

FRIDAY 1ST MARCH 2024

MERRYLANDS NEWS

SPRING TERM AT MERRYLANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL

Open-minded

Inquisitive

Never Give Up

Attendance

School Attendance Target: 97.00%

This week's Attendance: 93.39%

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,

Welcome back everyone - we hope you all had a great half term.

We look forward to next Thursday when children and staff will be taking part in World Book Day dressing up as their favourite book character. There will also be an art competition where children use a potato to create a book character or book scene. Prizes will be awarded for the best potato in each class.

The new demountable buildings are complete and are now in use. Due to RAAC, the Autism Support Centre lost a large area of its workspace and the ASC is now up and running in one of these buildings. Thank you to the ASC team in making this transition happen so smoothly.

Many Thanks



BERLESDUNA ACADEMY TRUST – JOB VACANCIES

BERLESDUNA – FINANCE MANAGER closing date 22nd March
CHERRY TREE – CLASS TEACHER closing date 6th March
CHERRY TREE – LEARNING SUPPORT ASSISTANT closing date 1st March
CHERRY TREE – MIDDAY ASSISTANT closing date 1st March
DOWNHAM – MIDDAY ASSISTANT closing date 12th March
DOWNHAM – SEN LEARNING SUPPORT ASSISTANT closing date 12th March
DOWNHAM – SCHOOL BUSINESS MANAGER closing date 12th March
FAIRHOUSE – LEARNING SUPPORT ASSISTANT/SEN SUPPORT closing date 6th March
MERRYLANDS – SPORTS COACH closing date 1st March
MERRYLANDS – CLEANER closing date 1st March
MERRYLANDS – NURSERY ASSISTANT closing date 1st March
MERRYLANDS – MIDDAY ASSISTANT closing date 14th March
WILLOWS – LEARNING SUPPORT ASSISTANT closing date 1st March
WILLOWS – CLASS TEACHER (FIXED TERM) – closing date 22nd March

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

Star of the Week

Acorn Class: Kareem O

Sunflower: Brianna O

Daisy Class: Lottie-Mae R

Daffodil Class: Tife A

Ladybird Class: Evie F

Dragonfly Class: Henry L

Butterfly Class: Lenny H

Sycamore Class: Brooke M

Oak Class: Joris J

Maple Class: Noah R

Lake Class: Darshik A

Ocean Class: Teddy K

River Class: Kajus G

Amazon Class: Jacob S

Snowdonia Class: Lily-Mae P

Eagle Class: Atarah S

Falcon Class: Evie G

Adventurer Class: Deborah A

Explorer Class: Dolcie M



Did you know?

Earth's oxygen is produced by the ocean.

Makaton Sign

Our new Makaton sign is "sit"



To Sit

Upcoming Diary Dates

- 07.03.24 - World Book Day - Book character dress up day
- 08.03.24, 15.03.24, 22.03.24 - Nursery Parent Meetings / Stay and Play - Details to follow
- 15.03.24 - Red Nose Day (wear red - non-uniform) Donations welcome via ScoPay
- 19.03.24 and 26.03.24 - Maple and Oak Class Spring Term Parents Evening 3:30pm - 6:00pm
- 21.03.24 - World Poetry Day
- 22.03.24 ASC Parent / Carer Afternoon - 2:00pm - 3:00pm
Details to follow
- 26.03.24 - Trust KS1 and KS2 Science Challenge
Venue: Felmore
- 27.03.24 - In Class Portraits - Happy Days
- 27.03.24 - SEN and ASC Parent / Carer Coffee morning
Details to Follow
- 29.03.24 - 14.04.24 - Easter Holidays



Art Competition

It's time to get creative and use a potato to create a book character or book scene. There will be prizes for the best potato in each class.



Potatoes need to be in your child's class for:

Thursday 7th March 2024.

Dress up as your favourite book character



Thursday 7th March 2024



Lunch at a glance....

Baguettes will be available daily with a choice of Ham or Cheese		
Week 1		
Main Meals	Vegetables	Vegetables
French Bread Cheese & Tomato Pizza with Pasta	Seasonal Vegetables	Sweetcorn
Jacket Potato	Dessert	Dessert
Chocolate Cake & Custard		Donuts
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Main Meals	Vegetables	Vegetables
Chicken Fajita Wrap or Quorn Wrap with Potato Wedges	Sweetcorn	Sweetcorn
Jacket Potato	Dessert	Dessert
Flapjack		
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Main Meals	Vegetables	Vegetables
Homemade Minced Beef Pie or Vegetable Pie with Mash & Gravy	Peas	Beans
Jacket Potato	Dessert	Dessert
Fruit Jelly		Home-made Cake & Custard
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Main Meals	Vegetables	Vegetables
Butcher's Roast Turkey or Roast Quorn Filled with Roast Potatoes and Yorkshire Pudding	Carrots & Peas	Carrots & Peas
Jacket Potato	Dessert	Dessert
Flapjack		
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Main Meals	Vegetables	Vegetables
Meatballs or Vegan Meatballs with Tomato Sauce & Fusilli Pasta	Seasonal Vegetables	Mixed Vegetables
Jacket Potato	Dessert	Dessert
Ice Sponge Cake		Flapjack
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Main Meals	Vegetables	Vegetables
Fish Fingers or Cheddar Whirl with Chips	Pear	Spaghetti Hoops
Jacket Potato	Dessert	Dessert
Ice Cream		Arctic Roll
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Main Meals		
8 th Mar, 29 th Mar, 26 th Feb, 28 th Mar		
Jacket Potato		
An unlimited selection of freshly prepared healthy salad, yogurts and fresh fruit are available daily.		
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Main Meals	Vegetables	Vegetables
Chicken Burger or Quorn Burger with Chips & Sauce	Carrots	Carrots
Jacket Potato	Dessert	Dessert
Flapjack		
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Main Meals	Vegetables	Vegetables
Homemade Chicken Pie or Vegetable Pie, Roast Potato & Gravy	Peas	Peas
Jacket Potato	Dessert	Dessert
Fruit Burst Jelly		
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Main Meals	Vegetables	Vegetables
Sticky BBQ Chicken or Sticky BBQ Quorn Pieces with Rice	Sweetcorn	Sweetcorn
Jacket Potato	Dessert	Dessert
Homemade Marble Cake & Custard		
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Main Meals	Vegetables	Vegetables
Fish Finger or Cheddar Whirl with Waffles	Pear	Spaghetti Hoops
Jacket Potato	Dessert	Dessert
Ice Cream		Arctic Roll
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Main Meals		
22 nd Mar, 12 th Feb, 22 nd Mar		
Jacket Potato		

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



You're a bad man Mr Gum



by Andy Stanton

Eagle have chosen to recommend this book because it has us laughing every time we read it. It's a super silly nonsense book that always brightens our day! We would recommend this to anybody that wants a funny book to read.



Tag Rugby Tournament—14.02.24

A day of mixed emotions. It was great to hear from the organisers in their introductory talk, that as we were at the Official County Finals, we were in the top 15 of over 280 schools that compete in Essex.

In our first 4 games the team played some of the best rugby I have ever seen them play and we convincingly won 3 games and drew 1, qualifying with a top spot. Next, we were onto the Super 10's. Alas it was not meant to be. Our first game was against a team that I rated arguably the best team there that day. We lost 6-5 with our opponents scoring in the last few seconds of the game. The team were crestfallen for a few minutes with their first ever loss from 22 games this season. But they were soon raring to go and determined to win the next games. Unfortunately we lost the following 3 games as well with scores of 7-8 and 7-6, each time with the opponents scoring in the last few seconds. Each time the Merrylands team gave it 100%.

A special shout out to our very own pocket rocket Sophie B, who was a beacon of determination and leadership throughout the whole day.

As a I said to the team, if I had told them back at the beginning of September they would be in the top 10 in Essex, they would have taken it. They should be very proud of what they have achieved.

Now we move on, to the next game and the next.



PHYSICAL EDUCATION



Skills School



What you need: A ball

How to play:

Can you complete the following skills?

- Pass the ball 10 times around your waist in one direction then 10 times in the other direction
- Pass the ball in a figure of eight through your legs. 10 times in one direction, then 10 times in the other direction.
- Pass the ball hand to hand. Can you do this above your head, then to one side of your body, then the other? Can you do this down low by your knees?
- Start with the ball behind your back, throw it over your head and then catch it in front of your body.
- Start with the ball in front of you, throw it over your head and catch it behind you.

Top tips:

- Use wide fingers and keep your eyes on the ball.

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Sportsperson of the Half Term...

Dina Asher-Smith

Who is Dina Asher-Smith?

Dina Asher-Smith was born in London on the 4th December 1995. She is a British sprinter who has represented Great Britain in 100m, 200m and the 4 x 100m relay. At the age of eight, she went to a running club at her primary school with her friend where she was entered into a cross country race - she later turned to sprinting which she enjoyed more.

What has Dina achieved?

In 2013, Dina was nominated for the BBC Young Sports Personality of the Year. It was because of this that she devoted herself more to professional athletics. Dina is currently the fastest woman in British history, holding the record for 100 and 200 metres. She has won many medals including 2 Olympic bronze medals, a world championship gold and 4 European championship golds. In February 2017 she broke her foot but she did not give up, after 6 months she helped her relay team to win a silver medal at the world championships.

