

FRIDAY 6TH OCTOBER 2023

MERRYLANDS NEWS

AUTUMN TERM AT MERRYLANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL

Open-minded

Inquisitive

Never Give Up

Attendance

School Attendance Target: 97.00%

This week's Attendance: 94.45%

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 Parent/Carers,

Welcome to our first newsletter of the new academic year. Please see below a message from Sean Tobin CEO of Berlesduna Trust regarding the RAAC situation.

I want to reassure you that whilst nobody expected or welcomed the news that we have RAAC at Merrylands the school is committed to make the current situation as positive as possible for your children, whilst prioritising their safety. I would like to thank the team at James Hornsby for their enormous support which has meant face to face education has been able to happen for all children. The Trust Estates and Facilities Manager and Mrs Robinson are working closely with the DfE to ensure there is a speedy and safe return to education on the Merrylands site. I thank you for your support and for continuing to work in partnership with Merrylands to ensure the best for your children.

Mr S. Tobin—CEO Berlesduna Academy Trust

Have a lovely weekend and we shall see you all Monday.

Mrs Robinson

Star of the Week

Acorn Class: Whole Class

Sunflower: Halle-Mae P

Daisy Class: Ollie L

Daffodil Class: Joshua P

Ladybird Class: Elsie-Rae V

Dragonfly Class: Joanne A

Butterfly Class: Luis D-C

Sycamore Class: Grace T

Oak Class: Mark O

Maple Class: Leon L

Lake Class: Nina A

Ocean Class: Kiera B

River Class: Elaine M

Amazon Class: Iulian P

Snowdonia Class: Kirah D

Eagle Class: Alexandru T

Falcon Class: Thomas D

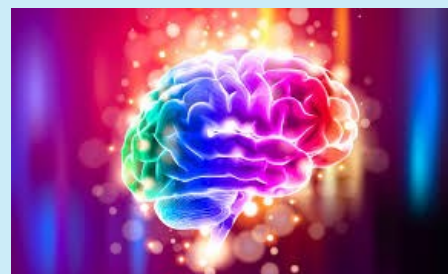
Adventurer Class: Ray B

Explorer Class: Thomas T



Did you know?

About 75% of your brain is made of water.



BERLESDUNA ACADEMY TRUST – JOB VACANCIES

CHERRY TREE – HLTA closing date 6th October
 CHERRY TREE – LEARNING SUPPORT ASSISTANT closing date 6th October
 FELMORE – MIDDAY ASSISTANT closing date 9th October
 MERRYLANDS – SEN LEARNING SUPPORT ASSISTANT closing date 2nd November
 WILLOWS – CLEANER closing date 3rd November

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

Lunch at a glance....

Week 1			Week 2			Week 3		
Monday	Main Meals Meatballs or Veggie Meatballs with Tomato Sauce Penne Pasta	Vegetables Seasonal Vegetables	Monday	Main Meals Chicken Nuggets or Vegetable Nuggets with Chips & Tomato Sauce	Vegetables Sweetcorn or Baked Beans	Monday	Main Meals Chicken Burger or Quorn Burger with Chips & Tomato Sauce	Vegetables Beans
	Dessert Lemon Shortbread			Dessert Oak Flapjack			Dessert Home-made Flapjack	
Tuesday	Main Meals Sausage Roll or Veggie Roll with waffles	Vegetables Peas	Tuesday	Main Meals Spaghetti Bolognese or Veggie- bolognese with Fusilli	Vegetables Peas	Tuesday	Main Meals Pasta Bolognese or Tomato Pizzu Pizze with Pasta	Vegetables Soldier
	Dessert Chocolate Cake			Dessert Home-made iced Sponge Cake			Dessert Home-made Lemon Iced Sponge Cake	
Wednesday	Main Meals Butchers Roast Turkey or Quorn Fillet, Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Vegetables Seasonal Vegetables & Yorkshire Pudding	Wednesday	Main Meals All Day Breakfast Vegetarian All Day Breakfast	Vegetables Baked Beans	Wednesday	Main Meals Fish Chunks or Veggie Chunks with Mash & Curry	Vegetables Seasonal Vegetables & Yorkshire Pudding
	Dessert Jelly with Fruit			Dessert Fruit Jelly with Fruit			Dessert Pudding with Golden Syrup	
Thursday	Main Meals Chicken Pasta Bake or Vegetable Pasta Bake	Vegetables Sweetcorn	Thursday	Main Meals Chicken Fajita Wrap or Quorn Wrap with Potato Wedges	Vegetables Mixed Vegetables	Thursday	Main Meals Sweet & Sour Chicken or Sweet & Sour Vegetable with Steamed Rice	Vegetables Sweetcorn
	Dessert Jacket Potato with Beans	Dessert Homemade Flapjack		Dessert Homemade Shortbread			Dessert Pudding with Golden Syrup	
Friday	Main Meals Fish Fingers or Cheddar whir	Vegetables Spaghetti Hoops	Friday	Main Meals Battered Fish Fillet or Plain Omelette with waffles	Vegetables Baked Beans	Friday	Main Meals Fish Fingers or Cheddar whirl with waffles	Vegetables Peas
	Dessert Wholemeal Pasta with Tomato Sauce	Dessert Strawberry Ice Cream		Dessert Vanilla Ice Cream			Dessert Chocolate Ice Cream Sandwich	
Week 1 dates: 27 th Apr, 4 th May, 18 th May, 19 th Jun, 10 th Jul, 4 th Sep, 25 th Sep, 16 th Oct			Week 2 dates: 24 th Apr, 12 th May, 5 th Jun, 26 th Jun, 17 th Jul, 11 th Sep, 2 nd Oct			Week 3 dates: 1 st May, 22 nd May, 12 th Jun, 9 th Jul, 18 th Sep, 8 th Oct		
Requests will be available daily with a choice of Main or Cheese			An unlimited selection of freshly prepared healthy salad, yoghurts and fresh fruit are available daily					

Upcoming Events

w/b: 09.10.23 & w/b: 15.10.23—Nursery Parent Meeting

11.10.23 - Reception - Phonics SALT Session KS1 Hall
 9:15 am—10:15 am

Reception—Year 6 Autumn Term Parents Evening
 3:30 pm—6:00 pm

12.10.23 - Reception Phonics SALT Session KS1 Hall
 9:15 am—10:15 am

18.10.23 - Reception—Year 6 Autumn Term Parents
 Evening - 3:30 pm—6:00 pm

19.10.23 - Trust Poetry Slam Celebration (Venue: Cherry
 Tree)

w/b: 23.10.23 - October Half Term

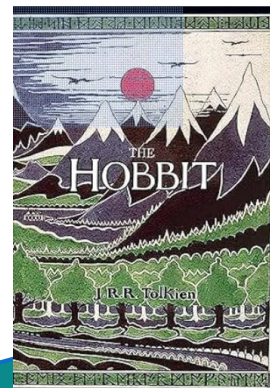
30.10.23 - Inset Day

31.10.23 - Children Return to School

BOOK OF THE WEEK

In Explorer we have chosen 'The Hobbit' as our first class book of the year.

We are all excited to be reading an original text version of the J. R. R. Tolkien's famous book and we will be looking out for the differences between this book and the films.



Last week Blue Peter launched their Book badge.

Please find more information on: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/findoutmore/blue-peter-apply-for-a-book-badge>

To earn this badge, you must:

- Be aged between 5-15 years old.
- Apply for the Book badge online using the uploader form
- Tell them about a book you have read and what you think about it. Maybe you liked the characters, or perhaps you enjoyed going on exciting adventures in faraway places.
- Upload your illustration of a character or a scene from the story. This could be a drawing, painting or even digital artwork.



PHYSICAL EDUCATION



Sportsperson of the Half Term...

Bukayo Saka



Who is Bukayo Saka?

Bukayo Saka is a professional footballer who was born on the 5th of September 2001 in Ealing, London. He currently plays in the Premier League for Arsenal and also plays for the English national team.

As a child he enjoyed playing football in the back garden with his brother and dad and at the age of 6, he joined a local team – Greenford Celtic.

What has Bukayo achieved?

Bukayo signed for Arsenal as a child, he then made his debut for the first team on the 29th November 2018. He was named as Arsenal's Player of the Season for 2020/21 and is known for being a versatile player. Off of the pitch, Bukayo has worked with the charity BigShoe and wants to inspire children.



Multiplication Circle



Get Set 4
Education

What you need: someone to call the numbers and 10 items.

How to play:

- Place the items in a large circle.
- The player begins in the middle of the circle.
- Someone calls a number between 1 - 10. The player must collect the number of items called from the outside of the circle and place them in the middle of the circle.
- Players can only move one item at a time.
- After a few rounds make this harder by adding a multiplication question to the game e.g. 7 would mean the player must place 7 items in the centre of the circle leaving three on the outside. The player must then call the answer to 7 x 3. They return all the items to the outside to begin again.

$$7 \times 3 = 21$$



How quickly can you move the items?

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