



MALDON COURT

PREPARATORY SCHOOL

Summer Term 2017

Weekly Newsletter

5th May 2017

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Please check the school diary on the App and website.

MONDAY 8th—THURSDAY 11th MAY

Form 6 Bikeability

THURSDAY 11th MAY

Choir Concert at URC
1.00pm

FRIDAY 12th MAY

Form 5 Cake Sale

THURSDAY 18th MAY

Grandparents' Day

SATURDAY 20th MAY

OPEN DAY
10.00am - 1.00pm

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

TUESDAY 13th JUNE

Form 5 Secondary School Taster Day

THURSDAY 15th JUNE

Reception Father's Day Afternoon

MONDAY 19th - TUESDAY 20th JUNE

Around the World (In school!)
Enrichment Day



Dear Parents,

I hope you all enjoyed the bank holiday weekend. This week we have welcomed back Form 6 from their Kingswood trip, they have had a fantastic time and it is good to have them back at school. I'd like to thank Form 5 for stepping up as senior students so impressively last week. This week our school choir represented Maldon Court at Coggleshall Church and were an absolute credit to the school. Key Stage 2 children have been working hard in preparation for our much anticipated Swimming Gala on May 26th. As always, we welcome parent support for this event. Please note the change in time this year. The revised time is 11.30 - 12.30pm and has been changed so that we are not competing against the aqua aerobics loudspeaker and music.

I would like to welcome Mia Tolhurst and her family who joined us in Pre Reception this week. I know she will be welcomed into the Maldon Court family.

HEADTEACHER'S AWARD - Congratulations to Toby Wilson who won the award this week for his excellent application to his school work and for always having the most amazing beaming smile in school. He never ceases to cheer everyone in school up. Well done, Toby.

FORM 4 - Have you ever used a compass to help you figure out what direction you should go? These can come in handy to help you navigate your way through a field or forest while camping, for example. Magnetic compasses work based on the Earth's magnetic field. In science this week, Form 4 got to make their own magnetic compass, using a needle, a leaf, a bowl of water and a magnet. These worked really well and were great fun to make.



CHOIR RECITALS - On Thursday the School Choir performed at Coggeshall Parish Church in front of an audience.

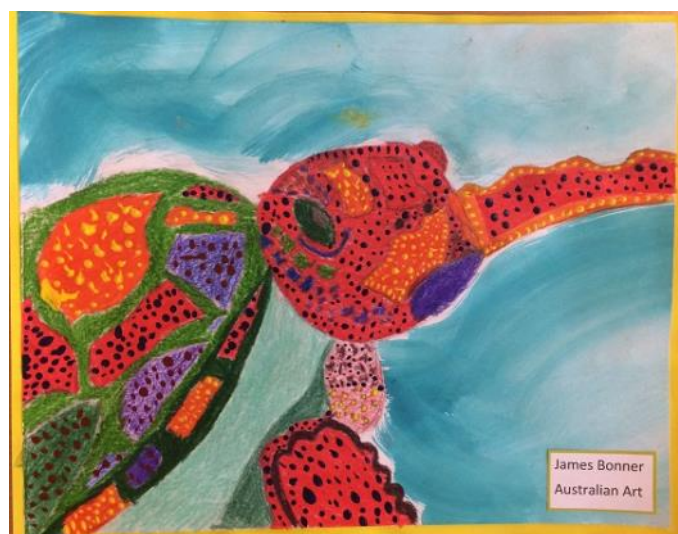
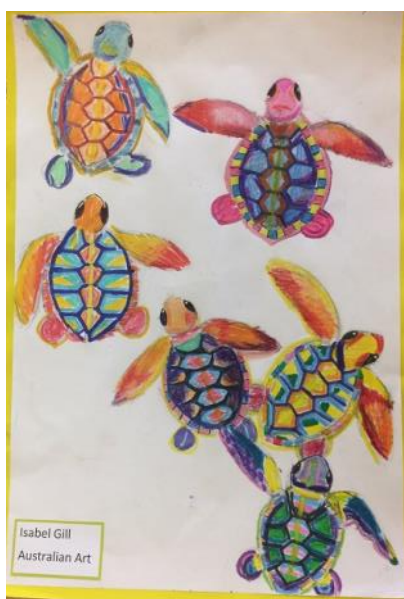


The Choir sang music from the last century through to Modern composers. Individual children played a variety of instruments and sang. The choir sang a selection of songs, both old and new. All of the soloists performed to a very high standard and the choir was truly amazing. A big thank you to all of the parents and grandparents who came to support. Next Thursday, the choir will be performing at the URC church at 1.00pm. If you would like to support, please arrive early as we expect the church to be busy.

UNIFORM - Over the past few months I have been having numerous conversations and meetings with Schoolwear Plus regarding the PE kit. I would like to give you a very brief synopsis of where we are currently. **Track pants** – A sample of the track pants was sent away for an independent quality analysis. The QA report came back with the conclusion that the damage was caused by ‘excessive wear and tear’ and that there is no material and/or manufacturing fault with the garment inspected. A sample of a new fabric has been given to me yesterday which I will be inspecting. The new fabric certainly seems a lot more hard-wearing. **Quarter Zip Top** - BMB have now produced a new specification for these garments and a sample is currently being assessed by the Orion brand team. All of our orders against the original specification have been cancelled and all replacement orders and new Back to School orders will be produced to the new sizing specification. The Managing Director has also offered to provide replacement zip-tops **free of charge**, to parents that have purchased the quarter zipped tops and are not happy with the sizing/ proportions. Once Schoolwear Plus have taken delivery of the replacements, they said they will let me know so that I can then advise you to bring in your old quarter zipped tops to be swapped with a replacement. **Sports Polo** – Although there have been delays on the production of the polo shirts there no issues with the quality of the sizing of these. Parents waiting for their orders will be notified immediately when they are in store. Thank you for your continued support and patience with the issues that we have encountered. Please be assured that I am always doing everything I possibly can to ensure we get the absolute best for all of the children.

CLASS PHOTOGRAPHS - We have decided to trial a different, new and innovative company for our class photographs this year. Here is the link to Carmel Jane whose stunning photography has prompted us to give her company a trial: <http://www.carmeljane.co.uk/portfolio/schools/>
The class photographs will be taken on Monday 22nd May. We will send a separate message to Nursery and Pre Reception children who do not attend on a Monday so that you are aware of the times to bring the children in, if you wish them to be part of the photograph. The photograph proof will be available on a secure area on Carmel Jane's website which parents will access via a secure password. Ordering can be done directly via the website with a variety of options for size and quantities. We truly believe that the quality of these photographs will be fantastic and are very excited to be trialling something new for our school.

FORM 5 ART - Form 5 have experimented using a variety of mediums to create these colourful turtles. They were given the choice between oil pastel, acrylic paint and water colour and used these to great effect. We looked at Aboriginal symbols and how they tell a story and were inspired by the marine life found on the Great Barrier Reef. Below are the examples of the work by Issac Wigginton, Louis Davison, James Bonner and Isabel Gill. Further examples are on display in the school hall.



NEXT WEEK'S MENU

Mon	Bolognese pasta, garden peas and fresh salad	Chocolate fudge cake	Fresh fruit or yoghurt
Tues	Chicken casserole, potato croquettes and mixed vegetables		Fresh fruit or yoghurt
Wed	Roast beef, roast potatoes, Yorkshire pudding, broccoli and gravy	Homemade flapjack	Fresh fruit or yoghurt
Thurs	Cumberland sausages, sautéed potatoes, fine green beans and gravy		Fresh fruit or yoghurt
Fri	Breaded chicken burger, potato wedges, golden sweetcorn and salad	American pancakes with fresh fruit salad	Fresh fruit or yoghurt

PARKING UPDATE - May I remind you that the parking permit petition is on the shelf at the school office. It is imperative that we have your support for something that so many people feel strongly about. Thank you in advance.

Have a lovely weekend.
Mrs E Mason
Headteacher

FOMCS - At a previous FOMCS Meeting it was suggested that we organise an event for the parents to attend. With that in mind, we have arranged a Quiz Night. It will be held in the school hall on Friday 16th June, so please look out for the forms in your child's book bags. It's always a fun evening and one that many parents have shown an interest in, so reserve your place as soon as you can!

The next Cake Sale will be on Friday 12th May by Form 5. There will be an extra FOMCS Meeting on Thursday 25th May, purely to discuss and agree the summer fete. It will be held at 7.30pm in the Blue Boar. The meeting after will be on Thursday 29th June at the same time and venue. We look forward to seeing you there.



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