



MERRYLANDS

PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY

AUTUMN TERM – FRIDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER 2024

MESSAGE FROM ACTING HEAD OF SCHOOL – MRS PRYER

Dear Parents/Carers,

The children have made an excellent start to the academic year. I am pleased to share that the children are working hard in their lessons and are enjoying their new topics.

This week we have introduced Team Points. All children from Reception to Year 6 have been allocated a team colour and each class has a red, yellow, blue and green house to collect their team point tokens. Each week the houses will be taken to celebration assembly and added to the large team point collection tubes. We look forward to watching the totals grow over the half term. At the end of each half term, the team point colour with the most tokens will be announced the winner!

We are excited to share that Friends of Merrylands have organised another fundraising event. On Thursday 26th September, the children will be participating in a Pro-Strike fundraising event. Further information will be shared with you next week including how your child can be sponsored for this event. This is definitely the opportunity for all our star penalty takers to shine!

Finally, I would like to remind all parents/carers to sign up for Parentmail so you can receive all our newsletters and communication. If you need any support with this, please do not hesitate to speak to the staff in the office.

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend and we look forward to seeing you all back on Monday.

ATTENDANCE

School Attendance Target: 97.00%



This week's Attendance: 95.71 %

The class with the best attendance in EYFS/KS1 was Mrs Fairman/Mrs Christie class with 99.6 %

The class with the best attendance in KS2 was Miss Miller's class with 100 %

If your child is absent, contact must be made to the School Office EVERY school day that your child is absent.

**Please report your child's absence by phone 01268 417893,
email: admin@merrylands-pri.essex.sch.uk or Parentmail**



STAR OF THE WEEK



Nursery, Mrs Tobin: Ollie B

Reception, Mrs Anthony: Adoabi E

Reception, Mrs Sullivan: Ollie B

Reception, Miss Bagridge: Klay C

Year 1, Mrs Andrade: Theo W

Year 1, Mrs Fairman/Mrs Christie: Betty-Rose B

Year 1, Mrs Camoccio: Sophia S

Year 2, Miss Talbot: Harley W

Year 2, Miss Gilmore: Hanaa M

Year 2, Mrs Jarvis: Jessica G

Year 3, Mrs Griffiths: Hugo G

Year 3, Mrs Almond: Maisy H

Year 3, Miss Medina: Mattias-Carlo A

Year 4, Miss Lee: Jaxon P

Year 4, Miss Miller: Freddie T

Year 4, Mrs Didham: Matilda H

Year 5, Miss Day: Olivia H

Year 5, Miss Osborne: Samuel S

Year 6, Miss White: Atarah S

Year 6, Mr Hayward: Aaron C

UPCOMING DIARY DATES

- 13.09.24 International Day of Democracy (15.09.24) Class Assembly / Vote
- 17.09.24 Year 6 SATs parent meeting—KS1 hall 9:15am-10:15am
- 20.09.24 Year group information leaflet shared through Parentmail
- 24.09.24 500 words competition launch (closing date 08.11.24)
- 24.09.24 (TBC) Reception Welcome Meeting / Phonics session—KS1 hall 9:15am-10:15am

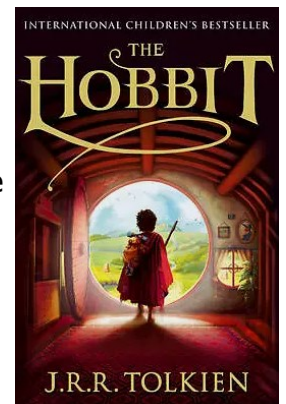
- 03.10.24 National Poetry Day
- 16.10.24 Reception-Year 6 Autumn Term Parents Evening - 3:40pm-7:30pm
- 17.10.24 Reception-Year 6 Autumn Term Parents Evening - 3:40pm-5:30pm
- 23.10.24 Nursery Parents Meetings—AM appointments
- 24.10.24 Nursery Parents Meetings—PM appointments
- 28.10.24 October Half Term



BOOK OF THE WEEK

We have just started to read JRR Tolkien's The Hobbit. The book is set in Middle-earth and follows home-loving Bilbo Baggins who joins the wizard Gandalf and the thirteen dwarves of Thorin Oakenshield's company, on a quest to reclaim the dwarves' home and treasure from the fire-breathing dragon Smaug. We are all looking forward to discovering if they are successful in their quest.

Year 6, Mr Hayward's class



ACHIEVEMENTS

**National
Read-Aloud
Challenge**

Powered by **Fonetti**

Regional Finalist 2024

We are delighted to inform you that your school has been shortlisted as a finalist for your region in the 2024 National Read Aloud Challenge! Please pass on a huge congratulations from us to your participating pupils for their outstanding achievement. The competition was incredibly tough this year, with hundreds of schools from across the country taking part.

Thank you to everyone for taking part in Red Nose Day. We raised £250.24 for Comic Relief.

Well done to Michael in Year 3, who achieved his half marathon certificate and band from junior park run last weekend!
A fantastic achievement - well done Michael.



LUNCH

Please ensure all school lunches are paid for in advance on ScoPay.

**On Monday 16th
September, we will be on Week 3.**

Please let the office staff know if there are any changes to your child's dietary needs.

FUNDRAISING

Between 2nd September and 30th November 2024 – every time you shop with Asda using your Asda Rewards app, Asda will donate 0.5% of the value of your shop to your chosen Primary school. Also, every time somebody opts-in to support our Primary school, Asda will give an additional £1 to the school Cashpot. Plus, it doesn't stop there – Asda are also giving £50 to every school to get them started.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION



Sportsperson of the Half Term...

Kadeena Cox OBE

Who is Kadeena Cox?

Kadeena Cox is a Paralympian who has represented Great Britain in athletics and cycling. Kadeena was born on the 10th of March 1991 in Leeds. As a child, she was a keen sportsperson, joining an athletics club where she competed in short distances. In May 2014, Kadeena became unwell and was later diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis which causes muscle weakness and coordination difficulties.

Who has Kadeena achieved?

At the Para Athletics World Championships in 2015, Kadeena won her first international competition, taking the gold medal in her 100m classification. She competed in her first Paralympics at Rio in 2016 where she competed in athletics and cycling and won the following medals - gold in the individual 400m, bronze in the 100m and a silver medal as part of the 4x400m relay team 500m time trial gold medal in a new classification record time. She became the first British Paralympian in 24 years to win medals in two different sports at the same games. Kadeena's success continued in the 2020 Paralympics where she won 2 gold medals in cycling. In the 2024 Paralympics, she won a gold medal in the mixed team sprint.

Hot Spots

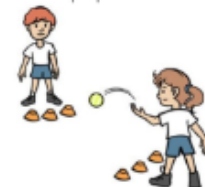
What you need: two players, six markers and a ball



Get Set 4
Education

How to play:

- Stand five big steps apart and place three cones on the floor at your feet.
- Take turns trying to hit your partner's cones using an underarm throw.
- If you hit a cone, you take it and add it to your row.
- The game is played until one pupil has all of the cones.
- Make this easier by using a bigger ball.



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