

FRIDAY 10TH MAY 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: 94.14%

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 are approaching the final two weeks of Summer term 1.

Please note that we have an inset day on 24.05.24. School is closed for all children.

Year 6 SATs start on Monday—please ensure all Year 6 children are in school each day and arrive promptly.

Have a lovely weekend.

Star of the Week

Acorn Class: Whole Class

Sunflower: Harry F

Daisy Class: Georgie P

Daffodil Class: Mya M

Ladybird Class: Harper G

Dragonfly Class: Dayyan D

Butterfly Class: Perrie D

Sycamore Class: Skyler B

Oak Class: Cleo G

Maple Class: Kristupas K

Lake Class: Bryan F-V

Ocean Class: Skyler B

River Class: Damilola A

Amazon Class: Teddy G

Snowdonia Class: Isla W

Eagle Class: Jaidan T

Falcon Class: Joshua A

Adventurer Class: Vanessa G/
Victoria B

Explorer Class: Whole Class



BERLESDUNA ACADEMY TRUST – JOB VACANCIES

CANEWDON – MIDDAY ASSISTANT closing date 20th May
CHERRY TREE – SCHOOL BUSINESS MANAGER closing date 13th May
CRAYS HILL – CLASS TEACHER closing date 15th May
DOWNHAM – SCHOOL BUSINESS MANAGER closing date 22nd May
DOWNHAM – CARETAKER closing date 3rd June
FAIRHOUSE – ATTENDANCE & ADMISSIONS OFFICER closing date 12th May
FELMORE – PART TIME CLASS TEACHER (FIXED TERM) closing date 10th May
FELMORE – CLASS TEACHER closing date 10th May
MERRYLANDS – CLASS TEACHER closing date 10th May
ST MARYS – LEARNING SUPPORT ASSISTANT (FIXED TERM) closing date 16th May
ST MARYS – FOREST SCHOOL LEADER closing date 31st May
WHITMORE – MIDDAY ASSISTANT closing date 20th May
WILLOWS – CLASS TEACHER (PART TIME/FIXED TERM) closing date 17th May

For more information and to apply for any of our roles, please follow the link to our website [Vacancies – Berlesduna Academy Trust](https://www.berlesdunaacademytrust.co.uk/vacancies)



Did you know?

Identical twins don't have the same fingerprints.

Lunch at a glance...

The option of Jacket Potato with Cheese or Beans, Ham Baguette and Cheese Baguette are available each day

	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3
Monday	Chicken Nuggets or Vegetable Nuggets with Chips, Tomato Sauce Peas or Spaghetti Hoops Dessert – Flapjack	Meatballs or Vegan Meatballs with Homemade Tomato Sauce, Fusilli Pasta and Mixed Vegetables Dessert – Iced Sponge Cake	Sausage Roll or Vegan Roll with Chips, Tomato Sauce, Baked Beans or Peas Dessert – Homemade Flapjack
Tuesday	Beef Bolognese or Vegetable Bolognese with Fusilli Pasta and Mixed Vegetables Dessert – Chocolate Iced Sponge Cake	Chicken Burger or Quorn Burger with Chips, Tomato Sauce, Baked Beans or Sweetcorn Dessert – Arctic Roll	Chilli Con Carne or Quorn Chilli with Rice and Sweetcorn Dessert – Lemon Drizzle Cake
Wednesday	Pork Sausages or Vegan Sausages with Mash, Yorkshire Puddings, Gravy, Peas or Carrots Dessert – Fruit Jelly	Bacon Macaroni or Cheese Macaroni with Garlic Bread and Peas Dessert – Fruit Jelly	Roast Chicken or Roast Quorn Fillet, Roast Potatoes, Yorkshire Pudding, Gravy and Seasonal Vegetables Dessert – Fruit Jelly
Thursday	Chicken Korma or Quorn & Vegetable Korma with Rice and Sweetcorn Dessert – Ring Donut	Chicken Fajita Wrap or Quorn Fajita Wrap with Herby Diced Potatoes and Mixed Peas & Sweetcorn Dessert – Homemade Flapjack	Cheese & Tomato Pizza and Pasta with Homemade Tomato Sauce Dessert – Homemade Chocolate Cake
Friday	Fish Fingers or Cheese Omelette with Smiley Faces and Peas Dessert – Ice Cream	Battered Fish or Cheddar Whirl with Smiley Faces and Spaghetti Hoops Dessert – Ice Cream	Fish Fingers or Cheddar Whirl with Wedges and Spaghetti Hoops or Peas Dessert – Ice Cream

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

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)

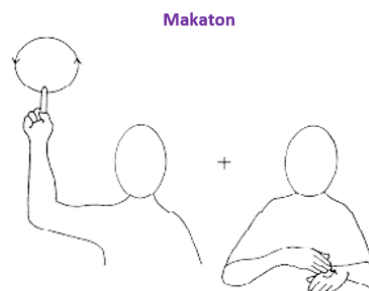
20.06.24 - Reception / KS1 Sports Day 9:15am - 11:15am
(Reserve Date 04.07.24)

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

08.07.24 - Farm Visit - Nursery

Makaton Sign of the Week

This weeks sign is Sun Cream



BOOK OF THE WEEK

The Hunger Games
by Suzanne Collins

An enjoyable read for children in Year 5 - 6.

The plot and pace of these novels are gripping and move at a good pace. The books are compelling all the way through.



Race for Life

A parent is taking part in Race for Life - Please find link if you would like to donate.

<https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/bhogal-2024>

Further Reducing Parental Conflict Resources

See it Differently - These videos can be shared with parents to help them understand how their arguments impact their children.

The circumstances of the videos vary and demonstrate the different types of conflict families experience.

<https://www.seeitdifferently.org/>

Click Relationships - Relationship support for parents from experts and the community. *Click* is a unique online service providing early intervention relationship support. Individuals, couples, families, and professionals can use *Click* to access helpful, evidence-based support from a secure, mobile-friendly space.

<http://clickrelationships.org/>

One Plus One – Online learning relationship support for parents. Parents can access **three online courses** from the relationship experts at OnePlusOne. Learn to cope with stress and communicate better, wherever you are in your parenting journey.

- Arguing better – for all parents
- Me, You and Baby too – for new parents
- Getting it right for children – for separated parents

www.oneplusone.org.uk/parents

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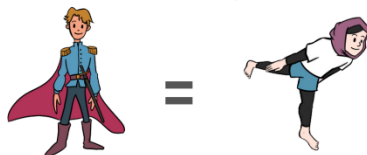
Book Balance



What you need: your favourite story

How to play:

- Using your favourite story, pick out three characters and create a balance that represents each one e.g.



- Read through your story or ask someone else to!
- Each time the character is mentioned, hold the balance you have created for five seconds.
- Make this harder by holding your balance until the next character is mentioned!

www.getset4education.co.uk

Sportsperson of the Half Term...

Mary Earps

Who is Mary Earps?
Mary Earps is a professional footballer who was born on the 7th 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 1st female player to reach her 50th 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.

