Friday 10th November 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: 93.94%

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,

It has been really nice for Years 5 and 6 to be back on the school site. We have really enjoyed seeing everyone together again.

This week each class has worked together to create their own wreath for Remembrance Day, these have been displayed on the school gates. It has been lovely to see the hard work that the children and staff have put in to create their wreaths.

I wish you all a restful weekend.

Take care,

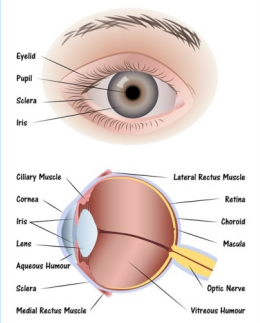
Mrs Robinson

Star of the Week

Acorn Class: Mykhailo R
Sunflower: Thomas H
Daisy Class: Presley W
Daffodil Class: Jacob W
Ladybird Class: Hazel D
Dragonfly Class: Jack B
Butterfly Class: Luna G
Sycamore Class: Reuben H
Oak Class: James C
Maple Class: Charlie B
Lake Class: Gracie P
Ocean Class: Louis F
River Class: William W
Amazon Class: Leo B
Snowdonia Class: Tilly B
Eagle Class: Sophie B
Falcon Class: Charlie P
Adventurer Class: Harper N
Explorer Class: Jamie H

Did you know?

The human eye is made up of about 2 million working parts.



Upcoming Events

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

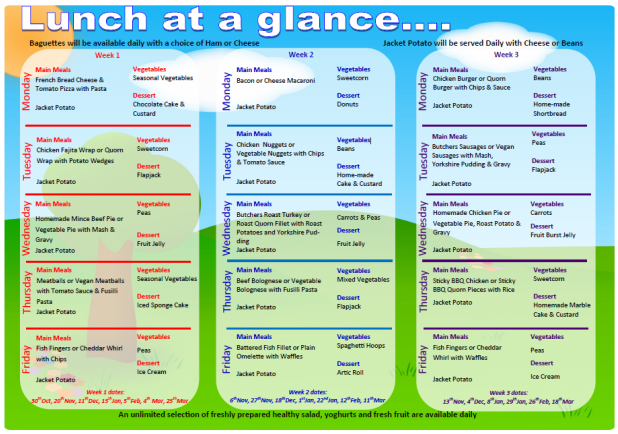
Due to the current situation, children will have limited access around school. Children will not have access to the playgrounds and will only be allowed on the field at break and lunchtime. We ask that your child brings in a spare pair of shoes for outdoor play which will stay in school for the time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

BERLESDUNA ACADEMY TRUST

BERLESDUNA ACADEMY TRUST – JOB VACANCIES

DOWNHAM – SEN LEARNING SUPPORT ASSISTANTS (x2) closing date 17th November
DOWNHAM – MIDDAY ASSISTANT (MEDICAL SUPPORT) closing date 17th November
FAIRHOUSE – ATTENDANCE & ADMISSIONS OFFICER closing date 1st December
FELMORE – MIDDAY ASSISTANT closing date 19th November
MERRYLANDS – CLASS TEACHER closing date 20th November
ST MARY'S – LEARNING SUPPORT ASSISTANT closing date 16th November
WHITMORE – KS2 LEARNING SUPPORT & MIDDAY ASSISTANT closing date 14th November
WHITMORE- DEPUTY SEND CO-ORDINATOR closing date 24th November
WILLOWS – HLTA closing date 25th November
WILLOWS – CLASS TEACHER (PART-TIME) closing date 25th November

For more information and to apply for any of our roles, please follow the link to our website Vacancies – Berlesduna Academy Trust



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		Week 3	
Monday	Main Meals: French Bread Cheese & Tomato Pizza with Pasta; Jacket Potato	Vegetables: Seasonal Vegetables; Dessert: Chocolate Cake & Custard	Main Meals: Bacon or Cheese Macaroni; Jacket Potato	Vegetables: Sweetcorn; Dessert: Donuts	Main Meals: Chicken Burger or Quorn Burger with Chips & Sauce; Jacket Potato	Vegetables: Beans; Dessert: Home-made Shortbread
Tuesday	Main Meals: Chicken Fajita Wrap or Quorn Wrap with Potato Wedges; Jacket Potato	Vegetables: Sweetcorn; Dessert: Flapjack	Main Meals: Chicken Nuggets or Vegetable Nuggets with Chips & Tomato Sauce; Jacket Potato	Vegetables: Beans; Dessert: Home-made Cake & Custard	Main Meals: Butchers Sausages or Vegan Sausages with Mash, Yorkshire Pudding & Gravy; Jacket Potato	Vegetables: Peas; Dessert: Flapjack
Wednesday	Main Meals: Homemade Mince Beef Pie or Vegetable Pie with Mash & Gravy; Jacket Potato	Vegetables: Peas; Dessert: Fruit Jelly	Main Meals: Butchers Roast Turkey or Roast Quorn Fillet with Roast Potatoes and Yorkshire Pudding; Jacket Potato	Vegetables: Carrots & Peas; Dessert: Fruit Jelly	Main Meals: Homemade Chicken Pie or Vegetable Pie, Roast Potato & Gravy; Jacket Potato	Vegetables: Carrots; Dessert: Fruit Burst Jelly
Thursday	Main Meals: Meatballs or Vegan Meatballs with Tomato Sauce & Fusilli Pasta; Jacket Potato	Vegetables: Seasonal Vegetables; Dessert: Iced Sponge Cake	Main Meals: Beef Bolognese or Vegetable Bolognese with Fusilli Pasta; Jacket Potato	Vegetables: Mixed Vegetables; Dessert: Flapjack	Main Meals: Sticky BBQ Chicken or Sticky BBQ Quorn Pieces with Rice; Jacket Potato	Vegetables: Sweetcorn; Dessert: Homemade Marble Cake & Custard
Friday	Main Meals: Fish Fingers or Cheddar Whirl with Chips; Jacket Potato	Vegetables: Peas; Dessert: Ice Cream	Main Meals: Battered Fish Fillet or Plain Omelette with Waffles; Jacket Potato	Vegetables: Spaghetti Hoops; Dessert: Artic Roll	Main Meals: Fish Fingers or Cheddar Whirl with Waffles; Jacket Potato	Vegetables: Peas; Dessert: Ice Cream
	Week 1 dates: 30th Oct, 20th Nov, 11th Dec, 15th Jan, 5th Feb, 4th Mar, 25th Mar		Week 2 dates: 6th Nov, 27th Nov, 18th Dec, 1st Jan, 22nd Jan, 12th Feb, 11th Mar		Week 3 dates: 13th Nov, 4th Dec, 8th Jan, 29th Jan, 26th Feb, 18th Mar	

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

On Friday 10th November the children held a 2 minute silence for Remembrance Day. Each class has been learning about the significance of the word remembrance and why we remember every year on the 11th day of the 11th month.

You will have seen that the gates outside school have been decorated with poppy wreaths designed by each class.

Head boy and Head girl ran a competition whereby they chose a winner out of the 19 classes. I am happy to report that Sycamore Class won the best wreath! Well done to all of the children and adults that have participated in Remembrance Day at Merrylands.

Tag Rugby Tournament—02.11.23

It was an another great afternoon for the Merrylands Primary School Tag Rugby team.

The team were totally focused and ready to go from the off. In a dominant performance they won their first match, 13 tries scored with only 3 against.

In the 2nd match Great Berry A were our opponents. Merrylands produced another dominant effort and won again, 10 tries scored with only 2 against.

Luckily Mrs Vasian was with me to keep the score this time!

Mr Pearson

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Transport Dance

Get Set 4 Education

What you need: some music

How to Play:

Explore the following actions for each method of transport:

- cars: jog, holding arms up as if steering around the area.Use big exaggerated movements using lots of space and different pathways. Turn your wheel to change direction.
- train: march around making a circling motion with the arms, elbows bent.High knees and big arm circles.
- planes: fly/soar, jog around with arms spread out wide for wings. Vary the level used by flying high and low.

Create a dance using each of the different methods of transport. Use counts of 8 to help you stay in time with your chosen music.

Make this harder by creating actions for another method of transport.

www.getset4education.co.uk

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.