

THURSDAY 28TH 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: 92.15%

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,

We have had a great Spring term and look forward to welcoming you all back after a restful Easter break and for the Summer term.

Have a lovely Easter.

Take Care.



BERLESDUNA  
ACADEMY TRUST

#### BERLESDUNA ACADEMY TRUST – JOB VACANCIES

CHERRY TREE – SCHOOL BUSINESS MANAGER closing date 24<sup>th</sup> April

CHERRY TREE – ADMINISTRATION & ADMISSIONS ASSISTANT closing date 22<sup>nd</sup> April

FAIRHOUSE – CLASS TEACHER closing date 17<sup>th</sup> April

FAIRHOUSE – ATTENDANCE & ADMISSIONS OFFICER closing date 17<sup>th</sup> 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: Leonidas G

Sunflower: Frankie B

Daisy Class: George C

Daffodil Class: Arabella G

Ladybird Class: Dylan H

Dragonfly Class: George C

Butterfly Class: Rocco N

Sycamore Class: Victoria A

Oak Class: Cody A

Maple Class: Hugo G

Lake Class: Isla C

Ocean Class: George V

River Class: Tommy M

Amazon Class: Daisy G

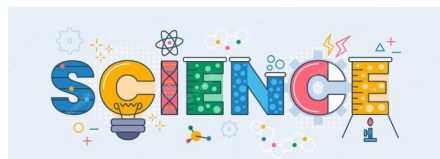
Snowdonia Class: Lyla L

Eagle Class: Emily P

Falcon Class: Mya C

Adventurer Class: Josh P

Explorer Class: Geronimo D



**Did you know?**

There are more trees on Earth than stars in our galaxy.

# 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					
Monday	<b>Main Meals</b> French Bread Cheese & Tomato Pizza with Pasta Jacket Potato	<b>Vegetables</b> Seasonal Vegetables <b>Dessert</b> Chocolate Cake & Custard	Monday	<b>Main Meals</b> Bacon or Cheese Macaroni Jacket Potato	<b>Vegetables</b> Sweetcorn <b>Dessert</b> Donuts	Monday	<b>Main Meals</b> Chicken Burger or Quorn Burger with Chips & Sauce Jacket Potato	<b>Vegetables</b> Beans <b>Dessert</b> Pancake			
	<b>Main Meals</b> Chicken Fajita Wrap or Quorn Wrap with Potato Wedges Jacket Potato	<b>Vegetables</b> Sweetcorn <b>Dessert</b> Flapjack		<b>Main Meals</b> Chicken Nuggets or Vegetable Nuggets with Chips & Tomato Sauce Jacket Potato	<b>Vegetables</b> Beans <b>Dessert</b> Home-made Cake & Custard		<b>Main Meals</b> Butchers Sausages or Vegan Sausages with Mash, Yorkshire Pudding & Gravy Jacket Potato	<b>Vegetables</b> Peas <b>Dessert</b> Flapjack			
Tuesday	<b>Main Meals</b> Homemade Mince Beef Pie or Vegetable Pie with Mash & Gravy Jacket Potato	<b>Vegetables</b> Peas <b>Dessert</b> Fruit Jelly	Tuesday	<b>Main Meals</b> Butchers Roast Turkey or Roast Quorn Fillet with Roast Potatoes and Yorkshire Pudding Jacket Potato	<b>Vegetables</b> Carrots & Peas <b>Dessert</b> Fruit Jelly	Tuesday	<b>Main Meals</b> Homemade Chicken Pie or Vegetable Pie, Roast Potato & Gravy Jacket Potato	<b>Vegetables</b> Carrots <b>Dessert</b> Fruit Burst Jelly			
	<b>Main Meals</b> Meatballs or Vegan Meatballs with Tomato Sauce & Fusilli Pasta Jacket Potato	<b>Vegetables</b> Seasonal Vegetables <b>Dessert</b> Iced Sponge Cake		<b>Main Meals</b> Beef Bolognese or Vegetable Bolognese with Fusilli Pasta Jacket Potato	<b>Vegetables</b> Mixed Vegetables <b>Dessert</b> Flapjack		<b>Main Meals</b> Sticky BBQ Chicken or Sticky BBQ Quorn Pieces with Rice Jacket Potato	<b>Vegetables</b> Sweetcorn <b>Dessert</b> Homemade Marble Cake & Custard			
Wednesday	<b>Main Meals</b> Fish Fingers or Cheddar Whirl with Chips Jacket Potato	<b>Vegetables</b> Peas <b>Dessert</b> Ice Cream	Wednesday	<b>Main Meals</b> Battered Fish Fillet or Plain Omelette with Waffles Jacket Potato	<b>Vegetables</b> Spaghetti Hoops <b>Dessert</b> Artic Roll	Wednesday	<b>Main Meals</b> Fish Fingers or Cheddar Whirl with Waffles Jacket Potato	<b>Vegetables</b> Peas <b>Dessert</b> Ice Cream			
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Week 1 dates:

8<sup>th</sup> Jan, 20<sup>th</sup> Jan, 20<sup>th</sup> Feb, 18<sup>th</sup> Mar

Week 2 dates:

15<sup>th</sup> Jan, 5<sup>th</sup> Feb, 4<sup>th</sup> Mar, 25<sup>th</sup> Mar

Week 3 dates:

22<sup>nd</sup> Jan, 12<sup>th</sup> Feb, 11<sup>th</sup> Mar

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

## Easter Competition

Your child will have the opportunity to bring home an Easter colouring sheet. If they wish to enter the colouring competition, there will be a cost of £1. This will need to be paid via Sco-Pay. Completed colouring sheets should be returned to school by Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April where head boy and head girl will judge them. There will be a prize for the winner in each of the following categories:

Nursery/Reception

Years 1 and 2

Years 3 and 4

Years 5 and 6

Please ensure your child writes their name and year on the back of the picture so we can identify the winners in each category.

Good Luck Everyone!

Pupil Parliament Members

## Upcoming Diary Dates

29.03.24 - 14.04.24 - Easter Holidays

16.04.24 & 24.04.24 - Reception, Year 1, Year 2 Police Visit

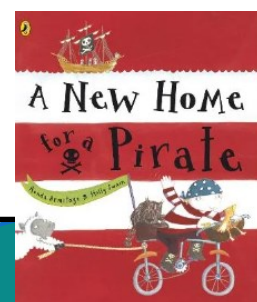
## Makaton Sign

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



## BOOK OF THE WEEK

The children in Dragonfly Class have been reading No home for a Pirate by Ronda Armitage. They highly recommend it, and have enjoyed reading about Pirate Jed and how he gets sea sick and wants a home that stands still. They like that he is a helpful Pirate to different animals, but their favourite part of the story is when the Red Bull tells Jed that he is going to chase him! It always makes the chil-



## Wonka Wednesday

Here are our Easter Egg winners from Wonka Wednesday. Thank you for sharing your photo with your Wonkalicious Bar. Well Done Everyone!



## Dance Festival

On Tuesday, some Year 2 children attended a Dance Festival at James Hornsby High School. The children participated in a workshop and watched some performances alongside other local primary schools. They created super poses and busted moves linked to different themes, such as being superheroes and part of the circus.



## Science Competition

This week some of our children were selected to participate in a Science competition. They had to make a pendulum with the very specific requirement of getting the pendulum to swing exactly 10 times in 30 seconds. They worked incredibly well as a team and should be very proud of themselves.



# PHYSICALEDUCATION



## Traffic Lights

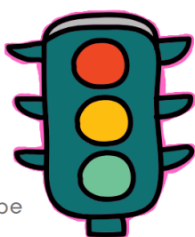


Get Set 4 Education

**What you need:** an adult to call the instructions

### How to play:

- Children imagine they are getting in the car, putting their seatbelt on and holding their steering wheel.
- They complete the instructions said by the adult e.g.
- Green light: jog around
- Red light: stop
- Yellow light: sit down
- Roundabout: spin a circle
- Speed bumps: jump up and down
- Zebra crossing: lie in a straight shape
- Reverse: walk backwards



Have a go at making up your own. You could even include different gears for different speeds.

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



### Who is Dina Asher-Smith?

Dina Asher-Smith was born in London on the 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

