



MALDON COURT

PREPARATORY SCHOOL

Spring Term 2018

Weekly Newsletter

9th February 2018

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Please check the school diary on the App and website.

MONDAY 12th - FRIDAY 16th FEBRUARY
Half Term

MONDAY 19th FEBRUARY

Form 4 Parent Meeting regarding Essex Outdoors Trip

TUESDAY 20th FEBRUARY

Maths Information Evening for Forms 1 – 6 at 7.00pm

FRIDAY 23rd FEBRUARY

Swimming starts for Forms 4 - 6

TUESDAY 27th FEBRUARY

Parents' Evening 3.45 - 6.00pm

WEDNESDAY 28th FEBRUARY

Form 4 Assembly
Reception Road Safety Walk

THURSDAY 1st MARCH

World Book Day
Parents' Evening 5.00 - 8.00pm

MONDAY 5th MARCH

Choir competition at KEGS 3.30pm

THURSDAY 8th MARCH

Pre-Reception Mother's Day Tea

FRIDAY 16th MARCH & SATURDAY 17th MARCH

KS2 School Production at URC Market Hill 7.00pm

MONDAY 19th MARCH

Science Day

MONDAY 21st MARCH

Form 4 Public Speaking Competition



Dear Parents,

I would like to thank you all for your positive comments regarding our new Parents' Evening booking system through ParentMail. We have had many comments about how much easier this is for you to book a convenient slot to see your child's class teacher. I am pleased that it has been implemented so seamlessly into the school and thank you to Mrs Bennett for organising all of this.

I have presented the children that took their ESB examinations with their results today. I am very proud of each and every one of them. Mrs Deakin will present the children with their certificates after half term.

I would like to wish all our families a lovely, restful half term holiday. We look forward to the children returning on Monday 19th February for another packed half-term at school.

HEADTEACHER'S AWARD - Congratulations to Isabel Gill in Form 6 for being an excellent Form 1 Prefect. Congratulations also to Sophia Harvey in Form 3 for her outstanding effort and progress. Well done to both girls.

Swimmer of the week was awarded to Elijah Hawes who has moved up both a group and a level. Fantastic Elijah – well done!

BUDDYTIME - We are very fortunate at our school to have opportunities for the children to develop responsibility and build lasting relationships with our youngest members of the school. The children love being given their buddy and really take their role very seriously. This year for the first time we have decided to allow Form 4 to get to know the children in Nursery through an informal buddy time in the morning. They have really risen to the occasion and it's been wonderful watching the interaction between the two year groups.



MAVERICKS NETBALL - Last Thursday, 11 girls from Forms 3 and 4 were invited to visit the brand new sports arena at the University of Essex in Colchester to take part in some netball skills and games with Essex Sport Benecos Mavericks. We were delighted to be able to offer the girls such a wonderful opportunity. The girls had a fantastic afternoon learning new skills whilst they were being taught by England Netball players. Many of them commented that this was 'the best day of my life!'. The girls all looked incredibly smart and were a credit to Maldon Court. It was a great afternoon.

"It was really fun. I was very excited the whole way through. I would definitely do it again". Bea Bonner. "It was an amazing experience. I love netball and seeing the ladies play up close was amazing" Rosie Smith "It was a really good experience" Martha Curtis. "My favourite bit was passing with Sasha who has played for England 69 times" Giselle Kitasoboka.

FORM 5 & 6 CROSS COUNTRY -This half term has marked the end of the final cross country for Form 6 and it has ended in success for the sporting calendar. Form 5&6 competed in the brilliant sunshine at Melbourne park and our competitors took on a very difficult course, with very muddy ground, with over 200 children racing in each race! We achieved 2 top 10 results and many children beating their PB's, which was fabulous. A big thank you to all the parental support. We look forward to more great success in the Relay races next half term!



PRE-RECEPTION - Pre-Reception have been looking at how to turn a liquid in to a solid. We undertook a science experiment to turn water in to ice. The children came up with many ideas of how this could be achieved. The children each put a dinosaur into a cup of water and we took it to the freezer. The children suggested we could also put some of the cups outside but unfortunately it just hasn't been cold enough! Everyone was very excited to see how the water in the freezer had frozen! Then we brought the cups into our room and had to help the dinosaurs escape. There were lots of ideas of how we could help the dinosaurs including using hammers to break the ice and leaving it to melt. We had lots of fun with this activity.





GYM CLUB DISPLAY - Mrs Guest's Gym Club performed a sample of what they have been learning to their parents and staff on Tuesday. We were all very impressed with the fantastic skills that the children have been learning and the display that they gave. Thank you to Mrs Guest for all her hard work with KS1 Gym Club. KS2 gymnasts are looking forward to the club being for them after half term.

FORM 4 COLCHESTER CASTLE - As our History topic

this term is the Romans. Where better to visit than Colchester Castle? The exhibits really brought the past to life and the children loved steering a chariot, dressing up and the expert- led tour down into the Roman vaults. Our tour guide loved the questions that Form 4 asked and marvelled at their curiosity and search for answers. The children also had to work as a team to build a Roman villa. Thank you to Mrs Wilson for giving up her day to come on an adventure with us.



FORM 5 - Mrs Farr was very kind enough to teach the children how to make chocolate using raw ingredients. The children got to tasted coconut sugar, 100% cacao chocolate and then began to make their own chocolate bar. They choose to flavour their own bars with orange or mint essence. We are so grateful to Mrs Farr and she has converted children into eating more dark chocolate. Mrs Farr's business of 'Raw Nibbles' can be sourced from the website - rawnibbles.co.uk.

We were also lucky enough to have two ex-pupils with us for the day—Lilly Barnes and Pippa Pavelin who also enjoyed helping making the chocolate with us. It was lovely that they came back to visit us.



MRS HALES - I would like to say farewell to Mrs Hales as she chooses to leave Maldon Court for new endeavours. We wish her all the best for the future and thank her for her valued contributions to music within our school. She was presented with her leaving gifts during Tuesday assembly.



FORM 5 & 6 LIFESUPPORT ROADSHOW - Form 5 and Form 6 have had a very interesting workshop by the 'Life Support Roadshow'. The children learned lots of different procedures including, CPR, the Heimlich manoeuvre and how to put a casualty in the recovery position. The children practised their skills on a dummy and got to test out their strength. The workshop was very helpful and the children could all explain the steps clearly. A big thank you to the 'Life Support Roadshow' for this very important experience; the children gained so much from this workshop.



FORM 3 & 4 CROSS COUNTRY - This half term has ended with even more success in the sporting calendar. On Thursday we had the year 3&4 cross country competition. In the brilliant sunshine with freezing temperatures at Chelmer Park our competitors took on a very difficult course with very muddy and slippery ground. We achieved 2 top 20 result which was fabulous. A big thank you to the parents who braved the cold and for cheering on the children! We look forward to more great success in the next half term!

Have a lovely half term
Mrs E Mason,
Headteacher

FOMCS - This week you have received information about our partnership with Southend Adventure Island. Please read through all the information to see the prices. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me. Each Class rep has tickets available and if you need any other type either contact me directly or ask your class rep and they will get in touch with me. Remember every ticket you buy from FOMCS is money for us to organise great things for the children. Please don't forget to sign up for Bewilderwood we still have spaces available. It's going to be a great day. As it's half term next week what a great opportunity to have a sort through clothes you don't want anymore and ready to give to our bag 2 school scheme. Lastly in your child's school bag you will find a tube of smarties and a sponsorship form. We hope you will encourage your children to earn coins to fill their tube by carrying out helpful chores in the holiday and we look forward to seeing how well they've done when they return to school. We wish you a lovely half term break. From Your FOMCS Team



NEXT WEEK'S MENU

Mon	Pasta Bolognese served with sweetcorn and salad	Shortbread	Fruit
Tues	Sweet and sour chicken served with rice	Chocolate sponge with chocolate custard	Fruit
Wed	Roast pork, roast potatoes, seasonal vegetables, Yorkshire pudding & gravy	Strawberry mousse	Fruit/ Yoghurt
Thurs	Sausages, mashed potatoes and beans	Fresh fruit salad	Fruit/ Yoghurt
Fri	Fish fingers, new potatoes, peas and salad	Chocolate chip cookies	Fruit

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