

FRIDAY 8TH 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: 95.10%

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 have had a successful week with World Book Day and our Mothers Day Sale.

Next Friday is Comic Relief red nose day. Donations can be made on ScoPay and your child is able to wear something red with non uniform.

Many Thanks

Star of the Week

Acorn Class: Albina G

Sunflower: Joris M

Daisy Class: Iris H

Daffodil Class: Tyler R

Ladybird Class: Skye K-F

Dragonfly Class: Mirabel A

Butterfly Class: Harris B

Sycamore Class: Alexandru D

Oak Class: Amelia S

Maple Class: Emily L

Lake Class: Riley S-P

Ocean Class: Sophia B

River Class: Laila H

Amazon Class: Hollie -Belle W

Snowdonia Class: Isla W

Eagle Class: Mia L

Falcon Class: Harry B

Adventurer Class: Dominic A

Explorer Class: Harriette D



BERLESDUNA ACADEMY TRUST – JOB VACANCIES

BERLESDUNA – FINANCE MANAGER closing date 22nd 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 – CLASS TEACHER closing date 17th April
FELMORE – CLEANER closing date 15th March
MERRYLANDS – MIDDAY ASSISTANT closing date 14th March
MERRYLANDS – CLASS TEACHER closing date 13th March
WILLOWS – CLASS TEACHER (FIXED TERM) closing date 22nd March
WILLOWS – CLEANER closing date 22nd March
WILLOWS – CATERING ASSISTANT closing date 22nd March
WILLOWS – CLASS TEACHER (FIXED TERM) – closing date 22nd March
WILLOWS – MEDICAL OFFICER – closing date 21st March

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

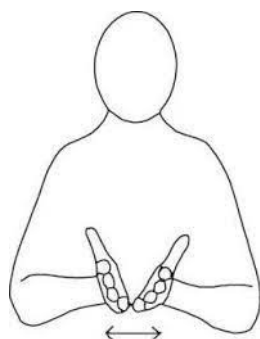


Did you know?

Animals use Earth's magnetic field for orientation.

Makaton Sign

Good afternoon please find attached our new Makaton sign Book



Upcoming Diary Dates

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

Friends of MERRYLANDS 2023 Fundraising



£5,000
(2024 target)

£1,759

Plans for 2024

FOR THE PARENTS...

FOR THE CHILDREN...

Sip and Paint Event
Quiz Night
Bingo

Wonka Wednesdays
Summer Fair
Lazer Show

Lunch at a glance....

Baguettes will be available daily with a choice of Ham or Cheese			Jacket Potato is served Daily with Cheese or Beans		
Week 1			Week 2		
Monday	Main Meals French Bread Cheese & Tomato Pizza with Pasta Jacket Potato	Vegetables Seasonal Vegetables Dessert Chocolate Cake & Custard	Monday	Main Meals Chicken or Cheese Macaroni Jacket Potato	Vegetables Sweetcorn Dessert Doritos
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
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
Thursday	Main Meals Meatballs or Vegan Meatballs with Tomato Sauce & Fusilli Pasta Jacket Potato	Vegetables Seasonal Vegetables Dessert Ice Cream	Thursday	Main Meals Beef Bolognese or Vegetable Bolognese with Fusilli Pasta Jacket Potato	Vegetables Mixed Vegetables Dessert Flapjack
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 Arctic Roll
Week 1 dates: 18th Jan, 20th Jan, 22nd Feb, 18th Mar			Week 2 dates: 15th Jan, 5th Feb, 4th Mar, 20th Mar		
Week 3 dates: 22nd Jan, 24th Feb, 19th Mar			Week 4 dates: 29th Jan, 31st Feb, 26th Mar		

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

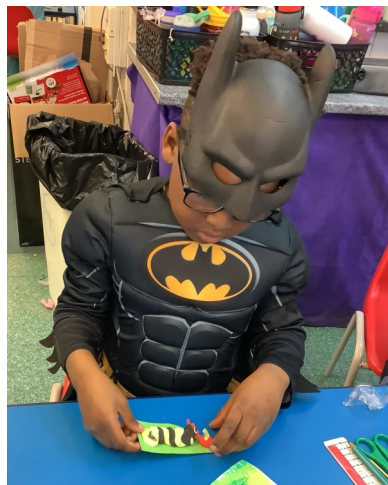
BOOK OF THE WEEK

Miss Ball-Reeder and Mrs Christian recommend *The Wizards of Once*. This book is a humorous fantasy story about wizards, warriors and witches. The two main characters, Prince Xar (wizard) and Princess Wish (warrior) are from warring tribes, their fates become intertwined when they run away from their homes in search of adventure. If you enjoy reading *How to Train a Dragon* then you will love this story!



World Book Day

World Book Day was a great success! Here are some photographs from the day.



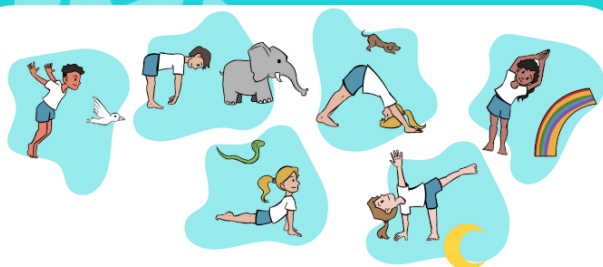
PHYSICAL EDUCATION



Your Flow

What you need: a flat space

Yoga poses often take inspiration from animals and nature. Like the ones here:



How to play:

- Look around in nature or think of animals that could inspire your poses.
- Create a yoga flow (sequence) by linking 5-6 of poses together.
- You could also use the poses shown above.

Remember to move slowly and breathe deeply.

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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.

