FRIDAY 1ST MARCH 2024

MERRYLANDS NEWS

SPRING TERM AT MERRYLANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL







Attendance

School Attendance Target: 97.00%

This week's Attendance: 93.39%

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 everyone - we hope you all had a great half term.

We look forward to next Thursday when children and staff will be taking part in World Book Day dressing up as their favourite book character. There will also be an art competition where children use a potato to create a book character or book scene. Prizes will be awarded for the best potato in each class.

The new demountable buildings are complete and are now in use. Due to RAAC, the Autism Support Centre lost a large area of its workspace and the ASC is now up and running in one of these buildings. Thank you to the ASC team in making this transition happen so smoothly.

Many Thanks

BERLESDUNA

BERLESDUNA ACADEMY TRUST - JOB VACANCIES

BERLESDUNA - FINANCE MANAGER closing date 22nd March

CHERRY TREE - CLASS TEACHER closing date 6th March

CHERRY TREE - LEARNING SUPPORT ASSISTANT closing date 1# March

CHERRY TREE - MIDDAY ASSISTANT closing date 1st March

DOWNHAM – MIDDAY ASSISTANT closing date 12th March
DOWNHAM – SEN LEARNING SUPPORT ASSISTANT closing date 12th March

DOWNHAM - SCHOOL BUSINESS MANAGER closing date 12th March

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

MERRYLANDS - MIDDAY ASSISTANT closing date 14th March WILLOWS - LEARNING SUPPORT ASSISTANT closing date 1st March

WILLOWS - CLASS TEACHER (FIXED TERM) - closing date 22nd March

For more information and to apply for any of our roles, please follow the link to our website Vacancies - Berlesdung

Star of the Week

Acorn Class: Kareem O Sunflower: Brianna O

Daisy Class: Lottie-Mae R

Daffodil Class: Tife A Ladybird Class: Evie F

Dragonfly Class: Henry L **Butterfly Class: Lenny H**

Sycamore Class: Brooke M

Oak Class: Joris J

Maple Class: Noah R

Lake Class: Darshik A

Ocean Class: Teddy K

River Class: Kajus G Amazon Class: Jacob S

Snowdonia Class: Lily-Mae P

Eagle Class: Atarah S

Falcon Class: Evie G

Adventurer Class: Deborah A

Explorer Class: Dolcie M



Did you know?

Earth's oxygen is produced by the ocean.

Makaton Sign

Our new Makaton sign is "sit"



Upcoming Diary Dates

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

15.03.24 - Red Nose Day (wear red - non-uniform) Donations welcome via ScoPay

19.03.24 and 26.03.24 - Maple and Oak 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

Art Competition

It's time to get creative and use a potato to create a book character or book scene. There will be prizes for the best potato in each class.







Potatoes need to be in your child's class for:

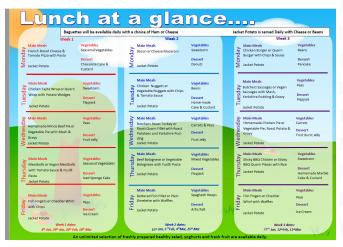
Thursday 7th March 2024.

Dress up as your favourite book character

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You're a bad man Mr Gum



by Andy Stanton

Eagle have chosen to recommend this book because it has us laughing every time we read it. It's a super silly nonsense book that always brightens our day! We would recommend this to anybody that wants

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Tag Rugby Tournament—14.02.24

A day of mixed emotions. It was great to hear from the organisers in their introductory talk, that as we were at the Official County Finals, we were in the top 15 of over 280 schools that compete in Essex.

In our first 4 games the team played some of the best rugby I have ever seen them play and we convincingly won 3 games and drew 1, qualifying with a top spot. Next, we were onto the Super 10's. Alas it was not meant to be. Our first game was against a team that I rated arguably the best team there that day. We lost 6-5 with our opponents scoring in the last few seconds of the game. The team were crestfallen for a few minutes with their first ever loss from 22 games this season. But they were soon raring to go and determined to win the next games. Unfortunately we lost the following 3 games as well with scores of 7-8 and 7-6, each time with the opponents scoring in the last few seconds. Each time the Merrylands team gave it 100%.

A special shout out to our very own pocket rocket Sophie B, who was a beacon of determination and leadership throughout the whole day.

As a I said to the team, if I had told them back at the beginning of September they would be in the top 10 in Essex, they would have taken it. They should be very proud of what they have achieved.

Now we move on, to the next game and the next.



PHSCPHSICAL EDUCATION ON AT 1/2

What you need: A ball

Can you complete the following skills?

then 10 times in the other direction

you do this down low by your knees?

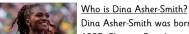
and then catch it in front of your body.

How to play:

Sportsperson of the Half Term...

Dina Asher-Smith





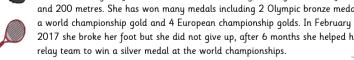
Dina Asher-Smith was born in London on the 4th December 1995. She is a British sprinter who has represented Great Britain in 100m, 200m and the 4 x 100m relay. At the age of eight, she went to a running club at her primary school with her friend where she was entered into a cross country race - she later turned to sprinting which she enjoyed more.

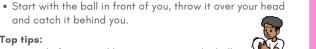




In 2013, Dina was nominated for the BBC Young Sports Personality of the Year. It was because of this that she devoted herself more to professional athletics. Dina is currently the fastest woman in British history, holding the record for 100 and 200 metres. She has won many medals including 2 Olympic bronze medals, 2017 she broke her foot but she did not give up, after 6 months she helped her







• Use wide fingers and keep your eyes on the ball.



















• Pass the ball 10 times around your waist in one direction

in one direction, then 10 times in the other direction.

• Pass the ball hand to hand. Can you do this above your

• Pass the ball in a figure of eight through your legs. 10 times

head, then to one side of your body, then the other? Can

• Start with the ball behind your back, throw it over your head

