

FRIDAY 17TH NOVEMBER 2023

MERRYLANDS NEWS

AUTUMN TERM AT MERRYLANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL

Attendance

School Attendance Target: 97.00%

This week's Attendance: 94.62%

Open-minded

Inquisitive

Never Give Up

Remember.... If your child is absent, a call must be made to the School Office EVERY school day that your child is absent and must be reported by phone 01268 417893, via email admin@merrylands-pri.essex.sch.uk or ParentMail. Please do not send a message via Seesaw or Tapestry.

Dear Parents/Carers,

Today we had our Children in Need day and it was lovely to have a day as a whole school to share this worthy cause. We have a number of other days that we will get to share together, such as Christmas Dinner/Jumper Day and despite the limitations that we face with space in the school we are all working to ensure that these events still happen. We also look forward to the Reception performances later in the term.

Over the weekend the four classrooms for Years 5 and 6 are to be delivered. I apologise for the late notice regarding pick up but this means that we minimise the risk of any delay to the delivery.

I do hope you all enjoy your weekend together and we shall see you all on Monday.

Take care
Mrs Robinson

Headteacher Award

Year 1

Luna - Butterfly
Dylan - Ladybird
Violet - Dragonfly

Star of the Week

Acorn Class: Elizabeth G

Sunflower: Belle D

Daisy Class: Elijah M

Daffodil Class: Allison J

Ladybird Class: Khai J-B

Dragonfly Class: Eliska M

Butterfly Class: Fox M-P

Sycamore Class: Mattias A

Oak Class: Finley D

Maple Class: Darcie M

Lake Class: Tommy R

Ocean Class: Carson K

River Class: Aathira R

Amazon Class: Samuel S

Snowdonia Class: Scarlett D

Eagle Class: Summer B

Falcon Class: Efran G

Adventurer Class: Belita H-A

Explorer Class: Michael F

Lunch at a glance....

Baguettes will be available daily with a choice of Ham or Cheese

Jacket Potato will be served Daily with Cheese or Beans

| Week 1 | | | Week 2 | | | Week 3 | | |
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| Monday | Main Meals | Vegetables | Monday | Main Meals | Vegetables | Monday | Main Meals | Vegetables |
| | French Bread Cheese & Tomato Pizza with Pasta | Seasonal Vegetables | | Bacon or Cheese Macaroni | Sweetcorn | | Chicken Burger or Quorn Burger with Chips & Sauce | Beans |
| | Jacket Potato | Dessert Chocolate Cake & Custard | | Jacket Potato | Dessert Donuts | | Jacket Potato | Dessert Pancake |
| Tuesday | Main Meals | Vegetables | Tuesday | Main Meals | Vegetables | Tuesday | Main Meals | Vegetables |
| | Chicken Fajita Wrap or Quorn Wrap with Potato Wedges | Sweetcorn | | Chicken Nuggets or Vegetable Nuggets with Chips & Tomato Sauce | Beans | | Butcher's Sausages or Vegan Sausages with Mash, Yorkshire Pudding & Gravy | Peas |
| | Jacket Potato | Dessert Flapjack | | Jacket Potato | Dessert Home-made Cake & Custard | | Jacket Potato | Dessert Flapjack |
| Wednesday | Main Meals | Vegetables | Wednesday | Main Meals | Vegetables | Wednesday | Main Meals | Vegetables |
| | Homemade Mince Beef Pie or Vegetable Pie with Mash & Gravy | Peas | | Butcher's Roast Turkey or Roast Quorn Fillet with Roast Potatoes and Yorkshire Pudding | Carrots & Peas | | Homemade Chicken Pie or Vegetable Pie, Roast Potato & Gravy | Carrots |
| | Jacket Potato | Dessert Fruit Jelly | | Jacket Potato | Dessert Fruit Jelly | | Jacket Potato | Dessert Fruit Burst Jelly |
| Thursday | Main Meals | Vegetables | Thursday | Main Meals | Vegetables | Thursday | Main Meals | Vegetables |
| | Meatballs or Vegan Meatballs with Tomato Sauce & Fusilli Pasta | Seasonal Vegetables | | Beef Bolognese or Vegetable Bolognese with Fusilli Pasta | Mixed Vegetables | | Sticky BBQ Chicken or Sticky BBQ Quorn Pieces with Rice | Sweetcorn |
| | Jacket Potato | Dessert Iced Sponge Cake | | Jacket Potato | Dessert Flapjack | | Jacket Potato | Dessert Homemade Marble Cake & Custard |
| Friday | Main Meals | Vegetables | Friday | Main Meals | Vegetables | Friday | Main Meals | Vegetables |
| | Fish Fingers or Cheddar Whirl with Chips | Peas | | Battered Fish Fillet or Plain Omelette with Waffles | Spaghetti Hoops | | Fish Fingers or Cheddar Whirl with Waffles | Peas |
| | Jacket Potato | Dessert Ice Cream | | Jacket Potato | Dessert Arctic Roll | | Jacket Potato | Dessert Ice Cream |

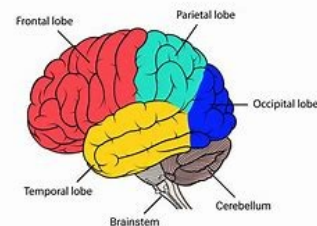
Week 1 dates: 18th Oct, 20th Nov, 17th Dec, 14th Jan, 5th Feb, 4th Mar, 25th Mar
Week 2 dates: 19th Nov, 27th Nov, 18th Dec, 7th Jan, 22nd Jan, 12th Feb, 17th Mar
Week 3 dates: 17th Nov, 4th Dec, 18th Dec, 29th Jan, 26th Feb, 16th Mar

An unlimited selection of freshly prepared healthy salad, yoghurts and fresh fruit are available daily



Did you know?

The human brain triples in size in the first year of life.



Odd Sock Day— On Monday this week, our pupils and staff wore odd socks to acknowledge anti-bullying week which has sent the message to all that everyone is different, has different personalities, interests, hobbies and humour just to name a few.

Thank you to everyone that took part!

Miss White



During the week, the children have been designing their own pair of odd socks and thought carefully about what they wanted to include and why.

KS1 winner - Darcie H - Butterfly Class

Lower KS1 winner - Samantha M - River Class

Upper KS2 winner - Kiara F - Eagle Class

Upcoming Events

23/24.11.23 - Individual and Sibling Photographs - More details to follow

08.12.23 - Nursery Carol Singing (10:45am - 11:30am & 2:15pm - 3:00pm)

11.12.23 - Flu Vaccination - Consent Forms to be sent

12.12.23 - Reception Christmas Performance Sunflower Class (2:30pm-3:00pm). Limited to 1 parent/carer per pupil due to capacity - More details to follow.

13.12.23 - Year 2 Singing at Eastgate (10:00am-11:00am)
Parent/Carer invited to watch - raising money for St Luke's Hospice

13.12.23 - Reception Christmas Performance Daisy Class (2:30pm-3:00pm). Limited to 1 parent/carer per pupil due to capacity - More details to follow.

14.12.23 - Reception Christmas Performance Daffodil Class (2:30pm-3:00pm). Limited to 1 parent/carer per pupil due to capacity - More details to follow.

15.12.23 - Christmas Dinner and Jumper Day

15.12.23 - Year 1 and Years 3-6 Christmas singing videos sent home to families through Tapestry/Seesaw

18.12.23 - Year 6 Parent/Carer drop in (3:30pm - 4:15pm)

More details to follow

21.12.23 - 03.01.24 - Christmas Holidays

04.01.24 - Children return to School.

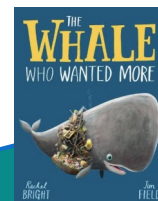


The Whale Who Wanted More by Rachel Bright

Humphrey the whale is on a quest: to find the one perfect object that will make him feel complete. He roams far and wide, gathering endless undersea treasure as he goes. Yet, no matter how many goodies he accumulates, Humphrey still doesn't feel content. Could it be friendship, not possessions, that will *really* make Humphrey's heart sing?

Written by one of my favourite authors (Rachel Bright), this tale encourages us to think about kindness and sharing and also has wonderfully detailed and colourful illustrations (by Jim Field).

Mrs Tildesley



Children's Speech and Language Therapy Advice Line

0300 300 1818
on Tuesdays and Thursdays 1-3pm

Please call us on Tuesdays and Thursdays 1-3pm if you have been previously known to Speech and Language Therapy and need some advice around speech, language, and communication

www.nelft.nhs.uk

BERLESDUNA ACADEMY TRUST – JOB VACANCIES

DOWNHAM – SEN LEARNING SUPPORT ASSISTANTS (x2) closing date 17th November
DOWNHAM – MIDDAY ASSISTANT (MEDICAL SUPPORT) closing date 17th November
FAIRHOUSE – ATTENDANCE & ADMISSIONS OFFICER closing date 1st December
FELMORE – MIDDAY ASSISTANT closing date 19th November
MERRYLANDS – CLASS TEACHER closing date 20th November
MERRYLANDS – LEARNING SUPPORT ASSISTANT closing date 4th December
WHITMORE – DEPUTY SEND CO-ORDINATOR closing date 24th November
WILLOWS – HLTA closing date 25th November
WILLOWS – CLASS TEACHER (PART-TIME) closing date 25th November

For more information and to apply for any of our roles, please follow the link to our website [Vacancies – Berlesduna Academy Trust](https://www.berlesdunaacademytrust.co.uk/vacancies)

Maths Competition

We had a super time at the Berlesduna maths competition on Wednesday morning. Our fabulous mathematicians had to answer a variety of maths questions and problems. They all worked extremely hard and were a credit to our school. Well done to all of you.



IMPORTANT

Due to the current situation, children will have limited access around school. Children will not have access to the playgrounds and will only be allowed on the field at break and lunchtime. We ask that your child brings in a spare pair of shoes for outdoor play which will stay in school for the time being. You may also wish to send them with a spare pair of socks.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION



Squash that Balloon

What you need: string, two players minimum and four balloons per player.

How to play:

- Players tie four balloons to their ankles using the string.
- The aim of the game is to burst your partners balloons before they squash yours.
- Top tip: move quickly to avoid being caught.

**Keep on
moving your feet .**



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Sportsperson of the Half Term...

Layla Guscotch

Who is Layla Guscotch?

Layla Guscotch is an English netball player who was born on the 2nd March 1992 in Birmingham. Layla plays in the goal defence and goal keeper positions and she picked up netball at primary school.

As well as playing netball, Layla is a trained doctor who helped during the COVID-19 pandemic.

What has Layla achieved in her career?

Layla made her debut for the Vitality Roses (England National team) in 2012 against Jamaica. She was part of the women's team who won a bronze medal in the 2019 Netball World Cup. In the 2023 Netball World Cup, Layla was co-captain for the England squad where the team made it to the final, winning the silver medal after defeat to Australia.

