

FRIDAY 3RD MAY 2024

# MERRYLANDS NEWS

SUMMER TERM AT MERRYLANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL

Openminded

Inquisitive

Never Give Up

## Attendance

School Attendance Target: 97.00%

This week's Attendance: 94.68%

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

Dear Parents/Carers,

This week Nursery had a super stay and play session. Thank you to all parents/careers in attendance.

Year 6 have been treated today following their Mock Tests. Week beginning 13th May, children are required to be in school on time every day for their SATs.

A big thank you, we raised an amazing £1,920.50 for National Autistic Society.

Have a lovely weekend.

Take Care.



### BERLESDUNA ACADEMY TRUST – JOB VACANCIES

CHERRY TREE – School Business Manager – closing date 13<sup>th</sup> May.  
CRAYS HILL – Class Teacher – closing date 15<sup>th</sup> May.  
DOWNHAM – School Business Manager – closing date 22<sup>nd</sup> May.  
FAIRHOUSE – Attendance & Admissions Officer – closing date 12<sup>th</sup> May.  
FELMORE – Class Teacher (PT/ Fixed contract) closing date 10<sup>th</sup> May.  
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MERRYLANDS – Class Teacher – closing date: 10<sup>th</sup> May.  
MERRYLANDS – SEN Learning Support Assistant – closing date 6<sup>th</sup> May.  
ST MARYS – Learning Support Assistant (Fixed contract) closing date 16<sup>th</sup> May.  
WHITMORE – Class Teacher – Fixed contract – Closing date: 6<sup>th</sup> May  
WILLOWS – Class Teacher (PT/ Fixed contract) closing date 17<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](#)

## Star of the Week

Acorn Class: Alice A

Sunflower: Tyla B

Daisy Class: Erik E

Daffodil Class: Olivia A

Ladybird Class: Jack S

Dragonfly Class: Eliska M

Butterfly Class: Eva P

Sycamore Class: Reuben H

Oak Class: Mackenzie D

Maple Class: Bonnie-Mae D

Lake Class: Florrie S

Ocean Class: Billy-Ray W

River Class: Zaki K

Amazon Class: Mia A

Snowdonia Class: Lily T

Eagle Class: Jessica S

Falcon Class: Parth P

Adventurer Class: Josh P

Explorer Class: Olly-Jay W



### Did you know?

Giraffes are 30 times more likely to get hit by lightning than people.

## Upcoming Diary Dates

W/B 13.05.24 - Year 6 SATs week

22.05.24 - Basildon Junior Music Festival

24.05.24 - Inset Day (School closed)

W/B 27.05.24 - May Half term

W/B 03.06.24 & W/B 10.06.24 - Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check

05.06.24 - Trust Football & Netball Tournament

W/B 10.06.24 - Year 1 Phonics Screening

11.06.24 - Class Group Photos

14.06.24 - Father's Day Sale

19.06.24 - Trust Swimming Gala

19.06.24 - KS2 Sports Day 9:15am - 11:15am  
(Reserve Date 03.07.24)

20.06.24 - Reception / KS1 Sports Day 9:15am - 11:15am  
(Reserve Date 04.07.24)

21.06.24 - Nursery Sports Stay & Play (Reserve Date 05.07.24)

08.07.24 - Farm Visit - Nursery

## 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 |   |  |
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| Week 1   |   | Week 2   | Week 3   |   |  |
| <b>Monday</b>  | Main Meals<br>French Bread Cheese & Tomato Pizza with Pasta<br>Jacket Potato                  | Vegetables<br>Seasonal Vegetables<br>Dessert<br>Chocolate Cake & Custard | <b>Monday</b>                                      | Main Meals<br>Chicken Burger or Quorn Burger with Chips & Sauce<br>Jacket Potato                        | Vegetables<br>Beans<br>Dessert<br>Pancake                            |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | Main Meals<br>Chicken Fajita Wrap or Quorn Wrap with Potato Wedges<br>Jacket Potato           | Vegetables<br>Sweetcorn<br>Dessert<br>Flapjack                           | <b>Tuesday</b>                                     | Main Meals<br>Butchers Sausages or Vegan Sausages with Mash, Yorkshire Pudding & Gravy<br>Jacket Potato | Vegetables<br>Peas<br>Dessert<br>Flapjack                            |
| <b>Wednesday</b>   | Main Meals<br>Homemade Mince Beef or Vegetable Pie with Mash & Gravy<br>Jacket Potato         | Vegetables<br>Peas<br>Dessert<br>Fruit Jelly                             | <b>Wednesday</b>                                   | Main Meals<br>Homemade Chicken Pie or Vegetable Pie, Roast Potato & Gravy<br>Jacket Potato              | Vegetables<br>Carrots<br>Dessert<br>Fruit Burst Jelly                |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | Main Meals<br>Meatballs or Vegan Meatballs with Tomato Sauce & Fusilli Pasta<br>Jacket Potato | Vegetables<br>Seasonal Vegetables<br>Dessert<br>Iced Sponge Cake         | <b>Thursday</b>                                    | Main Meals<br>Sticky BBQ Chicken or Sticky BBQ Quorn Pieces with Rice<br>Jacket Potato                  | Vegetables<br>Sweetcorn<br>Dessert<br>Homemade Marble Cake & Custard |
| <b>Friday</b>  | Main Meals<br>Fish Fingers or Cheddar Whirl with Chips<br>Jacket Potato                       | Vegetables<br>Peas<br>Dessert<br>Ice Cream                               | <b>Friday</b>                                      | Main Meals<br>Fish Fingers or Cheddar Whirl with Waffles<br>Jacket Potato                               | Vegetables<br>Peas<br>Dessert<br>Ice Cream                           |

Week 1 dates:  
8<sup>th</sup> Jan, 29<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, 13<sup>th</sup> Mar

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

## Makaton Sign of the Week

This weeks sign of the week is Spring.

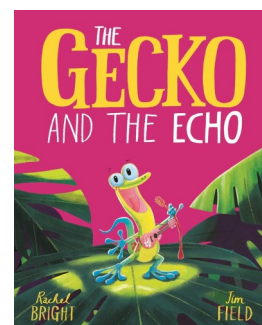


## BOOK OF THE WEEK

### The Gecko and the Echo

Written by one of my favourite authors, Rachel Bright, and brilliantly illustrated by Jim Field, this colourful tale tells the story of Goldy the Gecko who wants to be a great star. However, his journey to stardom takes a dramatic turn as he soon learns a valuable life lesson. You will need to read the book to find out more!

Mrs Tildesley



## Spectrum Colour Sponsored

We have raised a whopping £1,920.50 for National Autistic Society. With Thanks.

## Sponsored Reading

We previously raised money to obtain a book vending machine for school, however we didn't raise enough funds and we therefore purchased new reading books for all year groups.

## Nursery Stay and Play

Today in Nursery, we enjoyed stay and play, the rain did not stop us having fun. We enjoyed playing with our parents in the Nursery garden. We made our own dinosaur fossils, had a story and sang songs.

Great fun had by all, thank you for coming.



From September 2024, we still have limited availability in our Nursery. If you are interested, please contact the school office.

# PHYSICAL EDUCATION



## Walk the Plank

**What you need:** dressing gown ropes and 2x ball of socks



### How to play:

Create a path using the dressing gown ropes.

- Challenge 1: Can you walk the plank without touching the floor? Now try walking backwards.
- Challenge 2: Can you walk the plank whilst balancing a ball of socks on your head?
- Challenge 3: Can you walk the plank whilst throwing and catching a ball of socks, to yourself or to and from a partner?
- Challenge 4: Can you walk the plank whilst balancing the ball of socks on your head and throwing and catching with the other pair of socks?
- Challenge 5: Can you walk the plank whilst throwing and catching one pair of socks in one hand to yourself, whilst throwing and catching the other pair of socks with a partner?



## 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.

