

FRIDAY 17TH NOVEMBER 2023

MERRYLANDS NEWS

AUTUMN TERM AT MERRYLANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL

Open-minded

Inquisitive

Never Give Up

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 address min@merrylands-pri.essex.sch.uk or ParentMail. Please do not send a message via Seesaw or Tapestry.

Dear Parents/Carers,

Today we had our Children in Need day and it was lovely to have a day as a whole school to share this worthy cause. We have a number of other days that we will get to share together, such as Christmas Dinner/Jumper Day and despite the limitations that we face with space in the school we are all working to ensure that these events still happen. We also look forward to the Reception performances later in the term.

Over the weekend the four classrooms for Years 5 and 6 are to be delivered. I apologise for the late notice regarding pick up but this means that we minimise the risk of any delay to the delivery.

I do hope you all enjoy your weekend together and we shall see you all on Monday.

Take care
Mrs Robinson

Headteacher Award

Year 1

Luna - Butterfly
Dylan - Ladybird
Violet - Dragonfly

Attendance

School Attendance Target: 97.00%

This week's Attendance: 94.62%

Star of the Week

Acorn Class: Elizabeth G

Sunflower: Belle D

Daisy Class: Elijah M

Daffodil Class: Allison J

Ladybird Class: Khai J-B

Dragonfly Class: Eliska M

Butterfly Class: Fox M-P

Sycamore Class: Mattias A

Oak Class: Finley D

Maple Class: Darcie M

Lake Class: Tommy R

Ocean Class: Carson K

River Class: Aathira R

Amazon Class: Samuel S

Snowdonia Class: Scarlett D

Eagle Class: Summer B

Falcon Class: Efran G

Adventurer Class: Belita H-A

Explorer Class: Michael F

Lunch at a glance....

Baguettes will be available daily with a choice of Ham or Cheese		Jacket Potato will be served Daily with Cheese or Beans	
Monday	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3
Main Meals	French Bread Cheese & Tomato Pizza with Pasta	Vegetables Seasonal Vegetables	Vegetables Sweetcorn
Jacket Potato		Dessert Chocolate Cake & Custard	Dessert Donuts
Main Meals	Chicken Fajita Wrap or Quorn Wrap with Potato Wedges	Vegetables Sweetcorn	Vegetables Beans
Jacket Potato		Dessert Flapjack	Dessert Pancake
Tuesday		Main Meals Bacon or Cheese Macaroni	Main Meals Chicken Burger or Quorn Burger with Chips & Sauce
Main Meals	Homemade Mince Beef Pie or Vegetable Pie with Mash & Gravy	Vegetables Peas	Vegetables Peas
Jacket Potato		Dessert Home-made Cake & Custard	Dessert Flapjack
Main Meals	Meatballs or Vegan Meatballs with Tomato Sauce & Fusilli Pasta	Vegetables Peas	Vegetables Carrots
Jacket Potato		Dessert Fruit Jelly	Dessert Fruit Burst Jelly
Wednesday		Main Meals Butchers Roast Turkey or Quorn Fillet with Roast Potatoes and Yorkshire Pudding	Main Meals Homemade Chicken Pie or Vegetable Pie, Roast Potato & Gravy
Main Meals	Homemade Mince Beef Pie or Vegetable Pie with Mash & Gravy	Vegetables Peas	Vegetables Sweetcorn
Jacket Potato		Dessert Flapjack	Dessert Hornebeam Marble Cake & Custard
Thursday		Main Meals Beef Bolognese or Vegetable Bolognese with Fusilli Pasta	Main Meals Sticky BBQ Chicken or Sticky BBQ Quorn Pieces with Rice
Main Meals	Meatballs or Vegan Meatballs with Tomato Sauce & Fusilli Pasta	Vegetables Mixed Vegetables	Vegetables Peas
Jacket Potato		Dessert Flapjack	Dessert Ice Cream
Friday		Main Meals Battersea Fish Fillet or Plain Omelette with Waffles	Main Meals Fish Fingers or Cheddar Whirl with Waffles
Main Meals	Fish Fingers or Cheddar Whirl with Chips	Vegetables Spaghetti Hoops	Vegetables Peas
Jacket Potato		Dessert Artic Roll	Dessert Dessert

Week 1 dates:

20th Oct, 20th Nov, 1st Dec, 1st Jan, 5th Feb, 4th May, 25th May

Week 2 dates:

4th Nov, 22nd Nov, 18th Dec, 1st Jan, 2nd Jan, 13th Feb, 11th Mar

Week 3 dates:

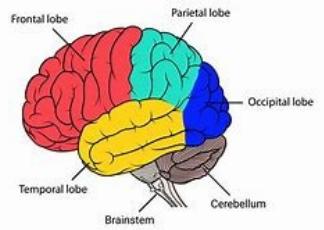
1st Nov, 4th Dec, 8th Jan, 25th Jan, 26th Feb, 18th Mar

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



Did you know?

The human brain triples in size in the first year of life.



Odd Sock Day— On Monday this week, our pupils and staff wore odd socks to acknowledge anti-bullying week which has sent the message to all that everyone is different, has different personalities, interests, hobbies and humour just to name a few.

Thank you to everyone that took part!

Miss White



Upcoming Events

23/24.11.23 - Individual and Sibling Photographs - More details to follow

08.12.23 - Nursery Carol Singing (10:45am - 11:30am & 2:15pm - 3:00pm)

11.12.23 - Flu Vaccination - Consent Forms to be sent

12.12.23 - Reception Christmas Performance Sunflower Class (2:30pm-3:00pm). Limited to 1 parent/carer per pupil due to capacity - More details to follow.

13.12.23 - Year 2 Singing at Eastgate (10:00am-11:00am) Parent/Carer invited to watch - raising money for St Luke's Hospice

13.12.23 - Reception Christmas Performance Daisy Class (2:30pm-3:00pm). Limited to 1 parent/carer per pupil due to capacity - More details to follow.

14.12.23 - Reception Christmas Performance Daffodil Class (2:30pm-3:00pm). Limited to 1 parent/carer per pupil due to capacity - More details to follow.

15.12.23 - Christmas Dinner and Jumper Day

15.12.23 - Year 1 and Years 3-6 Christmas singing videos sent home to families through Tapestry/Seesaw

18.12.23 - Year 6 Parent/Carer drop in (3:30pm - 4:15pm)

More details to follow

21.12.23 - 03.01.24 - Christmas Holidays

04.01.24 - Children return to School.

During the week, the children have been designing their own pair of odd socks and thought carefully about what they wanted to include and why.

KS1 winner - Darcie H - Butterfly Class

Lower KS1 winner - Samantha M - River Class

Upper KS2 winner - Kiara F - Eagle Class



BOOK OF THE WEEK

The Whale Who Wanted More by Rachel Bright

Humphrey the whale is on a quest: to find the one perfect object that will make him feel complete. He roams far and wide, gathering endless undersea treasure as he goes. Yet, no matter how many goodies he accumulates, Humphrey still doesn't feel content. Could it be friendship, not possessions, that will *really* make Humphrey's heart sing?

Written by one of my favourite authors (Rachel Bright), this tale encourages us to think about kindness and sharing and also has wonderfully detailed and colourful illustrations (by Jim Field).

Mrs Tildesley



Children's Speech and Language Therapy Advice Line

0300 300 1818
on Tuesdays and Thursdays 1-3pm

Please call us on Tuesdays and Thursdays 1-3pm if you have been previously known to Speech and Language Therapy and need some advice around speech, language, and communication

www.nelft.nhs.uk

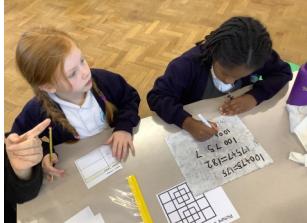
BERLESDUNA ACADEMY TRUST – JOB VACANCIES

DOWNHAM – SEN LEARNING SUPPORT ASSISTANTS (x2) closing date 17th November
 DOWNHAM – MIDDAY ASSISTANT (MEDICAL SUPPORT) closing date 17th November
 FAIRHOUSE – ATTENDANCE & ADMISSIONS OFFICER closing date 1st December
 FELMORE – MIDDAY ASSISTANT closing date 19th November
 MERRYLANDS – CLASS TEACHER closing date 20th November
 MERRYLANDS – LEARNING SUPPORT ASSISTANT closing date 4th December
 WHITMORE – DEPUTY SEND CO-ORDINATOR closing date 24th November
 WILLOWS – HTLA closing date 25th November
 WILLOWS – CLASS TEACHER (PART-TIME) closing date 25th November

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

Maths Competition

We had a super time at the Berlesduna maths competition on Wednesday morning. Our fabulous mathematicians had to answer a variety of maths questions and problems. They all worked extremely hard and were a credit to our school. Well done to all of you.

**IMPORTANT**

Due to the current situation, children will have limited access around school. Children will not have access to the playgrounds and will only be allowed on the field at break and lunchtime. We ask that your child brings in a spare pair of shoes for outdoor play which will stay in school for the time being. You may also wish to send them with a spare pair of socks.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION**Squash that Balloon**

What you need: string, two players minimum and four balloons per player.

**How to play:**

- Players tie four balloons to their ankles using the string.
- The aim of the game is to burst your partners balloons before they squash yours.
- Top tip: move quickly to avoid being caught.

Keep on moving your feet .

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Sportsperson of the Half Term...

Layla Guscoth

Who is Layla Guscoth?
 Layla Guscoth is an English netball player who was born on the 2nd March 1992 in Birmingham. Layla plays in the goal defence and goal keeper positions and she picked up netball at primary school. As well as playing netball, Layla is a trained doctor who helped during the COVID-19 pandemic.

What has Layla achieved in her career?
 Layla made her debut for the Vitality Roses (England National team) in 2012 against Jamaica. She was part of the women's team who won a bronze medal in the 2019 Netball World Cup. In the 2023 Netball World Cup, Layla was co-captain for the England squad where the team made it to the final, winning the silver medal after defeat to Australia.