

FRIDAY 8TH DECEMBER 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: 93.44%

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,

Years 5 and 6 children are now in their new classrooms. A big thank you to all staff for their hard work in getting the classrooms ready.

Today, our Christmas festivities started with Nursery children's Carol Singing. Thank you for those parents in attendance. Next week, Reception will be Performing to Parents/Carers, Year 2 will be singing at Eastgate and Years 1,2,3,4,5 and 6 will have their Christmas Movie Night.

Have a lovely weekend.

Star of the Week

Acorn Class: Louis L
Sunflower: Freddy E
Daisy Class: Leo B
Daffodil Class: Erin P
Ladybird Class: Evie F
Dragonfly Class: Henry L
Butterfly Class: Jack W
Sycamore Class: Luca-Jo W
Oak Class: Arianna P
Maple Class: Nyla K
Lake Class: Isla F
Ocean Class: Ejay O
River Class: Katy J
Amazon Class: Lucas L
Snowdonia Class: Freya W
Eagle Class: George G
Falcon Class: Freya B
Adventurer Class: Imogen R
Explorer Class: Charlie H



BERLESDUNA ACADEMY TRUST – JOB VACANCIES

CRAYS HILL – LEARNING SUPPORT ASSISTANT closing date 17th January 2024
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DOWNHAM – MIDDAY ASSISTANT closing date 14th December
DOWNHAM – SEN LEARNING SUPPORT ASSISTANT closing date 14th December
MERRYLANDS – CATERING ASSISTANT closing date 10th December
MERRYLANDS – MEDICAL OFFICER closing date 10th December
MERRYLANDS – SEN LEARNING SUPPORT ASSISTANT closing date 10th December
MERRYLANDS – PART TIME TEACHER closing date 10th December
WILLOWS – SEN LEARNING SUPPORT ASSISTANT closing date 20th December

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

Tag Rugby—Match Report

After the teams glorious victory at the Basildon Cup competition earlier this week they were keen to get back on the pitch on Friday afternoon for our latest round of league games.

Our first and third games were resounding victories against Willows and Great Berry which Merrylands won 12-4 and 11-2 respectively.

Merrylands 2nd game was against our oldest rivals Janet Duke. Over the last 5 years we have beaten them in nearly every single game. On Friday they were obviously keen to change this trend and avenge our defeat of them earlier in the week.

In a nail biting and thrilling game of great quality and awesome effort from both teams, the final score was 8-8. Though we were never behind and at one point we were winning 5-3, Janet Duke kept coming back every time we pulled ahead.

It says a lot of the teams competitive spirit that to some of the players it felt like a defeat. I reminded the whole team that they had all given 100% effort and definitely gave their best, which is all anybody can ask of them. As I say in training, "Move Forward", not just in the game, but forward onto the next match and the next.

Well done team, you should be very proud of what you have achieved this week.

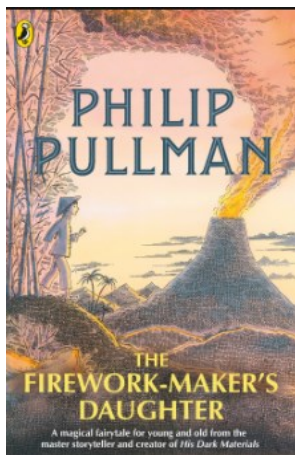
Koby L, Teddy K, Tilly M, Pippa F, Kehinde A, Twaio A, Shay D, Sophie B, Alexandrou T, Michael A

BOOK OF THE WEEK

The Firework-Maker's Daughter

Written by Emmi and Emilia

We liked The Firework-Maker's Daughter in Amazon Class. Lila, the main character, was really confident and very brave and never gave up.



Upcoming Events

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.

Lunch at a glance....

Baguettes will be available daily with a choice of Ham or Cheese

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

Week 1 dates: 30th Oct, 26th Nov, 17th Dec, 15th Jan, 5th Feb, 4th Mar, 25th Mar
Week 2 dates: 6th Nov, 27th Nov, 18th Dec, 17th Jan, 12th Feb, 11th Mar
Week 3 dates: 13th Nov, 4th Dec, 8th Jan, 29th Jan, 24th Feb, 18th Mar

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

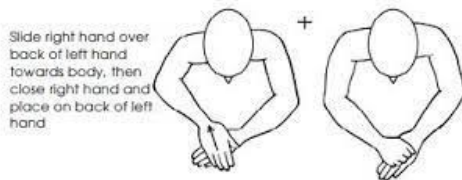
Cycle Helmets

We have noticed that lots of children are not wearing a bike helmet. Modern cycle helmets are very light, comfortable and easy to wear.

The chances of a helmet saving a life or at least reduce the severity of an injury. You are not required to wear a bike helmet by law. However, there are plenty of statistics to show wearing a bike helmet particularly beneficial.

Makaton Sign of the Week

This weeks sign is "Christmas".



Speech and language therapy

NELFT NHS
NHS Foundation Trust

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



Did you know?

Hummingbirds can fly backwards.



PHYSICAL EDUCATION

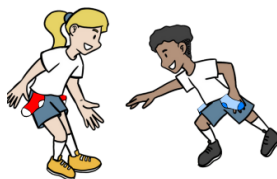


All Four, I Score

What you need: four socks and a partner

How to play:

- Tuck two socks into your waistband, one on either side, so that they hang down.
- Stand facing your partner.
- Try to take your partner's socks. If you manage to get one, hold it in the air and shout 'tag'. At this point, the game stops so that you can tuck the additional sock into your waistband.
- Restart the game. To win, you need to get all four socks tucked into your waistband.



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Education

www.getset4education.co.uk

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.

