



MALDON COURT

PREPARATORY SCHOOL

Summer Term 2018

Weekly Newsletter

6th July 2018

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Please check the school diary on the App and website.

MONDAY 9th JULY

Transition Day

Class Parent Meetings at 2.45pm and 3.00pm

FRIDAY 13th JULY

Prizegiving 9.30am All Saints' Church
Last Day of Term. School and Nursery official close time 12.00pm

No ASC or Clubs

THURSDAY 6th SEPTEMBER

Autumn Term Begins

MONDAY 10th SEPTEMBER

Blackwater Street Dance Club starts for Forms 1 - 3
11+ Club starts

TUESDAY 11th SEPTEMBER

Blackwater Street Dance Club starts for Forms 4 - 6

MONDAY 17th SEPTEMBER

All Clubs to start

FRIDAY 21st SEPTEMBER

Jeanes For Genes Day

MONDAY 1st OCTOBER

Individual & Sibling Photographs

TUESDAY 9th OCTOBER

Harvest Festival at All Saints' Church 9.30am

TUESDAY 16th OCTOBER

School In Action Open Day

TUESDAY 6th NOVEMBER

Flu Immunisations

TUESDAY 13th

& THURSDAY 15th NOVEMBER

Parents' Evenings



Dear Parents,

As we approach our final week of the term, I would like to thank you all for your unwavering support of our school this year. We have had another exceptional year where the children have excelled in everything that has been offered to them. Last Friday we had our ever popular and competitive Sports Day, what a day it was. The children performed brilliantly, as did the parents! The results will be announced at Prizegiving next week, thank you all for your support in making this day so special. This week we had many key events that the children were involved in. We make every effort to support our local community and on Wednesday, we took our Pre-Reception, Reception, Form 1 and Form 2 classes to support Cabbie Day in the High Street. The children had a wonderful time. We also enjoyed a fantastic afternoon at the Nursery Teddy Bear's picnic on Wednesday afternoon. This was a resounding success and shows just how popular our Nursery has become. Finally, yesterday afternoon, selected children represented Maldon Court at the annual District Sports Championships in Chelmsford. I am absolutely delighted to say that we won emphatically this year, for the 5th year running. We had a clean sweep of all of the shields and won the Overall Field Events shield, the Overall Track Events Shield, the Relay Cup and the Overall Group Winners Shield. It was a fabulous afternoon with the children showing true grit and determination. Well done to all involved, we are very proud of you.





SPORTS DAY - The atmosphere and weather was incredible at our very exciting and competitive Sports Day on Friday 29th June at the school playing field at The Plume Academy. The children had trained extremely hard in lessons and competed for the House Sports Trophy in both Field and Track events. There were many nail biting moments with close races and some incredible displays of skill, bravery and sportsmanship. We are very proud of all the children for all their sporting endeavours over the year and Sports Day was a real showcase for all they have learnt. We also had fantastic parent and family support, thank you to all who attended to cheer your children on. Event photographs will shortly be available and a link sent to parents through ParentMail.



DISTRICT SPORTS FIELD EVENTS - On Tuesday 3rd June, Maldon Court took part in the Maldon District Sports Field Events. Six pupils competed in the long jump, high jump and ball throw, one boy and one girl were entered into every event. The atmosphere was incredible, and the competition fierce. Maldon Court performed to an elite level, demonstrating fantastic skill and precision. We were thrilled to be placed 1st in three events and 2nd in three events, making us Maldon District Sports Field Event Champions for 2018. A big thank you to all the parents who came to support us.

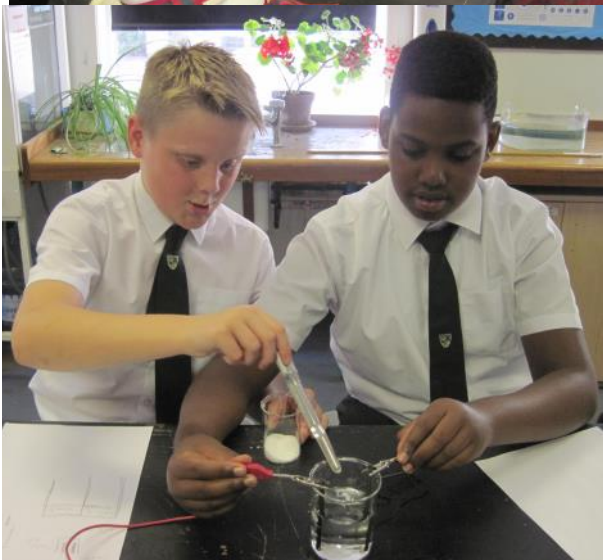
DISTRICT SPORTS TRACK EVENTS - Yesterday saw our selected Key Stage 2 children compete at the prestigious District Sports athletics track events. The children competed in true Maldon Court style with fantastic determination in all of their races. The Relay Cup was the culmination of a superb day of competition where both the boys and girls won with at least an 80m win over the four other schools. Wow! Well done to all children and to Mrs Holden, Mrs Guest and our parent helpers for all of their hard work training the children. It was most certainly worth it, the children are now 2018 Maldon District Field and Track Champions, Relay Champions and Overall Athletics Champions, a truly remarkable achievement.



FORM 5 COMPUTING - In Computing this week Form 3 were learning about the inside of a computer. They were able to take apart one of the base units and identify some of the parts including a RAM, the CPU and the fan. The children were very confident in naming the separate parts and explaining their functions.



FORM 6 SCIENCE - Form 6 had their final session at the Plume this week. This session was based around electricity. To start with the students tested various materials to see if they were electrical conductors or insulators by investigating whether a current would pass through the circuit and enable the lamp to be lit. After this they had to find the best electrical conductor by seeing how brightly the lamp shone. In order to prove their theory as to which material was the best electrical conductor the class then used an ammeter to test the current passing through the object. The better the conductor the higher the reading on the ammeter. The children all achieved great results so were then allowed to perform some electrolysis. Firstly the teacher demonstrated electrolysis of Copper Sulphate to produce copper and sulphur. Then the students used this to perform an investigation to discover how much salt is needed for water to conduct electricity. This added to and extended many new parts to their learning as we started to discuss the elements that made up the salt and how the ions in the salt solution could then conduct electricity. After the children had completed their work they were allowed to have some fun lighting methane gas bubbles. This was an exciting end to our sessions at the Plume. The class have been such great ambassadors for the school on these trips and have really helped pave the way for us to be able to return with other Form 6 classes in the future. We are grateful to the Plume Academy and their staff for providing such valuable sessions.



FORM 6 PGL ASSEMBLY -

Form 6 got to show a snippet of their great week away at PGL. The children wrote the script with a little bit of help and showed how confident they are. It was a great fun performance, which the audience joined in and enjoyed. Throughout the assembly the children modelled how they can work well together and have shared so many great memories. The school will really miss them!



CABBIE DAY - We were delighted to take the children to Maldon High Street to take part in the Taxi day celebrations. We all enjoyed waving to the children that had made the special journey to our town.



NURSERY TEDDY BEARS PICNIC- The Nursery children and their parents enjoyed their Teddy Bear's Picnic on Wednesday. It was a wonderful opportunity for the families to come together to enjoy singing and picnic fun. We had lots of our new families join us too, which was lovely for the children to see what fun we all have. We hope everyone enjoyed it as much as we did.



FORM 4 SCIENCE – In Science, Form 4 have been experimenting with sound. We made our own string telephones and investigated if they worked better with the string taut or slack. If they could work around corners and if having a knot in the string would make a difference to the sound. We learnt that the sound vibrations were able to travel better when the rope was taut and that sound vibrations can travel through liquids, solids and gases at different speeds.



Have a lovely weekend.
Mrs E Mason
Headteacher

FOMCS - Firstly thank you so much for everyone that attended and helped out at the Family Fun Day. The event went very well and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. We will be working with the school over the next few weeks to see where we can use the money raised. Over the next week Southend Adventure Island tickets are going to be available to purchase at the gate. Don't forget to get your tickets before the holidays and save yourself some money. We are also looking for class reps for next year. Please put your nominations through.

Next week's menu chosen by Form 6

Day	Main	Dessert
Mon	Pizza served with salad	Arctic roll
Tues	Burgers and cheesy chips	Rocky Road
Wed	Chicken fatijas served with soured cream, cheese and salad	Chocolate sponge and chocolate sauce or fruit
Thur	Pasta, bacon and pea bake	Pancakes and syrup
Fri	End of year. School closes at 12.00pm	