

FRIDAY 3RD NOVEMBER 2023

# MERRYLANDS NEWS

AUTUMN TERM AT MERRYLANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL

## Attendance

School Attendance Target: 97.00%

This week's Attendance: 94.18%

Open-minded

Inquisitive

Never Give Up

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,

Ben from Superstar Sports will be leaving Merrylands and is currently in the process of handing over to our new coach who has been teaching the children alongside Ben. We look forward to working with ...and welcome him to Merrylands.

It has been a productive week in terms of the new build that is enabling us to see the return of our year 5 and 6 pupils. This will continue to progress as work on the toilet block and site preparation for the additional four classrooms continues.

Despite the heavy rain yesterday, that caused flooding, the site team have managed to ensure that the build will open on Monday and will continue to work on site for the remainder of the weekend.

Thank you to our school community. We know there are a number of emails that are having to be sent out but we are having to work on a week to week and day to day basis at the moment to keep the school operating. Please keep checking your Parent Mails for further updates. Details about Monday will be sent out later today.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend and we shall see you all on Monday.

Mrs Robinson



## Star of the Week

Acorn Class: Ruby T

Sunflower: Henry H

Daisy Class: Isla P

Daffodil Class: Charlie M

Ladybird Class: Holly R

Dragonfly Class: Caleb J

Butterfly Class: Cillian D

Sycamore Class: Alexa D

Oak Class: Albert A

Maple Class: Ava B

Lake Class: Elizabeth A

Ocean Class: Sophie G

River Class: George D

Amazon Class: Sienna W

Snowdonia Class: Millie W

Eagle Class: Elsie W

Falcon Class: Pippa F

Adventurer Class: Mahmoud D

Explorer Class: Harriet W



## Did you know?

Over 1 million Earths could fit inside the Sun.



## Upcoming Events

11.11.23 - Armistice Day - Poppies will be on sale from 07.09.23 from child's classroom

w/b 13.11.23 - Anti-Bullying Week

15.11.23 - Trust Maths Challenge

17.11.23 - Children In Need - Yellow and Pudsey non-uniform (cash donations)

23/24.11.23 - Individual and Sibling Photographs - More details to follow

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.

## IMPORTANT

**Due to the current situation, children will have limited access around school. Children will not have access to the playgrounds and will only be allowed on the field at break and lunchtime. We ask that your child brings in a spare pair of shoes for outdoor play which will stay in school for the time being. You may also wish to send them with a spare pair of socks.**

## BOOK OF THE WEEK

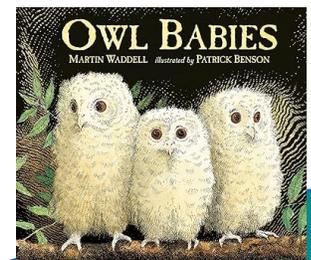
In Reception Daffodil class recommend reading 'Owl Babies by Martin Waddell and illustrated by Patrick Benson.

They enjoyed the book because they liked the pictures of the cute owls and liked that they lived in a hole in a tree.

Charlie: 'I like Percy because he sits on the tree trunk with his brother and sister.'

Jacob: 'I like the book because their mummy comes back to them'

Allison: 'I like the book because mummy goes shopping for food to feed her babies so they are not hungry'.





## BERLESDUNA ACADEMY TRUST – JOB VACANCIES

DOWNHAM – SEN LEARNING SUPPORT ASSISTANTS (x2) closing date 17<sup>th</sup> November  
 DOWNHAM – MIDDAY ASSISTANT (MEDICAL SUPPORT) closing date 17<sup>th</sup> November  
 FAIRHOUSE – SEN LEARNING SUPPORT ASSISTANT closing date 10<sup>th</sup> November  
 FELMORE – MIDDAY ASSISTANT closing date 10<sup>th</sup> November  
 MERRYLANDS – CLASS TEACHER closing date 20<sup>th</sup> November  
 ST MARY'S – LEARNING SUPPORT ASSISTANT closing date 16<sup>th</sup> November  
 WILLOWS – HLTA closing date 25<sup>th</sup> November  
 WILLOWS – CLASS TEACHER (PART-TIME) closing date 25<sup>th</sup> November

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)

### Lunch at a glance....

Baguettes will be available daily with a choice of Ham or Cheese.

Week 1	Week 2	Week 3
<b>Monday</b> Main Meals: French Bread Cheese & Tomato Pizza with Pasta, Jacket Potato Vegetables: Seasonal Vegetables Dessert: Chocolate Cake & Custard	<b>Monday</b> Main Meals: Bacon or Cheese Macaroni, Jacket Potato Vegetables: Sweetcorn Dessert: Donuts	<b>Monday</b> Main Meals: Chicken Burger or Quorn Burger with Chips & Sauce, Jacket Potato Vegetables: Beans Dessert: Home-made Shortbread
<b>Tuesday</b> Main Meals: Chicken Fajita Wrap or Quorn Wrap with Potato Wedges, Jacket Potato Vegetables: Sweetcorn Dessert: Flapjack	<b>Tuesday</b> Main Meals: Chicken Nuggets or Vegetable Nuggets with Chips & Tomato Sauce, Jacket Potato Vegetables: Beans Dessert: Home-made Cake & Custard	<b>Tuesday</b> Main Meals: Butchers Sausages or Vegan Sausages with Mash, Yorkshire Pudding & Gravy, Jacket Potato Vegetables: Peas Dessert: Flapjack
<b>Wednesday</b> Main Meals: Homemade Mince Beef Pie or Vegetable Pie with Mash & Gravy, Jacket Potato Vegetables: Peas Dessert: Fruit Jelly	<b>Wednesday</b> Main Meals: Butchers Roast Turkey or Roast Quorn Fillet with Roast Potatoes and Yorkshire Pudding, Jacket Potato Vegetables: Carrots & Peas Dessert: Fruit Jelly	<b>Wednesday</b> Main Meals: Homemade Chicken Pie or Vegetable Pie, Roast Potato & Gravy, Jacket Potato Vegetables: Carrots Dessert: Fruit Burst Jelly
<b>Thursday</b> Main Meals: Meatballs or Vegan Meatballs with Tomato Sauce & Fusilli Pasta, Jacket Potato Vegetables: Seasonal Vegetables Dessert: Iced Sponge Cake	<b>Thursday</b> Main Meals: Beef Bolognese or Vegetable Bolognese with Fusilli Pasta, Jacket Potato Vegetables: Mixed Vegetables Dessert: Flapjack	<b>Thursday</b> Main Meals: Sticky BBQ Chicken or Sticky BBQ Quorn Pieces with Rice, Jacket Potato Vegetables: Sweetcorn Dessert: Homemade Marble Cake & Custard
<b>Friday</b> Main Meals: Fish Fingers or Cheddar Whirl with Chips, Jacket Potato Vegetables: Peas Dessert: Ice Cream	<b>Friday</b> Main Meals: Battered Fish Fillet or Plain Omelette with Waffles, Jacket Potato Vegetables: Spaghetti Hoops Dessert: Arctic Roll	<b>Friday</b> Main Meals: Fish Fingers or Cheddar Whirl with Waffles, Jacket Potato Vegetables: Peas Dessert: Ice Cream

Week 1 dates: 26<sup>th</sup> Oct, 26<sup>th</sup> Nov, 12<sup>th</sup> Dec, 12<sup>th</sup> Jan, 5<sup>th</sup> Feb, 4<sup>th</sup> Mar, 25<sup>th</sup> Mar  
 Week 2 dates: 6<sup>th</sup> Nov, 27<sup>th</sup> Nov, 18<sup>th</sup> Dec, 17<sup>th</sup> Jan, 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb, 12<sup>th</sup> Feb, 12<sup>th</sup> Mar  
 Week 3 dates: 15<sup>th</sup> Nov, 4<sup>th</sup> Dec, 6<sup>th</sup> Jan, 25<sup>th</sup> Jan, 26<sup>th</sup> Feb, 18<sup>th</sup> Mar

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

' A huge congratulations to Eva and Darcie in Butterfly Class who have received their Blue Peter Book Badge. To earn their badge, they had to share their love of books with Blue Peter and answered questions. It's never too late to apply for yours... '



# PHYSICAL EDUCATION



## Musical Statues



**What you need:** some music, someone to stop and start the music

### How to Play:

- When the music starts players start dancing. Dance however you like - hop, skip, twirl, or anything else that makes you happy! Let the music inspire your moves.
- When the music everyone must freeze like a statue until the music starts again.
- Keep dancing and freezing whenever the music stops.

Playing with others? Every time someone moves when the music stops, they become the helper to stop the music next time. Who can be the last one dancing?



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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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

