

FRIDAY 19TH APRIL 2024

# MERRYLANDS NEWS

SUMMER TERM AT MERRYLANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL

Open-minded

Inquisitive

Never Give Up

## Attendance

School Attendance Target: 97.00%

This week's Attendance: 94.23%

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

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to school—we hope you had a lovely Easter Break.

This week some children from Years 3 & 4 took part in the Berlesduna Orienteering Competition.

All children have taken part in Science Week which they have thoroughly enjoyed.

Have a lovely weekend.

## Star of the Week

Acorn Class: Ocean A S

Sunflower: Ethan W

Daisy Class: Oskar H

Daffodil Class: Malakai A

Ladybird Class: Grace S

Dragonfly Class: Alice I

Butterfly Class: Alexander G

Sycamore Class: Ethan A

Oak Class: Ava H

Maple Class: Logan R

Lake Class: Megan P

Ocean Class: Tyroon H

River Class: Joseph L

Amazon Class: Leo H

Snowdonia Class: Max T

Eagle Class: Ellie-May C

Falcon Class: Jasmine C

Adventurer Class: Jessica B

Explorer Class: Mollie T



### BERLESDUNA ACADEMY TRUST – JOB VACANCIES

CHERRY TREE – SCHOOL BUSINESS MANAGER closing date 24<sup>th</sup> April  
CHERRY TREE – ADMINISTRATION & ADMISSIONS ASSISTANT closing date 22<sup>nd</sup> April  
CHERRY TREE – ASSISTANT SENDCO closing date 24<sup>th</sup> April  
FELMORE – PART TIME CLASS TEACHER (FIXED TERM) – closing date 10<sup>th</sup> May  
FELMORE – CLASS TEACHER – closing date 10<sup>th</sup> May  
FELMORE – OFFICE MANAGER – closing date 26<sup>th</sup> April  
MERRYLANDS – CLASS TEACHER – closing date 10<sup>th</sup> May  
ST MARYS – LEARNING SUPPORT ASSISTANT – closing date 29<sup>th</sup> April  
WHITMORE – CLASS TEACHER (FIXED TERM) – closing date 6<sup>th</sup> May

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?

It can rain diamonds on other planets.

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

Week 1 dates:  
8<sup>th</sup> Jan, 20<sup>th</sup> Jan, 20<sup>th</sup> Feb, 18<sup>th</sup> Mar

Week 2 dates:  
15<sup>th</sup> Jan, 5<sup>th</sup> Feb, 4<sup>th</sup> Mar, 25<sup>th</sup> Mar

Week 3 dates:  
22<sup>nd</sup> Jan, 12<sup>th</sup> Feb, 11<sup>th</sup> Mar

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

## Orienteering Competition

On Wednesday some children from Year 3 and 4 took part in the Berlesduna Orienteering Competition. The children had the opportunity to work in groups with other children from the trust to find letters around The Willows. They had to use communication, team work and map reading skills. The children had a wonderful time and were a credit to the school.



## Upcoming Diary Dates

W/B 15.04.24 - Science Week

16.04.24 - Year 6 parent / carer drop in

17.04.24 - Trust Orienteering Competition

24.04.24 - Reception Police Visit

26.04.24 - Spectrum Colour Sponsor Walk

03.05.24 - Nursery Stay and Play (details to follow)

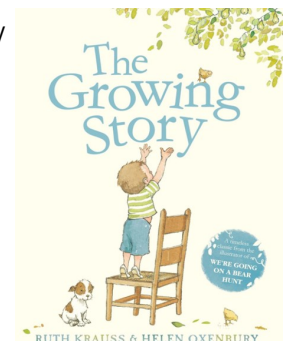
W/B 13.05.24 - Year 6 SATs week

22.05.24 - Basildon Junior Music Festival

24.05.24 - Inset Day (School closed)



This week in Daisy Class we have been reading "The Growing Story" by Ruth Krauss and Helen Oxenbury. We enjoyed looking at the beautiful illustrations and watching the chicks and puppy grow up throughout the story. We liked the happy ending!



## Hampton Court Palace

On our last day of term we journeyed to Hampton Court Palace, the home of Henry VIII. Luckily, most of the times it rained we were inside. We had a great time exploring the palace and grounds and were helped along the way by our own "in character" tour guide and expert. It was great to see what we have studied in books and films in real life!

It was lovely for this trip to be Mrs Willets last day of school after all her years of service.



# PHYSICALEDUCATION



## Roll and Run



**What you need:** 2 or more players, two markers, one ball or rolled up pair of socks.

### How to play:

Place two markers 10m apart. Practice rolling to each other. Stop the ball with a long or short barrier.



Time 1 minute. How many can you stop in that time?  
Repeat. Can you beat your score?

After each roll, run to the opposite marker and back.



Time 1 minute. How many changeovers can you make in that time?  
Repeat. Can you beat your score?

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### Sportsperson of the Half Term...

#### Mary Earps

##### Who is Mary Earps?

Mary Earps is a professional footballer who was born on the 7<sup>th</sup> March 1993. She currently plays for Manchester United, where she is their goalkeeper in the WSL (Women's Super League). In addition to this, she has played internationally as part of the England squad. She decided she wanted to become a professional footballer when she was playing football in the garden with her dad and brother as a child.

##### What has Mary achieved?

In her senior career, Earps worked hard to become the number 1 goalkeeper for England. In the summer of 2022, Mary was part of the England squad that won the Euros. She was also named Best FIFA Women's goalkeeper in the same year. In 2023, Mary was the 1<sup>st</sup> female player to reach her 50<sup>th</sup> clean sheet, Manchester United's player of the month and made it to the finals of the Women's World Cup where she won the Golden Glove award.

