

FRIDAY 22ND MARCH 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: 92.48%

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 nursery children have been busy planting trees.

Some of our Year 5 and 6 children competed in a dodgeball competition—Thank you to Miss Day for taking them.

Next week, we have Happy Days in on Wednesday to take in class portraits.

Have a lovely weekend.



BERLESDUNA ACADEMY TRUST – JOB VACANCIES

BERLESDUNA – FINANCE MANAGER closing date 22nd March
CANEWDON – SEN LEARNING SUPPORT ASSISTANT closing date 26th March
CHERRY TREE – SCHOOL BUSINESS MANAGER closing date 24th April
CHERRY TREE – ADMINISTRATION & ADMISSIONS ASSISTANT closing date 27th March
CRAYS HILL – INCLUSION SUPPORT ASSISTANT closing date 27th March
FAIRHOUSE – CLASS TEACHER closing date 17th April
FAIRHOUSE – SEN LEARNING SUPPORT ASSISTANT closing date 27th March
WILLOWS – CLEANER closing date 22nd March
WILLOWS – CATERING ASSISTANT closing date 22nd March
WILLOWS – CLASS TEACHER (FIXED TERM) – closing date 19th April

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: Jack I
Sunflower: Hayley T
Daisy Class: Lukas B
Daffodil Class: Tiago C
Ladybird Class: Adas V
Dragonfly Class: Piper M
Butterfly Class: Morgan T-J
Sycamore Class: Leo G
Oak Class: Kenuli A
Maple Class: Shea C
Lake Class: Hessa P
Ocean Class: Kyle P
River Class: Aathira R
Amazon Class: Isabella W
Snowdonia Class: Alyzza W-C
Eagle Class: Lenny P-A
Falcon Class: Maya B
Adventurer Class: Jessica B
Explorer Class: Rubie H



Did you know?

Hot water freezes faster than cold water.

Makaton Sign

This week we have been learning the sign for 'drink'.

Mime drinking from a cup, tipping it up towards your mouth whilst saying drink.



Dodgeball Competition

On Tuesday, a group of Year 5 and 6 children took part in a dodgeball competition where 17 teams took part in total. The children enjoyed working together as a team and playing in a variety of matches. We came away with three wins, showing some exceptional throws, catches and dodges. It was a great experience for the children to have and we look forward to building on this in the



Wonka Wednesday

Remember to send in your photographs of you with your Wonkalicious Bar to win an Easter Egg!

Tree Planting - Nursery

The Nursery children have been busy planting trees this week. We received a very kind donation from the Woodland Trust and we look forward to watching them grow.



Upcoming Diary Dates

25.03.24 - Isle of Wight Meeting - 3:30pm in the Marquee

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

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

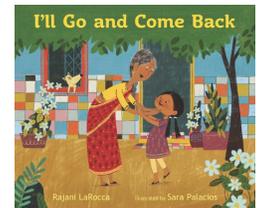
Details to Follow

29.03.24 - 14.04.24 - Easter Holidays

BOOK OF THE WEEK

I'll Go and Come Back by Rajani Larocca.

Maple Class and the rest of Year 2 have been reading I'll Go and Come Back. The story is about a girl called Jyoti who flies over to India to visit her Grandma Sita Pati where they have lots of fun. Sita Pati flies over to the USA to visit Jyoti where they also have lots of fun! You will have to read the book to find out all about it!



Lunch at a glance...

Baguettes will be available daily with a choice of Ham or Cheese

Week 1	Week 2	Week 3
Monday Main Meals: French Bread Cheese & Tomato Pizza with Pasta Vegetables: Seasonal Vegetables Dessert: Chocolate Cake & Custard Jacket Potato	Monday Main Meals: Bacon or Cheese Macaroni Vegetables: Sweetcorn Dessert: Donuts Jacket Potato	Monday Main Meals: Chicken Burger or Quorn Burger with Chips & Sauce Vegetables: Beans Dessert: Pancake Jacket Potato
Tuesday Main Meals: Chicken Patis Wagon or Quorn Wings with Potato Wedges Vegetables: Sweetcorn Dessert: Flapjack Jacket Potato	Tuesday Main Meals: Chicken Nuggets or Vegetable Nuggets with Chips Vegetables: Beans Dessert: Homemade Cake & Custard Jacket Potato	Tuesday Main Meals: Butchers Sausages or Vegan Sausages with Mash, Yorkshire Pudding & Gravy Vegetables: Peas Dessert: Flapjack Jacket Potato
Wednesday Main Meals: Homemade Mince Beef Pie or Vegetable Pie with Mash & Gravy Vegetables: Peas Dessert: Fruit Jelly Jacket Potato	Wednesday Main Meals: Butchers Roast Turkey or Roast Quorn Fillet with Roast Potatoes and Yorkshire Pudding Vegetables: Carrots & Peas Dessert: Fruit Jelly Jacket Potato	Wednesday Main Meals: Homemade Chicken Pie or Vegetable Pie, Roast Potato & Gravy Vegetables: Carrots Dessert: Fruit Burst Jelly Jacket Potato
Thursday Main Meals: Meatballs or Vegan Meatballs with Tomato Sauce & Focaccia Vegetables: Seasonal Vegetables Dessert: Ice Cream Jacket Potato	Thursday Main Meals: Beef Bolognese or Vegetable Bolognese with Fusilli Pasta Vegetables: Mixed Vegetables Dessert: Flapjack Jacket Potato	Thursday Main Meals: Sticky BBQ Chicken or Sticky BBQ Quorn Pieces with Rice Vegetables: Sweetcorn Dessert: Homemade Marble Cake & Custard Jacket Potato
Friday Main Meals: Fish Fingers or Cheddar Whirl with Chips Vegetables: Peas Dessert: Ice Cream Jacket Potato	Friday Main Meals: Battered Fish Fillet or Plain Omlette with Waffles Vegetables: Spaghetti Hoops Dessert: Arctic Roll Jacket Potato	Friday Main Meals: Fish Fingers or Cheddar Whirl with Waffles Vegetables: Peas Dessert: Ice Cream Jacket Potato

Week 1 dates: 29th Jan, 30th Jan, 31st Jan, 1st Feb, 2nd Feb
 Week 2 dates: 12th Jan, 13th Jan, 14th Jan, 15th Jan, 16th Jan
 Week 3 dates: 22nd Jan, 23rd Jan, 24th Jan, 25th Jan, 26th Jan

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

PHYSICAL EDUCATION



Skills School

What you need: A ball



How to play:

Can you complete the following skills?

- Pass the ball 10 times around your waist in one direction then 10 times in the other direction
- Pass the ball in a figure of eight through your legs. 10 times in one direction, then 10 times in the other direction.
- Pass the ball hand to hand. Can you do this above your head, then to one side of your body, then the other? Can you do this down low by your knees?
- Start with the ball behind your back, throw it over your head and then catch it in front of your body.
- Start with the ball in front of you, throw it over your head and catch it behind you.

Top tips:

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



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Sportsperson of the Half Term... Dina Asher-Smith



Who is 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.

What has Dina achieved?

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, a world championship gold and 4 European championship golds. In February 2017 she broke her foot but she did not give up, after 6 months she helped her relay team to win a silver medal at the world championships.

