

FRIDAY 15TH 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: 93.12%

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

Dear Parents/Carers,

This week Reception children had their very first school trip to Barleylands Farm. They had a wonderful day taking part in Gingerbread Man Day visiting the farm and meeting animals.

Today, Nursery had another successful stay and play session. Thank you to the parents in attendance.

We have had a great red nose day. Thank you for your donations.

Have a lovely weekend.

Star of the Week

Acorn Class: Luena M

Sunflower: Logan D

Daisy Class: Sophia S

Daffodil Class: Roxanna O

Ladybird Class: Joshua L

Dragonfly Class: Kevin C

Butterfly Class: Jenna P-C

Sycamore Class: Harry M

Oak Class: Rose P

Maple Class: Lillie S

Lake Class: Finley B

Ocean Class: Mila B

River Class: Penelope R

Amazon Class: Seraphina K

Snowdonia Class: David S

Eagle Class: Edith L

Falcon Class: Jaden A

Adventurer Class: Dominic A

Explorer Class: Andrei D



BERLESDUNA ACADEMY TRUST – JOB VACANCIES

BERLESDUNA – FINANCE MANAGER closing date 22nd March
CANEWDON – SEN LEARNING SUPPORT ASSISTANT closing date 26th March
CRAYS HILL – INCLUSION SUPPORT ASSISTANT closing date 27th March
FAIRHOUSE – CLASS TEACHER closing date 17th April
FAIRHOUSE – SEN LEARNING SUPPORT ASSISTANT closing date 27th March
FELMORE – CLEANER closing date 15th 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?

A cloud can weigh around a million pounds.

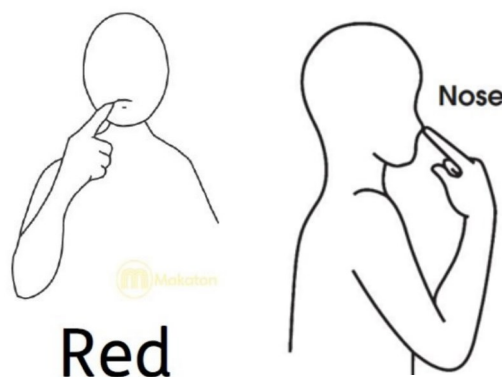
Lunch at a glance....

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 Bacon or Cheese Macaroni Jacket Potato	Vegetables Sweetcorn Beans Dessert Donuts
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 Fillet 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 Artic Roll
Week 1 dates: 8 th Jan, 20 th Jan, 20 th Feb, 18 th Mar			Week 2 dates: 15 th Jan, 5 th Feb, 4 th Mar, 25 th Mar		
Week 3 dates: 22 nd Jan, 12 th Feb, 11 th Mar			Week 3 dates: 22 nd Jan, 12 th Feb, 11 th Mar		

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

Makaton Sign

This weeks sign is Red Nose for Comic Relief.



Upcoming Diary Dates

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

BOOK OF THE WEEK

This week in Lake Class, we have been using 'The True Story of the Three Little Pigs' by Jon Scieszka. It tells the traditional tale of the Three Little Pigs but from the Wolf's perspective who claims that he had a terrible cold and that's what led to him blowing down the poor pig's houses. We've really enjoyed listening to the story and it has inspired our newspaper reports.



Wonka Wednesday

Ayan was the lucky winner of Wonka Wednesday. Wonka Wednesday will be back this Wednesday.



Barleylands Farm

On Thursday Reception enjoyed a day at Barleylands Farm. It was a Gingerbread Man themed day, and the children had the opportunity to bake their own gingerbread men (and then bring them home to eat). They also had a tour of the farm where they were able to feed the sheep and an alpaca. The children had the opportunity to see newborn spotty piglets and to stroke a kid goat born only last week! The sun shone all day to make it a perfect first school trip for the children!



PHYSICAL EDUCATION



6 In a Row

What you need: 6 shoes, two dice, a line marker e.g. dressing gown rope or a line on the floor and two or more players.

How to play:

- Place the 6 shoes in a row on the line.
- The two players begin at opposite ends of the shoes with one dice each.
- The shoes are numbered 1 - 6 from each players end so one players #6 will be their opponents #1 etc.
- Roll the dice and run to the shoe with the corresponding number. Move that shoe to the right side of the line.
- Run back to the dice and roll again.
- The winner is the player to have all 6 shoes on their right of the line, or whomever has the most shoes in 4 minutes.
- Make this easier by playing first to four shoes.

Roll and run!



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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.

