

Merryhills Primary School

Newsletter

Autumn: Issue 1

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Value of the half term: Resilience



"I've missed more than 9,000 shots in my career. I've lost almost 300 games. Twenty six times I've been trusted to take the game winning shot and missed. I've failed over and over again in my life. And that is why I succeed." Michael Jordan



Attendance

This week's whole school attendance was 95.8 %. Well done to **Year 5** for the highest attendance of 96.4 %.



House Points

1st - Sapphire - 533

2nd - Emerald - 510

3rd - Ruby - 493

4th - Topaz - 491



Meet the Team

A huge thank you to families for attending our Meet the Team sessions this week; we were delighted to see so many families join us. Slides for all presentations will be emailed. [The Autumn Parent Curriculum Sheet](#) can be found on the school website.



School Parliament

It is that time of year again when our school parliament will begin to be voted in. All children in each class will write and share a speech with their class. Each class will elect two school councillors to become members of the Merryhills School Parliament. The parliament will be run by our school's Prime Minister. Our Year 6 students will begin their campaigns to be voted in as the next Prime Minister during our assemblies on Monday 15th and Wednesday 17th September. The school will go to a vote on Tuesday 30th September once the Year 6 children return from their residential. Good luck to you all!



Secondary Transfer

The secondary transfer window is open for children moving to secondary school in September 2025. The window of applications is open from September 1st to October 31st and full details can be found [here](#). The local authority have also produced a step by step [guide](#) on how to apply. To support parents with the process there will be a meeting on Wednesday 1st October from 5:30-6:30 in the school hall. Any year 5 or 6 parents who would like to know about the transfer process are welcome to attend.



Health and Safety

All classes will have an indoor PE session each week, this will take place in the school hall. Please can I ask all families to check children for verrucas and ensure they are treated in the appropriate manner. Leni can offer support on this if you are unsure. If children have a verruca, can you ensure they have plimsolls in school so that they are not barefoot during indoor sessions.



PA Lego Challenge

On Friday 3rd October, our PA will be hosting a sponsored lego challenge for our pupils. This event will take place in our school hall and be a fun, interactive and exciting experience for all children. The event will raise vital funds for the school. Please support the PA with this event and if you are interested in volunteering to support please email pa@merryhills.org.uk.



Enfield Parenting Support

There is a huge amount of support available to parents from the Local Authority. The [Enfield Parenting Directory](#) is an excellent source of information, on this site you can browse courses on offer and find out how to book a place.

Furthermore, parents in Enfield are able to email parentingprogrammes@enfield.gov.uk to ask any questions or give any feedback.



Please click [here](#) to find the school calendar for all upcoming events.

Coming Up

15th/17th September: Y6 Prime Minister Speeches

22nd-26th September: Year 6 Kingswood residential

25th September: Lime Class assembly

30th September: Flu Vaccinations

30th September: Polling Day for Prime Minister

1st October: School photos - Individual

1st October: Secondary Transfer Meeting/Residential meeting for September 2026 (Year 5)

2nd October: School photos - siblings

2nd October: Y5 visit to Palmers Green Mosque

3rd October: PA Lego Challenge

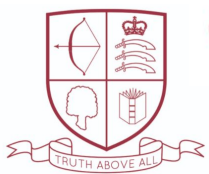
8th October: Reception Curriculum Meeting

8th October: Hazel Class Assembly



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Arbor Shop

A big thank you to everyone who has used Arbor Shop to buy tissues and glue sticks for the school. We have had 45 boxes of tissues ordered and many glue sticks. We are very grateful for your support.

Year 3 to 6 have really enjoyed taking ownership of their own pencils cases this term. We hope that this will help children take responsibility for their equipment and to help look after our school resources. To make donations for glue sticks, tissues and additional stationary packs please find them on the Arbor App.

Free Parenting Courses

Being a parent is a challenging job, and certainly doesn't come with a guidebook. Enfield Council run courses throughout the year to support families. The following courses are available and more information can be found on each of the links.

[Triple P for Baby](#) - a positive start for babies and parents.

[The Circle of Security Parenting](#) - an 8 week, evidence based, relationship focused course.

[Strengthening families, strengthening communities](#) - parenting programme for all parents and carers with children aged 0-18.

Identity Week @ Merryhills

Each September at Merryhills we begin our academic year with a focus on our identity. This is an opportunity for children to celebrate who they are and for the class to appreciate the special make up of our school.

These first two weeks of learning is always a unit of work the children enjoy.

Year 1 have been reading the book 'Can I Build Another Me?' They have also created fact files on themselves, thought about what job they'd like to have when they grow up and they've painted self portraits.



Reception will look forward to beginning their Identity work next week now they are staying in school all day! Well done to Reception for settling so quickly!

The Reception Team would like to remind all families to bring in a family photo, many of these may have been taken on your home visit. The children will be sharing these with their friends next week.

Year 2 explored what makes each of us unique, they created their own self portraits using paint. The children shared what is important to them and what our hobbies and interests are. They created hand prints to reflect creativity and a reminder that our make us special.



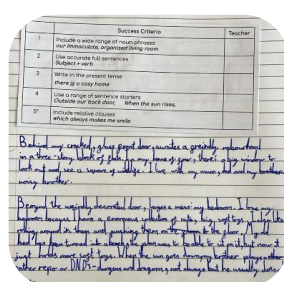
Year 3 have taken inspiration from the story 'My Red Hat' by Rachel Stubbs and created their own hat designs based on their own identity. As well as this they have celebrated their uniqueness and individuality by writing interesting facts about themselves within a fingerprint.



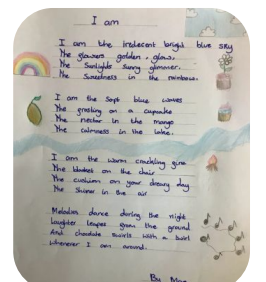
Year 4 have been inspired by the story Afiya by James Berry, and have began writing identity booklets about themselves exploring what makes them unique and celebrating each of their differences.



Inspired by 'What We'll Build' by Oliver Jeffers, Year 5 have been thinking about what a home is and how it is built - they decided that love and the people in it make the home. They have also been busy thinking about the different facets of identity and created online word clouds to represent this.



Year 6 have taken inspiration from the Jamaican poet Valerie Bloom and have written poems expressing their identity using a range of figurative devices and imagery.



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