

FRIDAY 26TH 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: 91.56 %

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,

This week our new website has launched, please take a look. You may wish to carry out a hard refresh (CTRL + F5) when first visiting.

Parent Consultations will be going live this evening at 5pm. Please book your appointments via ParentMail. If you have any issues, please contact the school office.

Thank you for your understanding with regards to the drop off and collection for today. This will be in effect on Monday also. As a reminder drop off and collection should be as follows:

Year Group	Drop off and Collection Point
Nursery	Double doors to KS1 hall (opposite the car park)
Reception	Double doors to KS1 hall (opposite the car park)
Year 1	Double doors to the left of the Reception garden
Amazon class (Year 4)	Double doors to KS1 hall (opposite the car park)

Have a lovely weekend.

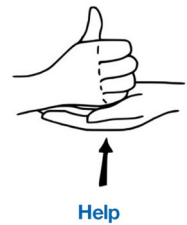
Many Thanks

Star of the Week

Acorn Class: Sonny A
Sunflower: Frankie B
Daisy Class: Zayn M
Daffodil Class: Kane S
Ladybird Class: Lily-May C
Dragonfly Class: Ivy H
Butterfly Class: Aria G
Sycamore Class: Niah W
Oak Class: Benas B
Maple Class: Amelia P
Lake Class: Rayyan M
Ocean Class: Matilda H
River Class: Elliott S
Amazon Class: Olivia D
Snowdonia Class: Akira T
Eagle Class: Erin Q
Falcon Class: Emily L
Adventurer Class: Dan B
Explorer Class: Andrei D

Sign of the Week

This weeks sign is "help".



Upcoming Diary Dates

w/b 29.01.24 - National Storytelling Week

30.01.24 - Young Voices - O2 Arena

31.01.24 - Trust Spelling Bee Competition

w/b 05.02.24 - Safer Internet Week

06.02.24 - EYFS SEND Coffee Morning

07.02.24 and 14.02.24 - Reception - Year 6 Spring Term Parents Evening 3:30pm - 6:00pm

08.02.24 - SEND coffee morning

w/b 12.02.24 - Careers and Aspirations Week

12.02.24 - Pupil Voice— Fairhouse

Lunch at a glance....					
Week 1			Week 2		
Main Meals will be available daily with a choice of Ham or Cheese			Jacket Potato is served Daily with Cheese or Beans		
Monday	Main Meals French Bread Cheese & Tomato Pizza with Pasta Jacket Potato	Vegetables Seasonal Vegetables Dessert Chocolate Cake & Custard	Monday	Main Meals Bacon or Cheese Maccaroni Jacket Potato	Vegetables Sweetcorn Dessert Dumplings
Tuesday	Main Meals Chicken Fajita Wrap or Quorn Wrap with Potato Wedges Jacket Potato	Vegetables Sweetcorn Dessert Rice Pudding	Tuesday	Main Meals Chicken Nuggets or Vegetable Nuggets with Chips & Tomato Sauce Jacket Potato	Vegetables Beans Dessert Home-made Cake & Custard
Wednesday	Main Meals Homemade Mince Beef Pie or Vegetable Pie with Mash & Gravy Jacket Potato	Vegetables Peas Dessert Fruit Jelly	Wednesday	Main Meals Butchers Roast Turkey or Roast Quorn Fillet with Roast Potatoes and Yorkshire Pudding Jacket Potato	Vegetables Carrots & Peas Dessert Fruit Jelly
Thursday	Main Meals Meatballs or Vegan Meatballs with Tomato Sauce & Fusilli Pasta Jacket Potato	Vegetables Seasonal Vegetables Dessert Ice Cream Sponge Cake	Thursday	Main Meals Beef Bolognese or Vegetable Bolognese with Fusilli Pasta Jacket Potato	Vegetables Mixed Vegetables Dessert Flapjack
Friday	Main Meals Fish Fingers or Cheddar Whirl with Chips Jacket Potato	Vegetables Peas Dessert Ice Cream	Friday	Main Meals Battered Fish Fillet or Plain Omelette with Waffles Jacket Potato	Vegetables Springetti Hoops Dessert After Roll
Week 1 dates: 1st Jan, 2nd Jan, 3rd Jan, 4th Jan, 5th Jan			Week 2 dates: 1st Feb, 2nd Feb, 3rd Feb, 4th Feb, 5th Feb		

A big

THANK YOU



Merrylands Primary School and Nursery

for supporting Basildon Foodbank. Your 38.05KG food and toiletries donation makes a BIG difference to local people in crisis.

Basildon foodbank is part of the Trussell Trust's UK wide foodbank network. Basildon Foodbank is operated by RCCG Majesty Connections



Registered Charity Number: 1130359

Registered in England and Wales

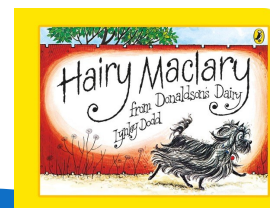


Did you know?

Space is completely silent as there is no medium for sound to travel through.



Sunflower Class recommend Hairy Maclary from Donaldson's Dairy by Lynley Dodd. We love this story because it has so many different dogs in it and they are all different shapes and sizes. Our favourite part is where the dogs meet the scary cat Scarface Claw and he chases them all back home. This story is so lovely for reading together as we can join in with the repeated parts. There are lots of other books about this cute little dog too which we would also recommend!



BERLESDUNA ACADEMY TRUST – JOB VACANCIES

BERLESDUNA – FINANCE MANAGER closing date 9th February
 CHERRY TREE – HLTA closing date 6th February
 DOWNHAM – KS2 CLASS TEACHER closing date 7th February
 DOWNHAM – SCHOOL BUSINESS MANAGER closing date 4th February
 FAIRHOUSE – SPEECH & LANGUAGE ASSISTANT closing date 26th January
 FAIRHOUSE – CARETAKER closing date 29th January
 FELMORE – SEN LEARNING SUPPORT ASSISTANT closing date 5th February
 FELMORE – BREAKFAST CLUB SUPERVISOR closing date 5th February
 FELMORE – BREAKFAST CLUB ASSISTANT closing date 5th February
 MERRYLANDS – CLEANER closing date 31st January
 MERRYLANDS – LEARNING SUPPORT ASSISTANT closing date 5th February
 MERRYLANDS – SEN LEARNING SUPPORT ASSISTANT closing date 5th February
 MERRYLANDS – HLTA closing date 5th February
 MERRYLANDS – CATERING ASSISTANT closing date 2nd February
 ST NICHOLAS – RELIEF MIDDAY ASSISTANT closing date 29th January
 WHITMORE – MIDDAY ASSISTANT closing date 6th February

For more information and to apply for any of our roles, please follow the link to our website
[Vacancies – Berlesduna Academy Trust](#)

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

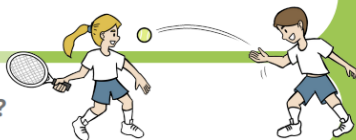


Rally

What you need: a ball or rolled up pair of socks, a hardback book or racket and one or more players.

How to play:

- Count how many times you can hit the ball up to yourself using your book or racket. Try to keep the ball in the centre of the book/racket for good control.
- Can you do this standing on one foot?
- If you have another player, how many times can you send the ball to each other before it hits the floor?
- Make this easier by using socks or by allowing the ball to bounce once in between hits.
- Make this easier by one person using a book/racket and the other their hands.



What was your highest score?



Get Set 4
Education

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.

