

FRIDAY 2ND FEBRUARY 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: 93.72%

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 some of our pupils represented Merrylands Primary School in a Spelling Bee at Fairhouse Primary School. The children did extremely well spelling some super tricky words. Well done to the children and staff who attended.

Some children from Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 were also lucky enough to attend the O2 to take part in the Young Voices concert.

Have a lovely weekend.

Many Thanks

Star of the Week

Acorn Class: Eviana S

Sunflower: Amelia-Rose M

Daisy Class: Okikiola L-T

Daffodil Class: Aurora P

Ladybird Class: Sonia P

Dragonfly Class: Ayaan H

Butterfly Class: Holly W

Sycamore Class: Hunter L

Oak Class: Marie M

Maple Class: Dragos M

Lake Class: Cristina V

Ocean Class: Louie G

River Class: Hana G

Amazon Class: Ella W

Snowdonia Class: Evan P

Eagle Class: Halle H

Falcon Class: Myleene D

Adventurer Class: Renae C

Explorer Class: Isla A



BERLESDUNA ACADEMY TRUST – JOB VACANCIES

CHERRY TREE – HLTA closing date 6th February
CRAYS HILL – EYFS CLASS TEACHER closing date 9th February
CRAYS HILL – SEN LEARNING SUPPORT ASSISTANT closing date 9th February
DOWNHAM – SCHOOL BUSINESS MANAGER closing date 4th February
FAIRHOUSE – CARETAKER closing date 11th February
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
FELMORE – CLASS TEACHER closing date 12th February
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
MERRYLANDS – NURSERY ASSISTANT closing date 9th February
MERRYLANDS – MIDDAY ASSISTANT closing date 14th February
WHITMORE – MIDDAY ASSISTANT closing date 6th February
WILLOWS – LEARNING SUPPORT ASSISTANT closing date 1st March

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



Did you know?

A group of tigers is called an ambush.

Upcoming Diary Dates

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

Venue : Felmore

19.02.24 - 23.02.24 - February Half Term

07.03.24 - World Book Day - Book character dress up day

08.03.24, 15.03.24, 22.03.24 - Nursery Parent Meetings /
Stay and Play - Details to follow

19.03.24 and 26.03.24 - Maple Class Spring Term Parents
Evening 3:30pm - 6:00pm

21.03.24 - World Poetry Day

22.03.24 ASC Parent / Carer Afternoon - 2:00pm - 3:00pm

Details to follow

26.03.24 - Trust KS1 and KS2 Science Challenge

Venue: Felmore

27.03.24 - In Class Portraits - Happy Days

27.03.24 - SEN and ASC Parent / Carer Coffee morning

Details to Follow

29.03.24 - 14.04.24 - Easter Holidays

Lunch at a glance....

Baguettes will be available daily with a choice of Ham or Cheese			Jacket Potato is served Daily with Cheese or Beans		
Week 1			Week 2		
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 Macaroni Jacket Potato	Vegetables Sweetcorn Dessert Donuts
Tuesday	Main Meals Chicken Fajita Wrap or Quorn Wrap with Potato Wedges Jacket Potato	Vegetables Sweetcorn Dessert Fruit Jelly	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 Butcher's Roast Turkey or Roast Quorn Fillet with Roast Potatoes and Yorkshire Pudding Jacket Potato	Vegetables Carrots & Peas Dessert Fruit Jelly
Thursday	Main Meals Homemade Chicken Pie or Vegetable Pie with Mash & Gravy Jacket Potato	Vegetables Seasonal Vegetables Dessert Ice Cream	Thursday	Main Meals Beef Bolognese or Vegetable Bolognese with Fusilli Pasta Jacket Potato	Vegetables Mixed Vegetables Dessert Fruit Jelly
Friday	Main Meals Fish Fingers or Cheddar Whirl Jacket Potato	Vegetables Peas Dessert Ice Cream	Friday	Main Meals Buttered Fish Fillet or Plain Omelette with Waffles Jacket Potato	Vegetables Spaghetti Heaps Dessert Arctic Roll
Week 1 dates: 8 th Jan, 20 th Jan, 27 th Feb, 13 th Mar			Week 2 dates: 15 th Jan, 1 st Feb, 4 th Mar, 25 th Mar		
Week 3			Week 3 dates: 27 th Jan, 12 th Feb, 12 th Mar		
Monday	Main Meals Chicken Burger or Quorn Burger with Chips & Sauce Jacket Potato	Vegetables Beans Dessert Pancake	Monday	Main Meals Jacket Potato	Vegetables Sweetcorn Dessert Donuts
Tuesday	Main Meals Butcher's Sausages or Vegan Sausages with Mash & Yorkshire Pudding & Gravy Jacket Potato	Vegetables Peas Dessert Fruit Jelly	Tuesday	Main Meals Homemade Chicken Pie or Vegetable Pie, Roast Potato & Gravy Jacket Potato	Vegetables Carrots Dessert Fruit Jelly
Wednesday	Main Meals Homemade Chicken Pie or Vegetable Pie, Roast Potato & Gravy Jacket Potato	Vegetables Carrots Dessert Fruit Jelly	Wednesday	Main Meals Sticky BBQ Chicken or Sticky BBQ Quorn Pieces with Rice Jacket Potato	Vegetables Sweetcorn Dessert Homemade Marble Cake & Custard
Thursday	Main Meals Sticky BBQ Chicken or Sticky BBQ Quorn Pieces with Rice Jacket Potato	Vegetables Sweetcorn Dessert Homemade Marble Cake & Custard	Thursday	Main Meals Fish Fingers or Cheddar Whirl Jacket Potato	Vegetables Peas Dessert Ice Cream
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Nursery Book Review February 2024

Our topic this term is all about traditional tales.

We have enjoyed the story about The Gingerbread Man and The Three Little Pigs, we also have been thinking about rhyming words. One of our favourite stories is called 'Oi Frog'. The story is about a cat trying to help a frog to understand rhyming words. The book is funny and makes us all giggle.

Follow the link to listen to the story.

https://www.google.com/search?q=oi+frog&rlz=1C1GCEU_en&oq=oi+fro&gs_lcrp=EgZjaHJvbWUqDQgAEAAAY4wlySgQMYgAQyDQgAEAAAY4wlySgQMYgAQyCgBEC4YsQMYgAQyBggCEEUYOTIHCAMQABiABDIHCAQQABiABDIHCAUQABiABDIHCAYQABiABDIHCACQABiABDIHCAGQLhiABDIHCAKQABiABKgCALACAA&sourceid=chrome&ie=UTF-8#fpstate=ive&vld=cid:6b9e173a,vid:2da5yu6rpdg,st:0



O2 Young Voices

On Tuesday 30th February, 14 children from Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 travelled to the O2 Arena to take part in the Young Voices concert! We spent months practising a selection of songs to perform in front of a live audience. We started the day by travelling to the arena and rehearsing with around 8000 children, until our parents came to watch us in the evening! The day was very long, but rewarding. A lot of fun was had by all, and we can't wait to attend again next year!

Well done to Louie G, Keira B, Sienna W, Daisy G, Aki-
ra T, Summer B, Emily P, Sophie B, Elsie W, Jessica R,
Pippa F, Summer O, Bethany B and Cianna A for all of
their hard work and dedication over the past four
months!



TESCO

Fantastic News!

TESCO

Merrylands have successfully made it into the blue token scheme in Tesco yet again! After the success of the sandpits, the children have now asked to have a designated cycle path to ride the bikes and scooters at playtimes.

Here are some of the ideas that the children have come up with.



How can you help?

We want the children's dreams to become a reality. We need as much support from our friends and families in Merrylands as possible. Please spread the word! You can help by visiting Tesco and collecting as many blue tokens for Merrylands as possible.

We will be in the following Tesco stores now until March.

Tesco Mayflower Retail Park Basildon SS14 3HZ

Tesco Langdon Hills SS15 6TJ

Tesco Express Kings Street Stanford Le Hope SS17 0HR

Tesco Express Grange Rd Parade Billericay CM11 2RF

Tesco Express Meadow Rise Billericay CM11 2DN

PHYSICAL EDUCATION



Cross the Swamp

What you need: Some toys and two pillows



How to play:

- Place your toys 8m away from a start line. This could be in another room if playing indoors.
- Imagine that the space between the start line and the toys is a swamp.
- To rescue the toys use the two pillows to cross the swamp and retrieve one toy at a time.
- You cannot touch the swamp. How many toys can you rescue in 3 mins?

Watch out for the crocs!



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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.

