findings in a variety of ways from pictograms to bar charts. The children in Form 6 have analysed the types of birds seen in different locations, making predictions, comparisons and finally drawing conclusions about what their data revealed.



**WORLD BOOK DAY**– On Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March we will be holding our annual World Book Dress Up Day. This is where the children are invited to come into school wearing the costume of their favourite book character. We ask that the children bring a copy of the book that their character is from so that they can speak about it in their classes. Nursery will be making their own costumes for World Book Day so if anyone has any large cardboard contributions they would be gratefully received. Their theme is the The Hungry Caterpillar. The rest of the school has the choice of any character from any book – the choice is yours so get creative and we look forward to seeing all the exciting costumes on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March!

**Have a lovely weekend.**  
**Mrs E Mason**  
**Headteacher**

**FOMCS** - Details of the forthcoming Lego Competition will be sent out via the book bags, so keep a look out for the form. It's always a great competition that the children love to enter. The next FOMCS Meeting will be on Thursday 2nd March at 7.30pm in the school hall. Everyone is welcome, so please come along if you can. Refreshments will be provided. Don't forget the Form 2 Cake Sale, next Friday 10th. If you require any second hand school uniform, please contact Samantha Bruce on 07720 71 1027.

**NEXT WEEKS MENU**

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| Mon   | Chicken casserole, potato croquettes with fine green beans                     | Golden syrup sponge & custard  | Fresh fruit or yoghurt |
| Tues  | Cumberland sausages, mashed potato with fresh carrots & gravy                  |                                | Fresh fruit or yoghurt |
| Wed   | Roast Turkey, roast potatoes, Yorkshire pudding, seasonal vegetables and gravy | Lime jelly and lemon mousse    | Fresh fruit or yoghurt |
| Thurs | Jacket potato with a variety of fillings and salad                             |                                | Fresh fruit or yoghurt |
| Fri   | 100% beef burger in a wholemeal roll, potato wedges, peas and salad            | Homemade chocolate chip cookie | Fresh fruit or yoghurt |

