

FRIDAY 12TH JANUARY 2024

MERRYLANDS NEWS

SPRING TERM AT MERRYLANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL

Open-minded

Inquisitive

Never Give Up

Attendance

School Attendance Target: 97.00%

This week's Attendance: 94.81%

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,

Welcome back to the Spring Term.

We hope you all had a wonderful break and New Year.

It has been lovely to see all the children back in school.

Have a lovely weekend.

Star of the Week

Acorn Class: Maria C

Sunflower: Theo W

Daisy Class: Frank R

Daffodil Class: Betty-Rose B

Ladybird Class: Tayyab H

Dragonfly Class: Macie L

Butterfly Class: Amira P

Sycamore Class: Teia S

Oak Class: Alice B

Maple Class: Whole Class

Lake Class: Daisy S

Ocean Class: Eva P

River Class: Archie C

Amazon Class: Nuwair M

Snowdonia Class: Logan K

Eagle Class: Abigail D

Falcon Class: Daisey B

Adventurer Class: Kekinde A

Explorer Class: Bethany B



BERLESDUNA ACADEMY TRUST – JOB VACANCIES

BERLESDUNA – FINANCE MANAGER closing date 12th January
CANEWDON – MIDDAY ASSISTANT closing date 22nd January
CHERRY TREE – HLTA closing date 25th January
CRAYS HILL – LEARNING SUPPORT ASSISTANT closing date 17th January
CRAYS HILL – EYFS CLASS TEACHER closing date 17th January
DOWNHAM – KS2 CLASS TEACHER closing date 7th February
DOWNHAM – SCHOOL BUSINESS MANAGER closing date 4th February
DOWNHAM – SEN LEARNING SUPPORT ASSISTANT closing date 21st January
DOWNHAM – MIDDAY ASSISTANT closing date 21st January
MERRYLANDS – PART TIME CLASS TEACHER closing date 21st January
MERRYLANDS – CLEANER closing date 31st January
WILLOWS – HLTA closing date 14th January

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)

Lunch at a glance....

Baguettes will be available daily with a choice of Ham or Cheese		
Week 1	Week 2	Week 3
Monday Main Meals: French Bread Cheese & Tomato Pizza with Pasta Vegetables: Seasonal Vegetables Dessert: Chocolate Cake & Custard Jacket Potato	Monday Main Meals: Bacon or Cheese Macaroni Vegetables: Sweetcorn Dessert: Denuts Jacket Potato	Monday Main Meals: Chicken Burger or Quorn Burger with Chips & Sauce Vegetables: Beans Dessert: Pancake Jacket Potato
Tuesday Main Meals: Chicken Pasta Wrap or Quorn Wrap with Potato Wedges Vegetables: Sweetcorn Dessert: Flapjack Jacket Potato	Tuesday Main Meals: Chicken Nuggets or Vegetable Nuggets with Chips & Tomato Sauce Vegetables: Beans Dessert: Home-made Cake & Custard Jacket Potato	Tuesday Main Meals: Butcher's Sausages or Vegan Sausages with Mash, Yorkshire Pudding & Gravy Vegetables: Peas Dessert: Flapjack Jacket Potato
Wednesday Main Meals: Homemade Mince Beef Pie or Vegetable Pie with Mash & Gravy Vegetables: Peas Dessert: Fruit Jelly Jacket Potato	Wednesday Main Meals: Butcher's Roast Turkey or Roast Quorn Fillet with Roast Potatoes and Yorkshire Pudding Vegetables: Carrots & Peas Dessert: Fruit Jelly Jacket Potato	Wednesday Main Meals: Homemade Chicken Pie or Vegetable Pie, Roast Potato & Gravy Vegetables: Carrots Dessert: Fruit Burst Jelly Jacket Potato
Thursday Main Meals: Meatballs or Vegan Meatballs with Tomato Sauce & Fusilli Pasta Vegetables: Seasonal Vegetables Dessert: Ice Sponge Cake Jacket Potato	Thursday Main Meals: Beef Bolognese or Vegetable Bolognese with Fusilli Pasta Vegetables: Mixed Vegetables Dessert: Flapjack Jacket Potato	Thursday Main Meals: Sticky BBQ Chicken or Sticky BBQ Quorn Pieces with Rice Vegetables: Sweetcorn Dessert: Homemade Marble Cake & Custard Jacket Potato
Friday Main Meals: Fish Fingers or Cheddar Whirl with Chips Vegetables: Peas Dessert: Ice Cream Jacket Potato	Friday Main Meals: Battered Fish Fillet or Plain Omelette with Waffles Vegetables: Spaghetti Hoops Dessert: Artichoke Roll Jacket Potato	Friday Main Meals: Fish Fingers or Cheddar Whirl with Waffles Vegetables: Peas Dessert: Ice Cream Jacket Potato
Week 1 dates: 8 th Jan, 20 th Jan, 20 th Feb, 10 th Mar	Week 2 dates: 12 th Jan, 5 th Feb, 4 th Mar, 25 th Mar	Week 3 dates: 22 nd Jan, 12 th Feb, 12 th Mar

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

Message received from St Luke's :

'Just want to say a massive thank you for supporting sing for St. Luke's at Christmas your school raised an amazing £154.32 and across the 2 weeks of schools singing an incredible £5869.16 was raised for St. Lukes Hospice what an amazing amount.'

BOOK OF THE WEEK

Sycamore Class have just begun reading A Bucket full of Blessings by Surishtha Sehgal. It is a lovely story about how you can "give back" to your community and the world. The animal characters teach us the importance of caring and sharing and Sycamore class have been making links to real life.

Layla "I like the animals and the bright pictures".



Did you know?

The human foot has 26 bones.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION



Squat and Shoot



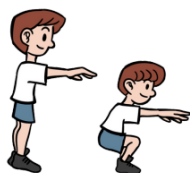
What you need: 2 balls or pairs of socks, two pots, two plus players.

How to play:

- Each player has a ball. They begin 3-4 steps away from the pots.
- Players race to throw their ball into one of the pots. First to four successful throws wins the round.
- In between each throw you must complete 10 squats.
- In the next round change the exercise you need to complete in between the throws.

Make this easier by using a bigger pot.

Who won the most rounds?



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Sportsperson of the Half Term... Alfie Hewett OBE

Who is Alfie Hewett?

Alfie Hewett is a British professional wheelchair tennis player. He was born in Norwich on the 6th December 1997. At the age of 6 years old, Alfie was diagnosed with a condition that affected the blood supply to his thigh bones. He started to play wheelchair tennis in 2005 at the age of 8.

What has Alfie achieved?

Alfie is an incredibly successful wheelchair tennis player who plays both singles and doubles. He has won a total of 18 Grand Slams in his career so far. He is also a double Paralympic silver medalist. In January 2018, at the age of 20, he became world No. 1 for the very first time.

