

FRIDAY 16TH 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: 91.36%

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,

Well Done to Year 5 and 6 children who attended the Rugby Tournament on Wednesday - More information to follow.

Thank you to all Parents who volunteered for Careers and Aspirations Week - the children thoroughly enjoyed your talks/presentations.

Next week is half term and children are expected back to school in full uniform on Monday 26th February 2024.

Wishing you all a lovely break.

Many Thanks



BERLESDUNA ACADEMY TRUST – JOB VACANCIES

CANEWDON – SEN LEARNING SUPPORT ASSISTANT closing date 26th February
CHERRY TREE – CLASS TEACHER closing date 6th March
CHERRY TREE – LEARNING SUPPORT ASSISTANT closing date 1st March
CHERRY TREE – MIDDAY ASSISTANT closing date 1st March
CRAYS HILL – SEN LEARNING SUPPORT ASSISTANT (FIXED TERM) closing date 28th February
FAIRHOUSE – LEARNING SUPPORT ASSISTANT/SEN SUPPORT closing date 6th March
MERRYLANDS – SPORTS COACH closing date 1st March
MERRYLANDS – CLEANER closing date 1st March
MERRYLANDS – NURSERY ASSISTANT closing date 1st March
WHITMORE – ATTENDANCE & ADMINISTRATIONS OFFICER 28th 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](#)

Star of the Week

Acorn Class: Sadie D

Sunflower: Santiago C

Daisy Class: Sebastian W

Daffodil Class: Ocean L

Ladybird Class: Khai J-B

Dragonfly Class: Theo M

Butterfly Class: Daria C

Sycamore Class: Layla W

Oak Class: Leonardo P

Maple Class: Alexander P

Lake Class: Isla F

Ocean Class: Evie S

River Class: Thea B

Amazon Class: Luke B

Snowdonia Class: David-Paul M

Eagle Class: Raeanne E

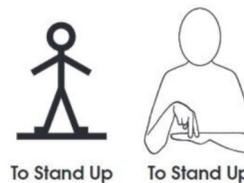
Falcon Class: Isaac J

Adventurer Class: Sophie B

Explorer Class: Archie S

Sign of the Week

This weeks sign of the week is “To Stand Up”.



Did you know?

A bolt of lightning is 5x hotter than the sun.

Upcoming Diary Dates

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....				
Week 1		Week 2		Week 3
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
Tuesday	Main Meals Chicken Fajita Wrap or Quorn Wrap with Potato Wedges Jacket Potato	Vegetables Sweetcorn Dessert Fragjack	Tuesday	Main Meals Chicken Nuggets or Vegetable Nuggets with Chips & Tomato Sauce Jacket Potato
Wednesday	Main Meals Herb Roasted 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
Thursday	Main Meals Meatballs or Vegan Meatballs with Tomato Sauce & Fusilli Pasta Jacket Potato	Vegetables Seasonal Vegetables Dessert Iced Sponge Cake	Thursday	Main Meals Beef Bolognaise or Vegetable Bolognaise with Fusilli Pasta Jacket Potato
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
Week 4 Dates: 1 st Jan, 2 nd Jan, 20 th Feb, 18 th Mar		Week 5 Dates: 2 nd Jan, 5 th Feb, 4 th Mar, 2 nd Mar		Week 6 Dates: 22 nd Jan, 12 th Feb, 13 th Mar

Baguettes will be available daily with a choice of Ham or Cheese. Jacket Potato is served Daily with Cheese or Onion.

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

BOOK OF THE WEEK

Matilda by Roald Dahl

Matilda is a very kind hearted book loving little girl - she is gifted and intelligent and even taught herself how to read. Matilda is neglected by her parents who are oblivious to her “super powers” where she can move objects with her mind. A moving, funny story for all the family.



Well done to Freya (Year 5) who spent an hour of her Sunday morning picking up litter on Worthing Road. Freya was very upset by the amount of litter she could see and how dangerous some of it is for the wildlife.



Tag Rugby



On Friday 9th February 2024, we ventured to JHS to play our final league matches. As we were already top of the league it was ours to lose. We played Willows and Great Berry who we beat 14-3 and 17-2 respectively and we were crowned league champions with the players receiving their gold medals in a ceremony at the end.

It was great to end our league campaign with two convincing wins both with great all round team performances. Next stop, County Finals on Wednesday!

This week our Head boy and Head girl went to St. Mary's primary school in South Woodham Ferrers. They delivered a fantastic presentation about knife crime to other head boys and head girls of the academy. The pupil voice meeting was very informative and discussions were also focused on internet safety as well.

Our head boy and head girl will be delivering the same presentation to our pupil parliament members in the next meeting.

Well Done!



PHYSICAL EDUCATION



Fill it Up



Get Set 4 Education

What you need: six socks and two pots

How to play:

- Players have one pot each that they place 6m apart. Place six socks in the centre.
- Players start at their pot and run to the middle, taking one sock back to their pot. Continue until there are no socks left in the middle, then run to your opponents pot to collect one sock at a time.
- Who is the first to have 5 socks in their pot?
- Playing by yourself? From a pile of socks 6m away, how many can you get into your bucket in 1 minute?

Top tip: take small steps so that you can change direction quickly.



www.getset4education.co.uk

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.

