

FRIDAY 13TH 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: 93.96%

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,

We had our first of two parents' consultations this week and it was lovely to see so many of you attend. It was important for us to still hold face to face meetings despite the lack of space in the school and look forward to the next consultations on Wednesday 18th October.

Currently we are looking at a communal space as well as temporary classrooms on the site and I will be informing all parents/carers and sharing finalised plans once this has all been confirmed.

Celebration certificates started last week which have now been combined into one. This certificate is now directly reflective of our new school values. The Headteacher awards will begin after half term.

I do hope you all have a lovely weekend

Take care and we shall see you all on Monday

Mrs Robinson

Star of the Week

Acorn Class: Acasia P

Sunflower: Rosie P

Daisy Class: Bodhi H

Daffodil Class: Roxanne O

Ladybird Class: Freddy C

Dragonfly Class: Jude B

Butterfly Class: Oliver B-D

Sycamore Class: Layla W

Oak Class: James C

Maple Class: Noah R

Lake Class: Jaxon P

Ocean Class: George V

River Class: Zac A

Amazon Class: Harlee T

Snowdonia Class: Tia M

Eagle Class: Summer C

Falcon Class: Elizabeth N

Adventurer Class: Imogen R

Explorer Class: Ciana A



Did you know?

Your heart beats about 115,000 times a day.



Tag Rugby—Years 5 and 6— Friday 6th October 2023 at James Hornsby School

I asked the team for their best effort, and they certainly gave it on Friday,

The team gave a confident and dominating performance in both their matches including against our oldest rivals Janet Duke. In each game we won by at least 4 tries. It was definitely more but I kept getting over excited and forgot to keep an accurate count!

I know it sounds a bit cheesy, but it really was a great all-round team performance by all the players. However, I have to give a special shout out to our youngest (and only year 5) player Pippa F. Pippa played at centre and was our teams play maker and also managed to get her own try.

Team

Koby L, Kehinde A, Taiwo A, Teddy K, Michael F,
Michael A, Pippa F, Tilly M

Mr Pearson

Upcoming Events

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

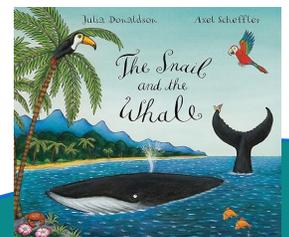
This week Year 2 Oak class read ' The Snail and the Whale' by Julia Donaldson.

They enjoyed the book as they like whales and liked looking at all the colourful pictures in it.

MacKenzie: ' I liked spotting the tiny snail on the whale's tail because it looked so small. '

James: ' I like how the snail and the whale became adorable friends. '

Amelia ' I like the book because I saw the Gruffalo and that made me feel happy because I really like the Gruffalo. '



BERLESDUNA ACADEMY TRUST – JOB VACANCIES

BERLESDUNA – OPERATIONS MANAGER closing date 3rd November
 BERLESDUNA – FINANCE MANAGER closing date 3rd November
 MERRYLANDS – SEN LEARNING SUPPORT ASSISTANT closing date 2nd November
 ST MARYS – EARLY YEARS SUPPORT ASSISTANT closing date 20th October
 ST MARYS – LEARNING SUPPORT ASSISTANT closing date 20th October
 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 Vegan Meatballs with Tomato Sauce Penne Pasta Vegetables Seasonal Vegetables Dessert Lemon Shortbread Jacket Potato with Tuna	Main Meals Chicken Nuggets or Vegetable Nuggets with Chips & Tomato Sauce Vegetables Sweetcorn or Baked Beans Dessert Oak Flapjack Pasta with warm Tomato Sauce	Main Meals Chicken Burger or Quorn Burger with Chips & Sauce Vegetables Beans Dessert Home-made Flapjack Pasta with warm Tomato Sauce
Tuesday	Main Meals Sausage Roll or Vegan Roll with waffles Vegetables Peas Dessert Chocolate Cake Pasta with Cheese Sauce	Main Meals Spaghetti Bolognese or Vegetable Bolognese with Fusilli Vegetables Peas Dessert Home-made Iced Sponge Cake Jacket Potato with Cheese	Main Meals French Bread Cheese & Tomato Pizza with Pasta Vegetables Salad Bar Dessert Home-made Lemon Iced Sponge Cake Jacket Potato with Tuna
Wednesday	Main Meals Butchers Roast Turkey or Quorn Fillet, Roast Potatoes & Gravy Vegetables Seasonal Vegetables & Yorkshire Pudding Dessert Jelly with Fruit Pasta with Tomato Sauce	Main Meals All Day Breakfast Vegetables Baked Beans Dessert Fruit Jelly with Fruit Jacket Potato with Beans	Main Meals Butchers Sausages or Vegan Sausages with Mash & Gravy Vegetables Seasonal Vegetables & Yorkshire Pudding Dessert Fruit Burst Jelly Whole meal Pasta with Tomato Sauce
Thursday	Main Meals Chicken Pasta Bake or Vegetable Pasta Bake Vegetables Sweetcorn Dessert Homemade Flapjack Jacket Potato with Beans	Main Meals Chicken Fajita Wrap or Quorn Wrap with Potato Wedges Vegetables Mixed Vegetables Dessert Homemade Shortbread Wholmeal Pasta with warm Tomato Sauce	Main Meals Sweet & Sour Chicken or Sweet & Sour Vegetable with Steamed Rice Vegetables Sweetcorn Dessert Pancakes with Golden Syrup Jacket Potato with Beans
Friday	Main Meals Fish Fingers or Cheddar Whirl Vegetables Spaghetti Hoops Dessert Strawberry Ice Cream Wholmeal Pasta with Tomato Sauce	Main Meals Battered Fish Fillet or Plain Omelette with Waffles Vegetables Baked Beans Dessert Vanilla Ice Cream Jacket Potato with Tuna	Main Meals Fish Meals or Cheddar Whirl with Waffles Vegetables Peas Dessert Chocolate Ice Cream Pasta with warm Tomato Sauce

Week 1 dates: 1st Apr, 8th May, 29th May, 19th Jun, 10th Jul, 4th Sep, 25th Sep, 16th Oct
 Week 2 dates: 26th Apr, 15th May, 5th Jun, 26th Jun, 17th Jul, 11th Sep, 2nd Oct
 Week 3 dates: 1st May, 22nd May, 12th Jun, 3rd Jul, 18th Sep, 9th Oct

Baguettes will be available daily with a choice of Ham or Cheese
 An unlimited selection of freshly prepared healthy salad, yoghurts and fresh fruit are available daily

PHYSICAL EDUCATION



Star Challenge



Get Set 4 Education

What you need: A ball

How to play:

Take on the star challenge by using the body parts listed to keep the ball up and then attempt to catch it:

- **1 star:** use one knee to keep the ball up and then catch it
- **2 star:** use one knee, then the other knee to keep the ball up and then catch it
- **3 star:** use one knee, then the other knee, then chest or head to keep the ball up and then catch it
- **4 star:** use one foot, then the other foot, then one knee, then the other knee to keep the ball up and then catch it
- **5 star:** use one foot, then the other foot, then one knee, then the other knee, then chest or head to keep the ball up and then catch it

For an extra challenge, how many keep ups can you do in a row?



www.getset4education.co.uk

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.

