



MALDON COURT

PREPARATORY SCHOOL

Summer Term 2018

Weekly Newsletter

4th May 2018

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Please check the school diary on the App and website.

TUESDAY 8th MAY

PE for Pre-Reception, Reception and Forms 3 & 4

WEDNESDAY 9th MAY

Outdoor Classroom Day
PE for Forms 1, 2, 5 & 6

THURSDAY 10th MAY

Grandparents' Day

SATURDAY 12th MAY

OPEN DAY
10.00am - 1.00pm

MONDAY 14th - FRIDAY 18th MAY

Form 6 PGL Trip

FRIDAY 18th MAY

Forms 3, 4 & 5 Swimming

TUESDAY 22nd MAY

Whole School Panoramic Photograph

WEDNESDAY 23rd MAY

Form 3 Home Safety Talk
Form 6 Cyber Security Talk by Essex Fire & Rescue
Forms 4 & 5 to Plume Academy for Cyber Security Talks
Forms 1 & 2 Cricket Workshops

THURSDAY 24th MAY

Form 4 & 5 Trip to Minsmere

FRIDAY 25th MAY

KS2 Swimming Gala 1.30pm - 2.30pm

MONDAY 28th May - FRIDAY 8th JUNE

Half Term Break



Dear Parents,

We have had another excellent week at school with many exciting opportunities for the children. The children have been working hard in class and have also managed to fit in the all important rehearsals for the much anticipated Grandparents' Day on Thursday next week. We are really looking forward to welcoming grandparents into the school for this very special event. We also have our Open Day next Saturday where again everybody has been working hard to show our school to our parents and prospective parents. The children are so proud of our wonderful school and these two occasions give the children a perfect opportunity to showcase it to their families.

This week, we have also had Form 6 complete their Bikeability course. All of the children worked exceptionally hard and were a credit to the school. They even managed to carry on despite the torrential rain at the beginning of the week. We also had Form 4 participate in their first ever overnight residential trip to Danbury Outdoors. Again, despite the relentless rain, the children still managed to complete their activities which included bushcraft, mountain biking, aerial trekking and the vertical obstacle course. The children had a fantastic experience and really did enjoy their night away. Lots of happy memories were made which I am sure will stay with them forever. Thank you to Mrs Fleming for accompanying me on the trip. Another highlight of the week was our street dance workshop which all children participated in. The workshop was run by a world champion street dancer and the children thoroughly enjoyed their time with him. If you are interested, he has a Facebook page called Blackwater Street Dance.

We were also treated to a wonderful class assembly by Form 1. The children were fantastic as always and we even learnt how to count to ten in Swahili! Thank you to all of the parents who came to watch and to Miss Broadbridge and Mrs Fowden for organising it.



FORM 6 - This week all of the children in Form 6 have been taking part in the Bikeability Safer Cycling scheme. The children had to understand how to keep the bicycles in good working order and then demonstrate their safe riding skills on a bicycle, including being able to signal a turn using either hand, safely turning right and left and weaving carefully in and out of obstructions in the road. They had to do all of this before they were allowed to take their bikes onto the road. The children also

had to be able to read and understand several highway signs as they were riding on the road with other road users. The children thoroughly enjoyed taking part and have learnt a great deal about road and cycle safety.

STREET DANCE WORKSHOPS - This week Maldon Court have caught dance fever and have been taking part in some taster Street Dance Classes. Classes introduced the children to core street styles and put them into practice with some exciting choreography. We would like to thank Bradley Higgins (the world street dancing champion) for all his time and effort in teaching differentiated lessons for each class. If the children would like to extend their newly found dancing skills, Bradley has given the children a leaflet about the classes that he does for children in Colchester.



RECEPTION - Reception had lots of fun this week conducting a Science experiment. The children predicted which objects would float or sink. They then tested their ideas and experimented with how many objects they could get to float on a raft or lily pad! It was great to utilise our outside area whilst the sun was shining—the children had a wonderful time.



FORM 4 TRIP TO DANBURY OUTDOORS -



SCIENCE CLUB - What can we say but it has been a messy start to the summer term. We have been investigating the best way to take finger prints and tried pen ink, felt tips, flour, oil, pencil and sellotape. The children were given the equipment and given the brief to investigate the best way to take fingerprints and had great fun trialling different ways with various degrees of success. This week we have started an investigation to be conducted over a few weeks. The investigation is about hydrogels and how hydrophilic they are. Our investigation started by extracting the hydrogel crystals from a nappy and then adding urine (coloured water) to the crystals to discover how much water the crystals could hold. We were astonished that a toddler size nappy could hold 500ml of liquid. Next week we shall extend our investigation, which could take a number of turns depending on what these budding scientists come up with!



FORM I ASSEMBLY - On Thursday Form I presented their class assembly to the whole school and parents. The assembly was about a story called Handa's Hen that the children acted out. The children created their own books and enjoyed talking about them. Well done to Form I and thank you to the parents for their support with costumes and learning lines.



GOOD LUCK - Wishing good luck to Grace Whiteford and Bea Bonner representing MCPS at inter schools show jumping competition on Monday. They will be some of the youngest competitors there competing against much older children up to 18 years old from across Essex.

Have a lovely bank holiday weekend.

Mrs E Mason Headteacher

FOMCS - We still have some advertising slots available for our Family Fun Day program. If you would like to advertise then please get in touch via fomcs@maldoncourschool.org. Also if you are available to help with refreshments at Grandparents day next week then we would be very grateful; we still require helpers in both the morning and afternoon slots. There is plenty of preloved summer uniform in stock should you need anything then please speak to Julie Head or Kate Farr.

NEXT WEEK'S MENU

Mon	Bank Holiday		
Tues	Pasta bolognese served with sweet corn and salad	Shortbread	Fruit
Wed	Roast beef, roast potatoes, seasonal vegetables, Yorkshire pudding and gravy	Fresh fruit salad	Yoghurt/ Fruit
Thurs	Picnic (sandwiches, mini sausages, crudites and crisps)	Ice-cream pots	Fruit
Fri	Fish cakes, mashed potatoes and salad	Rocky Road	Fruit