



MERRYLANDS

PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY

AUTUMN TERM – FRIDAY 20TH SEPTEMBER 2024

MESSAGE FROM ACTING HEAD OF SCHOOL – MRS PRYER

Dear Parents/Carers,

In recognition of International Day of Democracy, the children have been busy developing their understanding of the rule of democracy this week and have voted for their class councilor's and eco-warriors. Congratulations to all the successful candidates – we look forward to working with them on topics of interest and sustainability.

Throughout the week the children have been working hard to earn team points and it was very exciting to bring the first team point tokens achieved to celebration assembly. Team points can be achieved for many things including working hard, an excellent piece of work, displaying good manners and making good choices.

This year we have signed up to the 'My Future, My Basildon' project. The aims of the project are to raise aspirations, to broaden horizons and to challenge stereotypes. Each half term, children in year 1 to year 6 will participate in an online session where they will find out about different jobs and industries. We look forward to the first sessions in October.

Next Thursday (26th September), the children will be taking part in the Pro-Strike fundraising event. Please remember to ask friends and family to sponsor your child for this event. We are hoping to purchase some more playground equipment for the children to use at breaktime and lunchtime with the money raised.

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend.

ATTENDANCE

School Attendance Target: 97.00%



This week's Attendance: 94.3 %

The class with the best attendance in KS1 was Miss Talbot's class with 98.7 %

The class with the best attendance in KS2 was Miss Lee's class with 98.2 %

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



The Nest, Miss Williams: Zacharay M
 Nursery, Mrs Tobin: Harper G
 Reception, Mrs Anthony: Dexter W
 Reception, Mrs Sullivan: Eviana S
 Reception, Miss Bagridge: Elijah L-T
 Year 1, Mrs Andrade: Rosie P
 Year 1, Mrs Fairman/Mrs Christie: Kane S
 Year 1, Mrs Camoccio: Bodhi-Fox H
 Year 2, Miss Talbot: Gagu D
 Year 2, Miss Gilmore: Rocco N
 Year 2, Mrs Jarvis: Arthur P

Year 3, Mrs Griffiths: Billy M-S
 Year 3, Mrs Almond: Harrison H
 Year 3, Miss Medina: Layla W
 Year 4, Miss Lee: Isla F
 Year 4, Miss Miller: Geogianna-Rose C
 Year 4, Mrs Didham: Carsen K
 Year 5, Miss Day: Alyzza W-C
 Year 5, Miss Osborne: Vinu W
 Year 6, Miss White: Raeanne E
 Year 6, Mr Hayward: Harry B

UPCOMING DIARY DATES

SEPTEMBER

24.09.24 Reception Welcome Meeting / Phonics session—KS1 hall
 9:15am-10:15am

OCTOBER

Black History Month
 Oracy Month
 03.10.24 National Poetry Day
 08.10.24 Year 6 SATs information parent meeting—KS1 Hall 9:15am-10:15am
 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
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 W/B: 28.10.24 October Half Term
 04.11.24 INSET Day
 05.11.24 Back to School

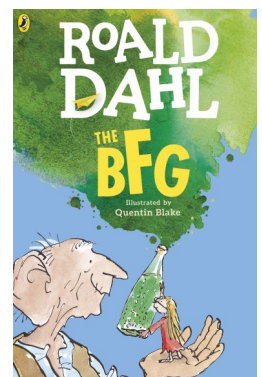


BOOK OF THE WEEK

In Miss Day's Class, we voted to read the BFG at the end of each day. We have really been enjoying listening to the story and discussing what is happening. The BFG is a loveable character and this is the perfect read at the end of the school day!

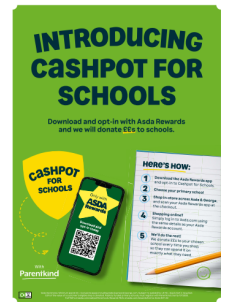
"A fantastic comedic story about a giant who finds a little girl."

"An interesting read—the BFG is the only friendly giant!"



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.



On Thursday 26th September the pupils of Merrylands Primary School will be taking part in our sponsored 'Speed Challenge'. There is no fee for participation and every child in the school will take part. Information was sent home with your child and sent via ParentMail.

BERLESDUNA TRUST VACANCIES

BERLESDUNA ACADEMY TRUST – JOB VACANCIES

BERLESDUNA – HR BUSINESS PARTNER closing date 4th October
 CRAYS HILL – HLTA closing date 23rd September
 FAIRHOUSE – MIDDAY ASSISTANT closing date 25th September
 FAIRHOUSE – LEARNING SUPPORT ASSISTANT closing date 7th October
 MERRYLANDS – FAMILY SUPPORT OFFICER closing date 1st October
 MERRYLANDS – OFFICE ASSISTANT closing date 1st October
 MERRYLANDS – OFFICE MANAGER closing date 1st October
 WHITMORE – EYFS/KS1 LEARNING SUPPORT ASSISTANT closing date 25th September
 WILLOW – FIXED TERM ADMINISTRATION ASSISTANT closing date 27th September

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

PARENTS OF YEAR 6 CHILDREN

Please ensure you apply online to your child's chosen secondary school before 31st October 2024. Please apply Essex County Council website—Schools—Admissions—Secondary School Places.

LUNCH

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

On Monday 23rd September, we will be on Week 1.

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

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.



Sock-tastic Dodge



Get Set 4 Education

What you need: 1 x pair rolled up socks

Practise:

- Throw the socks with one hand and catch with two.
- Throw the socks with one hand and catch with the opposite hand.
- Throw the socks with one hand and catch with the same hand.
- Throw the socks up and see how many of a chosen activity you can do before catching it again e.g. claps or star jumps.

How to play:

- Create your own version of a dodgeball game.
- Set the rules. What happens if the ball hits you? How do you get back in the game? How do you decide the winner?
- Invite people in your household to play the game.