

FRIDAY 1ST DECEMBER 2023

MERRYLANDS NEWS

AUTUMN TERM AT MERRYLANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL

Open-minded

Inquisitive

Never Give Up

Attendance

School Attendance Target: 97.00%

This week's Attendance: 94.24%

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,

A huge congratulations to Mr Pearson and his Tag Rugby Team. It was a lovely day with an even lovelier result.

We have sent a ParentMail regarding Christmas Movie Night. Please secure your child's place on ScoPay prior to noon on Friday 8th December 2023.

As you are aware the demountable were delivered last weekend and the project is due to be handed over to the school today. The classrooms will be set up on Monday ready for the children to be taught in their new classrooms on Tuesday.

Have a lovely weekend.

Take care

Star of the Week

Acorn Class: Lottie S

Sunflower: Harper S

Daisy Class: Maisie H

Daffodil Class: Zyana E

Ladybird Class: Nathaniel O

Dragonfly Class: Abigail A

Butterfly Class: Lola W

Sycamore Class: Beau M

Oak Class: Oscar D

Maple Class: Ruby F

Lake Class: Dan J

Ocean Class: Charlie H

River Class: Lillie-Ann A

Amazon Class: Emmi S

Snowdonia Class: Suzanna F

Eagle Class: George D

Falcon Class: Finn S

Adventurer Class: Owen B

Explorer Class: Mollie T



BERLESDUNA ACADEMY TRUST – JOB VACANCIES

CHERRY TREE – HLTA closing date 8th December
CHERRY TREE – LEARNING SUPPORT ASSISTANT closing date 8th December
DOWNHAM – MIDDAY ASSISTANT closing date 14th December
DOWNHAM – SEN LEARNING SUPPORT ASSISTANT closing date 14th December
MERRYLANDS – LEARNING SUPPORT ASSISTANT closing date 4th December
MERRYLANDS – CATERING ASSISTANT closing date 10th December
MERRYLANDS – MEDICAL OFFICER closing date 10th December
MERRYLANDS – SEN LEARNING SUPPORT ASSISTANT closing date 10th December
MERRYLANDS – PART TIME TEACHER closing date 10th December

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)

What a day! It was with great anticipation and excitement that we ventured to JHS for the Basildon Tag Rugby Knockout cup competition. At stake was a place in the County Finals at Southend for the days winner.

We were up against 6 teams including our old rivals Lee Chapel and Janet Duke.

We got off to a great start with a convincing wins against Bardfield and Northlands. Next up were Janet Duke. Twice we were behind by two tries, but the team dug deep and we ended up winning by 3 tries. Next we swiftly beat Willows setting us up against Lee Chapel. At first it was a very close game but we ended up with another convincing win. Our last game was against Pheonix. The team were keen to end on a high and they finished with another dominant win to earn first place with 6 wins out of 6 and with most tries scored. Winning 6 games out of 6 is no easy feat and I reminded the team that these things only happen when everyone in the team gives 100% and plays well. Roll on next year for the County Finals!



Koby L, Teddy K, Shay D, Michael A, Kehinde A, Twaio A, Sophie B, Tilly M, Pippa F, Alexandrou T

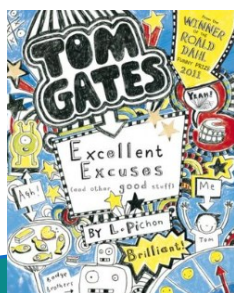
BOOK OF THE WEEK

Falcon class would like to recommend Excellent Excuses by Tom Gates

Evie said I love this book when we read because it make me laugh and smile. My favourite character is Delilah because she is sassy and makes me laugh a lot. I also think the book is good because there is a serous side as well as a very silly type of seriousness like they had too many sweets and got a tooth ache.

Jasmine said I like reading this book with the class because it is funny. The sense of humour is humorous and my favourite character is Deliah because of the sass.

Parth said I love the book by Tom Gates because it is so funny. We love reading the book - it's interesting and has funny characters. When we are reading it we enjoy the jokes and everyone is interested in the book.



Upcoming Events

08.12.23 - Nursery Carol Singing (10:45am - 11:30am & 2:15pm - 3:00pm)

11.12.23 - Flu Vaccination - Consent Forms to be sent

12.12.23 - Reception Christmas Performance Sunflower Class (2:30pm - 3:00pm). Limited to 1 parent/carer per pupil due to capacity - More details to follow.

13.12.23 - Year 2 Singing at Eastgate (10:00am-11:00am) Parent/Carer invited to watch - raising money for St Luke's Hospice

13.12.23 - Reception Christmas Performance Daisy Class (2:30pm-3:00pm). Limited to 1 parent/carer per pupil due to capacity - More details to follow.

14.12.23 - Reception Christmas Performance Daffodil Class (2:30pm-3:00pm). Limited to 1 parent/carer per pupil due to capacity - More details to follow.

15.12.23 - Christmas Dinner and Jumper Day

15.12.23 - Year 1 and Years 3-6 Christmas singing videos sent home to families through Tapestry/Seesaw

18.12.23 - Year 6 Parent/Carer drop in (3:30pm - 4:15pm)

More details to follow

21.12.23 - 03.01.24 - Christmas Holidays

04.01.24 - Children return to School.

Children's
Speech and Language
Therapy Advice Line0300 300 1818
on Tuesdays and Thursdays 1-3pm

Please call us on Tuesdays and Thursdays 1-3pm if you have been previously known to Speech and Language Therapy and need some advice around speech, language, and communication

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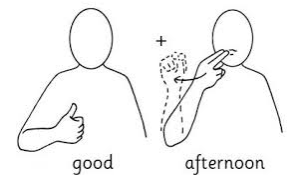
Lunch at a glance....

Baguettes will be available daily with a choice of Ham or Cheese			Jacket Potato will be served Daily with Cheese or Beans		
Week 1			Week 2		
Monday	Main Meals Chicken Fajita Wrap or Quorn Wrap with Potato Wedges Jacket Potato	Vegetables Seasonal Vegetables Dessert Chocolate Cake & Custard	Monday	Main Meals Bacon or Cheese Macaroni Jacket Potato	Vegetables Sweetcorn Dessert Doritos
Tuesday	Main Meals Homemade Mince Beef Pie or Vegetable Pie with Mash & Gravy Jacket Potato	Vegetables Peas Dessert Fruit Jelly	Tuesday	Main Meals Chicken Nuggets or Vegetable Nuggets with Chips & Tomato Sauce Jacket Potato	Vegetables Beans Dessert Home-made Cake & Custard
Wednesday	Main Meals Meatballs or Vegan Meatballs with Tomato Sauce & Fusilli Pasta Jacket Potato	Vegetables Seasonal Vegetables Dessert Iced Sponge Cake	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 Fish Fingers or Cheddar Whirl with Chips Jacket Potato	Vegetables Peas Dessert Ice Cream	Thursday	Main Meals Beef Bolognese or Vegetable Bolognese with Fusilli Pasta Jacket Potato	Vegetables Mixed Vegetables Dessert Flapjack
Friday	Main Meals Jacket Potato	Vegetables Peas Dessert Ice Cream	Friday	Main Meals Battered Fish Fillet or Plain Omelette with Waffles Jacket Potato	Vegetables Spaghetti Hoops Dessert Artis Roll

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

Makaton Sign of the Week

Last week children and staff learned the sign for Good Morning. This week we have been learning the Makaton Sign for Good Afternoon.



Did you know?

It is impossible to sneeze with your eyes open.



PHYSICAL EDUCATION



Word Dance



What you need: a book or magazine

How to play:

- Open a random page and find 10 action and describing words.
- Create an action or movement for each word.
- Sequence the movements together to create a dance.
- Share your dance with somebody, add music if you would like.

Use a variety of space and levels to make your dance look interesting.



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Sportsperson of the Half Term...

Layla Guscoth

Who is Layla Guscoth?

Layla Guscoth is an English netball player who was born on the 2nd March 1992 in Birmingham. Layla plays in the goal defence and goal keeper positions and she picked up netball at primary school.

As well as playing netball, Layla is a trained doctor who helped during the COVID-19 pandemic.

What has Layla achieved in her career?

Layla made her debut for the Vitality Roses (England National team) in 2012 against Jamaica. She was part of the women's team who won a bronze medal in the 2019 Netball World Cup. In the 2023 Netball World Cup, Layla was co-captain for the England squad where the team made it to the final, winning the silver medal after defeat to Australia.

