

FRIDAY 26TH APRIL 2024

MERRYLANDS NEWS

SUMMER TERM AT MERRYLANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL

Open-minded

Inquisitive

Never Give Up

Attendance

School Attendance Target: 97.00%

This week's Attendance: 95.90%

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 children have participated in a sponsored walk wearing a spectrum of colours.

Reception children have had a visit from the Police.

Some Year 5 and 6 children have taken part in Football and Cricket Trials. If your child is successful they will be informed, shortly.

Have a lovely weekend.

Take Care.

Star of the Week

Acorn Class: Vinnie A

Sunflower: Robert N

Daisy Class: Sienna Y

Daffodil Class: Erika G

Ladybird Class: Harley W

Dragonfly Class: Arthur P

Butterfly Class: Alexandra S

Sycamore Class: Maira J

Oak Class: Harrison H

Maple Class: Teodor B

Lake Class: Maisie B

Ocean Class: David M

River Class: Georgianna C

Amazon Class: Emilia B

Snowdonia Class: Alice H

Eagle Class: David P

Falcon Class: Ronnie D

Adventurer Class: Renae C

Explorer Class: Derrick O



Did you know?

It is impossible to burp in space.

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 1	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	Monday Main Meals: Chicken Burger or Quorn Burger with Chips & Sauce Vegetables: Beans Dessert: Pancake Jacket Potato
Tuesday Main Meals: Chicken Fajita Wrap or Quorn Wrap with Potato Wedges Vegetables: Sweetcorn Dessert: Flapjack Jacket Potato	Tuesday Main Meals: Chicken Nuggets or Vegetable Nuggets with Chips & Tomato Sauce Vegetables: Beans Dessert: Home-made Cake & Custard Jacket Potato	Tuesday Main Meals: Butchers Sausages or Vegan Sausages with Mash Vegetables: Carrots & Peas Dessert: Fruit Burst Jelly Jacket Potato	Tuesday Main Meals: Butchers Sausages or Vegan Sausages with Mash Vegetables: Carrots & Peas Dessert: Fruit Burst Jelly 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: Mixed Vegetables Dessert: Fruit Jelly Jacket Potato	Wednesday Main Meals: Homemade Chicken Pie or Vegetable Pie, Roast Potato & Gravy Vegetables: Carrots & Peas Dessert: Fruit Burst Jelly Jacket Potato	Wednesday Main Meals: Homemade Chicken Pie or Vegetable Pie, Roast Potato & Gravy Vegetables: Carrots & Peas Dessert: Fruit Burst Jelly Jacket Potato
Thursday Main Meals: Meatballs or Vegan Meatballs with Tomato Sauce & Fusilli Pasta Vegetables: Seasonal Vegetables Dessert: Iced Sponge Cake 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: Peas Dessert: Homemade Marble Cake & Custard Jacket Potato	Thursday Main Meals: Sticky BBQ Chicken or Sticky BBQ Quorn Pieces with Rice Vegetables: Peas 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 Omelette with Waffles Vegetables: Spaghetti Hoops Dessert: Artie Roll Jacket Potato	Friday Main Meals: Fish Fingers or Cheddar Whirl with Waffles Vegetables: Peas Dessert: Ice Cream Jacket Potato	Friday Main Meals: Fish Fingers or Cheddar Whirl with Waffles Vegetables: Peas Dessert: Ice Cream Jacket Potato

Week 1 dates: 8th Jan, 29th Jan, 20th Feb, 18th Mar
 Week 2 dates: 15th Jan, 5th Feb, 4th Mar, 25th Mar
 Week 3 dates: 22nd Jan, 12th Feb, 1st Mar

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

Upcoming Diary Dates

03.05.24 - Nursery Stay and Play

W/B 13.05.24 - Year 6 SATs week

22.05.24 - Basildon Junior Music Festival

24.05.24 - Inset Day (School closed)

W/B 27.05.24 - May Half term

W/B 03.06.24 & W/B 10.06.24 - Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check

05.06.24 - Trust Football & Netball Tournament

W/B 10.06.24 - Year 1 Phonics Screening

11.06.24 - Class Group Photos

12.06.24 - Trust Swimming Gala

14.06.24 - Father's Day Sale

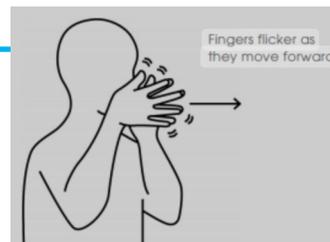
19.06.24 - KS2 Sports Day 9:15am - 11:15am
(Reserve Date 03.07.24)

20.06.24 - Reception / KS1 Sports Day 9:15am - 11:15am
(Reserve Date 04.07.24)

21.06.24 - Nursery Sports Stay & Play (Reserve Date 05.07.24)

Makaton Sign of the Week

This weeks sign of the week is Dragon.



BOOK OF THE WEEK

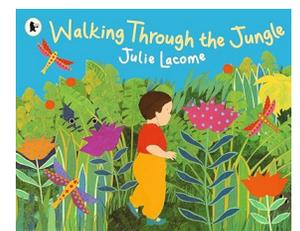
Acorn Class - Nursery Book Review April 2024

This term in Nursery we are thinking about animals that are big, small and from long ago.

We are enjoying "Walking Through the Jungle" during this week at Nursery. The story is about walking through the jungle and all the animals the little boy finds. We acted out the story using puppets and learnt a song too.

Follow the link to listen to the story <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rkqYjWMeEL8>,

Follow this link to hear the song <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=plvYOquSyJg>



Enjoy, from Acorn Class

Spectrum Colour Sponsored

Today, all children took part in a sponsored walk wearing a spectrum of colours. Well done to everyone who took part.

We have raised a whopping £1,095.50 for National Autistic Society. If you haven't already done so and would like to donate, you may do so on ScoPay until Tuesday 30th April 2024.



Reception Police Visit

On Wednesday Reception were visited by Rachel and Kat, two police officers who shared with the children about the job they do. They brought a police car which the children were able to explore and they demonstrated the lights and the sirens! They talked about their uniform and the children were able to try on different

police hats! They explained to the children about what to do if they got lost and how to know who to ask for help. The children's homework was to learn their full name, their grown-ups names and their address! It was a great morning!

PHYSICAL EDUCATION



It's All About the Pace



What you need: socks and a stopwatch or clock

How to play:

- Mark a track around your home using socks.
- How many times can you run around your track in 30 seconds?
- Can you double the distance if you work for 1 minute? How did that make you feel?
- Can you run your track without stopping for 6 minutes? Pace yourself to maintain a consistent speed.
- How many laps did you complete?

Notice what happens to the distance you complete when the time increases.



Sportsperson of the Half Term...

Mary Earps

Who is Mary Earps?

Mary Earps is a professional footballer who was born on the 7th March 1993. She currently plays for Manchester United, where she is their goalkeeper in the WSL (Women's Super League). In addition to this, she has played internationally as part of the England squad. She decided she wanted to become a professional footballer when she was playing football in the garden with her dad and brother as a child.

What has Mary achieved?

In her senior career, Earps worked hard to become the number 1 goalkeeper for England. In the summer of 2022, Mary was part of the England squad that won the Euros. She was also named Best FIFA Women's goalkeeper in the same year. In 2023, Mary was the 1st female player to reach her 50th clean sheet, Manchester United's player of the month and made it to the finals of the Women's World Cup where she won the Golden Glove award.

