

FRIDAY 9TH 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: 93.99 %

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 [ad-min@merrylands-pri.essex.sch.uk](mailto:ad-min@merrylands-pri.essex.sch.uk) or ParentMail. Please do not send a message via Seesaw or Tapestry.

Dear Parents/Carers,

Year 6 children were treated to a day out at Mulligans today for mini golf and pizza. A fun day was had by all.

The progress of the new buildings is on track and looks to be complete after half term.

Just a reminder that next Friday, 19.02.24 is our last day for half term and children are expected back in school on Monday 24th February 2024.

Have a lovely weekend.

Many Thanks



#### BERLESDUNA ACADEMY TRUST – JOB VACANCIES

CRAYS HILL – EYFS CLASS TEACHER closing date 9<sup>th</sup> February  
CRAYS HILL – SEN LEARNING SUPPORT ASSISTANT closing date 9<sup>th</sup> February  
FAIRHOUSE – CARETAKER closing date 11<sup>th</sup> February  
FELMORE – CLASS TEACHER closing date 12<sup>th</sup> February  
MERRYLANDS – NURSERY ASSISTANT closing date 9<sup>th</sup> February  
MERRYLANDS – MIDDAY ASSISTANT closing date 14<sup>th</sup> February  
WHITMORE – ATTENDANCE & ADMINISTRATIONS OFFICER 28<sup>th</sup> February  
WILLOWS – LEARNING SUPPORT ASSISTANT closing date 1<sup>st</sup> March

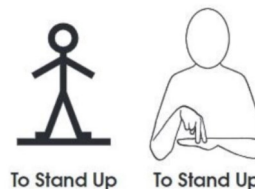
For more information and to apply for any of our roles, please follow the link to our website [Vacancies – Berlesduna Academy Trust](#)

### Star of the Week

Acorn Class: June L  
Sunflower: Raigan E-G  
Daisy Class: Eden D  
Daffodil Class: Skylar-Rose M  
Ladybird Class: Beau W  
Dragonfly Class: Abigail A  
Butterfly Class: Albert F  
Sycamore Class: Nonimechi E  
Oak Class: Tiana K  
Maple Class: Emily L  
Lake Class: Elizabeth A  
Ocean Class: Wiktorina M  
River Class: Penelope R  
Amazon Class: Joey K  
Snowdonia Class: Arianna M  
Eagle Class: Will S  
Falcon Class: Muna E  
Adventurer Class: Frankie G  
Explorer Class: Aksara R

## Sign of the Week

This week the sign of the week is “stand”.



## Did you know?

Rats can laugh when they are tickled.

## Upcoming Diary Dates

w/b 12.02.24 - Careers and Aspirations Week

12.02.24 - Pupil Voice– Fairhouse

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

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	Week 3	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3
<b>Monday</b> Main Meals: French Bread Cheese & Tomato Pasta with Pasta Vegetables: Seasonal Vegetables Dessert: Chocolate Cakes & Custard Jacket Potato	<b>Monday</b> Main Meals: Bacon or Cheese Macaroni Vegetables: Sweetcorn Dessert: Desserts Jacket Potato	<b>Monday</b> Main Meals: Chicken Burger or Quorn Burger with Chips & Sauce Vegetables: Beans Dessert: Desserts Jacket Potato	<b>Monday</b> Main Meals: Chicken Nuggets or Quorn Nuggets with Chips & Tomato Sauce Vegetables: Beans Dessert: Home-made Cakes & Custard Jacket Potato	<b>Monday</b> Main Meals: Butchers Roast Turkey or Roast Quorn Fillet with Roast Potatoes and Turkey Pudding Vegetables: Carrots & Peas Dessert: Fruit Jelly Jacket Potato	<b>Monday</b> Main Meals: Butchers Sausages or Vegan Sausages with Mash, Yorkshire Pudding & Gravy Vegetables: Peas Dessert: Fruit Baked Jelly Jacket Potato
<b>Tuesday</b> Main Meals: Chicken Fajita Wrap or Quorn Wrap with Potato Wedges Vegetables: Sweetcorn Dessert: Flapjack Jacket Potato	<b>Tuesday</b> Main Meals: Butchers Roast Turkey or Roast Quorn Fillet with Roast Potatoes and Turkey Pudding Vegetables: Carrots & Peas Dessert: Fruit Jelly Jacket Potato	<b>Tuesday</b> Main Meals: Homemade Chicken Pie or Vegetable Pie, Roast Potato & Gravy Vegetables: Carrots Dessert: Fruit Baked Jelly Jacket Potato	<b>Tuesday</b> Main Meals: Beef Bolognese or Vegetable Bolognese with Fusch Pasta Vegetables: Mixed Vegetables Dessert: Flapjack Jacket Potato	<b>Tuesday</b> Main Meals: Sticky BBQ Chicken or Sticky BBQ Quorn Pieces with Rice Vegetables: Sweetcorn Dessert: Homemade Mashed Cakes & Custard Jacket Potato	<b>Tuesday</b> Main Meals: Sticky BBQ Chicken or Sticky BBQ Quorn Pieces with Rice Vegetables: Sweetcorn Dessert: Homemade Mashed Cakes & Custard Jacket Potato
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<b>Thursday</b> Main Meals: Meatballs or Vegan Meatballs with Tomato Sauce & Pasta Vegetables: Seasonal Vegetables Dessert: Ice Cream Jacket Potato	<b>Thursday</b> Main Meals: Beef Bolognese or Vegetable Bolognese with Fusch Pasta Vegetables: Mixed Vegetables Dessert: Flapjack Jacket Potato	<b>Thursday</b> Main Meals: Sticky BBQ Chicken or Sticky BBQ Quorn Pieces with Rice Vegetables: Sweetcorn Dessert: Homemade Mashed Cakes & Custard Jacket Potato	<b>Thursday</b> Main Meals: Beef Bolognese or Vegetable Bolognese with Fusch Pasta Vegetables: Mixed Vegetables Dessert: Flapjack Jacket Potato	<b>Thursday</b> Main Meals: Sticky BBQ Chicken or Sticky BBQ Quorn Pieces with Rice Vegetables: Sweetcorn Dessert: Homemade Mashed Cakes & Custard Jacket Potato	<b>Thursday</b> Main Meals: Sticky BBQ Chicken or Sticky BBQ Quorn Pieces with Rice Vegetables: Sweetcorn Dessert: Homemade Mashed Cakes & Custard Jacket Potato
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An unlimited selection of freshly prepared healthy salad, yoghurts and fresh fruit are available daily.



Mrs Rand recommends The Cat in the hat written by Dr Seuss.

The Cat in the hat is a funny, non-sensical children's book with colourful illustrations to entertain. The story centres around a cat wearing a red and white-striped top, hat and a red bow tie attempting to entertain Sally and her brother while their parents are out. Have a ball with Dr Seuss in this humorous book!



## 31.01.24 - Trust Spelling Bee Competition

Year 2 and Year 5 children participated in the Berlesduna Spelling Bee last week at Fairhouse Primary School. The children represented out school beautifully. They had to create words in the style of countdown, find 5 letters words for wordle as well as participate in a traditional spelling bee with lots of tricky words. They used their spelling knowledge spectacularly and had an amazing time. Well done!



### Essex Year of Numbers

Please take a look at the following link.

[Essex Year of Numbers | Essex County Council](#)

Essex Year of Numbers is a countywide campaign that aims to inspire a love of learning, with a focus on numeracy. It is a year of exciting learning opportunities, fun events and initiatives aimed at children aged 0 to 18-years-old. The events aim to give every child's maths skills a magic boost.

# PHYSICALEDUCATION



### Fireball

**What you need:** 1 x pair rolled up socks, 2 x cushions, 2 x players

**Practise:**

- Practise throwing the socks to a partner.
- Every 4 successful catches move back a little bit and try again.

**How to play:**

- Place the cushions 4m apart.
- How many times can you run between the cushions without being hit by the socks.
- Thrower can only aim below the shoulders.
- Swap roles.



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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 6<sup>th</sup> 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.

