



MALDON COURT

PREPARATORY SCHOOL

Spring Term 2019

Weekly Newsletter

5th April 2019

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Please check the school diary on the App and website.

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

MONDAY 13th-17th MAY

Form 6 PGL Trip

WEDNESDAY 15th MAY

Form 2 Class Assembly 9.00am



Dear Parents,

We are ending this term with a wonderful newsletter for you to read through. As you can see, there have been an abundance of activities and educational opportunities for the children to enjoy. This week has been Science Week and the children have participated in various experiments throughout the school. This morning, we held our Easter Hat Parade in the school hall. The children thoroughly enjoyed parading their wonderful creations to the rest of the children and the many parents and grandparents who came to watch. I would like to thank Mr and Mrs Maison who had the difficult task of picking the class winners and also to FOMCS for their support and the school staff for their unwavering help to ensure the smooth running of these events. Congratulations to the winners who are as follows: Nursery – Jacob Coyle, Pre Reception – George Fisher, Reception – Henry Mee, Form 1 – Daniel Baker, Form 2 – Elijah Hawes, Form 3 – Alice Wilson, Form 4 – Harry Dibben, Form 5 – Alex Jones and Form 6 – Milly Craddock.

May I draw your attention to the parents paediatric first aid course planned for 30th April. This is an excellent course run by the superb Maldon & Essex Lifesaving. This course is currently undersubscribed and will be cancelled if there is no further interest. Please see the back page for further details.

Finally, when we return for the Summer term, please remember children should be in full summer school uniform, including caps, blazers and summer boaters. I hope that you all have a wonderful Easter holiday with your family and friends and thank you for your continued support of our wonderful school.

HEADTEACHER'S AWARD - Congratulations to Reuben Crozier who won the award this week for his excellent effort and enthusiasm in his lessons. He has made superb improvements in all areas of school life and should be very proud of himself. Well done, Reuben.

NURSERY - This week Nursery have enjoyed lots of Easter fun. We played a game where the children had to roll balls into the Easter Bunny's mouth, it was great fun and we scored a point each time we got a goal. The children made chocolate nests by mixing shredded wheat and chocolate and adding chicks on top. For optional homework over the Easter Holidays, please either encourage your child to make an Easter picture or collage or send us some photos of the children enjoying their Easter Eggs. Happy Easter!

Mrs Kim Callaghan



FORM 1 - Last week, Form 6 and Form 1 worked together with the Lego computing kits. The children had to use the 'WeDo 2.0' app on the tablets and follow step by step instructions to build and construct smart objects and designs. The children had great fun working with one another and were able to construct some fantastic robot creations.

Miss Broadbridge



FORM 1 & 2 - Form 1 & Form 2 became 'Road Safety Officers' and discussed the importance of being road safe aware. The children went into the town to look at road signs and how to cross the Pelican crossing and Zebra crossing safely. They discussed the importance of how we always should 'Stop! Look and Listen!' The children made Road safety posters where they explained lots about what they learnt.

Miss Broadbridge and Mrs Dickinson



FORM 6 - Form 6 would like to say a big thank you to F.O.M.C.S for helping fund their 2019 leavers hoodies. They were thrilled to receive them and loved the bright colours and soft fabric. I was told that many of them found them impossible to take off over the weekend. They are really looking forward to wearing them at P.G.L.

Mrs Fleming

SCIENCE WEEK

RECEPTION - Reception have been growing different vegetables in our Vegetable Garden. We have planted a blackberry bush and potatoes. We were surprised to see a seedling growing from the pumpkin seeds that we planted in the Autumn term. We are hoping that with enough water and sunlight, we might be able to grow a pumpkin!

Miss Wayman



FORM 1 & 2 combined a science afternoon full of fun and exciting experiments. Their first experiment was to explore forces by making a paper helicopter and dropping it from a height to see how the air resistance affected the helicopter flight. The second experiment was exploring static electricity, using balloons and tissue paper. The children discovered how they create electrons out of friction and made their tissue paper newt fly. The children were great scientists asking lots of questions and explaining their reasoning.

Miss Broadbridge and Mrs Dickinson



FORM 3 - Form 3 have been studying Light and Shadows. They have investigated whether light travels in a straight line by creating mirror mazes; what materials create the best shadows; which surfaces reflect light the best and how they can alter the size and shape of shadows. **DT** - Form 3 created some super Light Boxes for Mother's Day. They had to construct the box frame using wood and then include an electrical circuit with a switch to illuminate their message. They were rightly proud of their achievements and are looking forward to finding out much more about electricity in Form 4.

Mrs Baron



FORM 4 - Form 4 are currently learning about electricity. As part of science week, we carried out an investigation to find out how dissolved salt conducts electricity. First, we made some salt dough using flour, salt, cream of tartar, oil and water. Then we heated it gently to make a dough before kneading it until smooth. We then added this into our circuits to conduct electricity through our LEDs. Success. We all managed to get the dough to conduct electricity!

Mrs Clark and Mrs Summers



FORM 5 - Form 5 Girls had an excellent day at Felsted celebrating Women in Science. Not only did the children learn about some inspirational female scientists (past and present) they also experienced Biology, Chemistry and Physics in a school Laboratory. In Biology they investigated how varying conditions affected water Daphnia using microscopes, in chemistry they made a pH indicator with red cabbage and used this to identify some unknown liquids and in Physics they had to find the most resistant chocolate bar to withstand breakage on an expedition. In addition, they all enjoyed an enormous canteen lunch in the refectory. Thankyou Mrs Curtis for your help transporting the girls.

Mrs Bonner



FORM 6 - In Science this week Form 6 have investigated the process of natural selection on a population of birds called 'Springbeaks' over four seasons of breeding on an isolated environment called 'Clippy Island.' The children simulated feeding in a timed exercise to illustrate how a limited food supply and the introduction of genetic variants can lead to natural selection and adaptation. The class examined whether or not beak size affects the ability of a Springbeak to gather food and how this variation can affect successive generations in the population. This investigation helped the children to understand that species characteristics can change over time and that natural selection is the main process which drives evolution.

Mrs Fleming



SCIENCE MUSEUM KS2 - As part of our ongoing Science Week Celebrations we took Forms 3-6 to the Science Museum. The children had a fabulous day exploring various areas and attending the 'It takes Guts' demonstration which wowed us all and helped the children to understand the true journey of food through the body. We also went to the Explore Lab. The children had an hour to explore almost anything they wanted in the lab.... we had electrical circuits, bridge building, friction slides, marble runs, forces, water photography and shutter speed, gravity, sound, light, probability, thermal imagery: the list goes on. Everyone loved this area and could have spent far longer being hands on and discovering more! Thankyou so much to all staff and parent helpers; without you this exciting trip would not have been possible.



ART CLUB - Art club have had a fantastic time decorating polystyrene eggs as part of a school's community project. The eggs will be displayed over Easter hanging outside Mrs Salisbury's Famous Tea Room in Maldon.

Mrs Fleming

FIRST AID COURSE - On the 30th April we have arranged a parents paediatric first aid course from 1.00-3.00pm. We have only had 6 parents sign up so far and will need to cancel it if more parents do not sign up. If you would like to attend the course for £2 please email Mrs Abrehart at Office@maldoncourschool.org by Tuesday 9th April, thank you.

Have a lovely Easter Holiday
Mrs E Mason
Headteacher

FOMCS

Friday 3rd May Form I Cake sale
Friday 17th May Reception Cake sale

Day	Main	Dessert
Mon	Bank Holiday	
Tue +	Harry Ramsden Fish and chips served with peas and salad	Victoria sponge served with fresh strawberries or fruit
Wed	Roast beef served with roast potatoes, seasonal vegetables, Yorkshire pudding and gravy	Fresh fruit salad or yoghurt
Thur	Chili con carne served with rice and warmed tortilla chips and salad	Chocolate mousse or fruit
Fri	Crispy chicken wraps served with potato wedges and salad	Raspberry jelly or fruit



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