

Value of the half term: Resilience

"Don't judge me by my success, judge me by how many times I fell down and got back up again" Nelson Mandela

★ Attendance

This week's whole school attendance was 96 %. Well done to **Year 5** for the highest attendance of 97.5 %.



House Points

1st - Ruby - 618
2nd - Topaz - 615
3rd - Sapphire - 611
4th - Emerald - 595



School Canteen

Thank you to families for bearing with us through this week's disruption to school meals. There was a problem with a fridge which meant alternative meals needed to be served.

Can I remind all families to email in any food allergies, the school will then pass this onto our catering company. You cannot make changes to any dietary requirement by using the Arbor App



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.



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 so please support the event. Letters were sent out with children, if you have any questions, please don't be afraid to ask..

Coming Up

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
8th October: Y6 Spoken word poetry workshop



A Message from Mr Hudson

This week has been an incredibly exciting week for our Year 6 cohort who on Monday headed to South Yorkshire for their school residential. The staff leading the trip have been so proud of Year 6. They have shown so much courage and resilience in all of the activities they have participated in. Also, they have shown respect and kindness to everyone they have met and worked with. The Year 6 team commented 'It has been a pleasure to take the group away'. As a school we cannot wait to share photos of the children in canoes, on high ropes and flying down zip wires in the next newsletter. It has been a busy couple of weeks for the rest of us, Lime class impressed us with the first class assembly of the year and it was a pleasure to see them show our value of collaboration as they sung with such confidence. As you can see on page 2, there is a deeper insight into what has been going on in different year groups at Merryhills. Please click [here](#) to find the school calendar for all upcoming events.



School Parliament

Our School Parliament is in the process of being elected and last week, before our Year 6's went on their Residential, six of our elected Year 6 children began their campaigns to become Prime Minister. On Tuesday 30th September, Merryhills will have its very own Polling Day and our new Prime Minister will be elected and their cabinet of MPs will be announced. We wish all of the candidates the very best of luck.



School Vaccinations

The Children's Immunisation Team will be attending Merryhills on Tuesday 30th September. All children are entitled to receive the Flu Vaccine as a pain free nasal spray or a pork free injection. Please can I ask all families to complete this [form](#) to identify if you do or do not wish to take part in this.



Next Gen Project with Tottenham Hotspur

We are delighted to announce that Merryhills will be once again hosting coaches from Tottenham Hotspur Football Club, who will join us each Friday to deliver a session to each class in the school. Further information will be sent to all classes to let them know which day their session will take place on. This is an excellent community project that we are excited to take part in.



Maternity Leave

On Friday 26th September, Miss Lewis will begin her maternity leave and await the birth of her first child. We all wish her the very best of luck as she embarks on a new and exciting chapter.

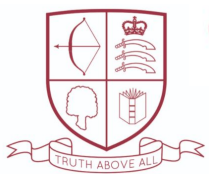


Beavers

A local Scout Organisation has some capacity for some girls or boys aged between 6-8 to join the club. Please see this [flyer](#) for more information.

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Year 1 Learning

This week something very exciting happened at Merryhills! On Monday morning, the children in Year 1 arrived to find that a spaceship had crash landed in the Year 1 garden! They found bolts, wires and even some mysterious writing on the wall! It turned out that the spaceship belonged to a friendly alien called Beegu, who was in search of some friends. The children have really enjoyed learning about Beegu's story and have been busy making alien models of their own, which they described using lots of imaginative adjectives.



Solar System Learning in Year 5

Year 5 have been venturing into space, and finding out about why we have night and day. We have found out about the difference between orbits and rotations, the incredible distances between the planets within our solar system and even headed onto the school field to attempt to replicate the distances between the 8 planets in our solar system - the entire field was nowhere near big enough for this job!



Year 6 Activity Week

Year 6 children loved their Activity Week. They had a busy week full of activities such as mini golf, gardening, orienteering, films, t-shirt designing and a visit to a local care home. All week the children showed such kindness and respect to all their visitors and adults who helped them. They had a great week and adults commented how much fun they were to be around. Well done Year 6.



Identity Work in Reception

As part of their learning on 'Identity,' the children in Reception have been reading the story, 'Super Duper You!' They have created self portraits of their super duper faces and have spoken about their qualities, attributes and their skills.

This week in Reception the children have also been learning about Rosh Hashanah. The children learnt about some of the special traditions of this celebration, such as eating apples dipped in honey to symbolise a sweet new year. They especially enjoyed tasting this treat for themselves!



Safeguarding

As Mrs Bowkley highlighted in her Online Safety session last week, it is essential that families are aware of what children are viewing and doing online.

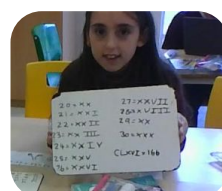
Two recent trends have come to our attention:

- The "salt and ice challenge" on TikTok - a very dangerous activity that can cause significant burns.
- The "6, 7" TikTok trend - in school, we will be discouraging the use of this phrase as it has become a distraction to children's learning.

As always, we believe it is important to keep you informed so that you can talk to your child about these matters as you feel appropriate. Please can I remind families to adhere to age ratings on social media and games, this ensures children can navigate them safely.

Year 4 Box

In Year 4, we have been exploring, identifying and creating Roman Numerals in Maths and thinking about where we see them in our daily lives. The children have enjoyed making the Roman numerals out of lolly sticks and stationery. We have also discussed the idea of what numbers are and how people use symbols to represent different ideas around the world.



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