



Merryhills Primary School

Newsletter

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Value of the half term: Resilience


"When things go wrong, don't give up - that's when you learn most" **David Attenborough**



Attendance

This week's whole school attendance was 96.2 %. Well done to **Year 2** for the highest attendance of 98.3 %.



House Points

1st - Sapphire - 756

2nd - Topaz - 720

3rd - Ruby - 718

4th - Emerald - 708



School Parliament

A huge congratulations to Christina in Oak Class for being elected as Prime Minister for 2025/26. It was a really close run election with all candidates receiving a significant number of votes. Our Deputy Prime Minister will be announced in assembly next week.



Secondary Transfer

The secondary transfer window is open for children moving to secondary school in September 2026. 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. Slides from the session led by Mrs Croton and Miss Charles have been emailed out to all Year 5 and 6 families.



School Street

We are delighted to be part of Enfield's School Street initiative. The entrance on Glenbrook South has been significantly calmer and safer for our children since it was implemented. Thank you to everyone for the ongoing support from families to make this work. As always, we encourage families to walk, or cycle to school whenever possible.



PA Lego Challenge

On Friday 3rd October, our PA hosted a fantastic sponsored lego challenge for our pupils. It was a fantastic event and one the children loved. We know the funds raised by the PA are invaluable, however the work they do to bring the community together and to enrich the children's time at Merryhills is wonderful. A huge thank you to all families for supporting this event and all volunteers who came into school to enable it to run as smoothly as it did.



Code of Conduct

Please may I remind all families not to approach other parents/carers regarding concerns between children. Always report all incidents to school staff and ensure any conversations regarding other children do not take place in public spaces. A member of school staff will always arrange a call or meeting to discuss any matters.



Merryhills Parents Environmental Group

This group is run by parents and carers who want to improve the environment in and around the school for the benefit of the children, their families and the local community. Litter picking is one of their initiatives, but they hope to grow their work. Other areas of focus are around active travel, clean air and recycling.

On Sunday 26th October the group have teamed up with the Hilly Fields Neighbourhood Community Litter Picking group, to organise a family litter pick in the local area.

If anyone would like to join this event please use [this form](#) to sign up. Many hands make light work!

Coming Up



14th October: Chestnut trip to William Morris Gallery

14/15th October: My Young Mind working with Year 5

15th October: Little Angel Theatre workshop for Year 1

15th October: Oak Class Assembly 8.50am

20th October: Oak Class trip to Westminster Abbey

21st October: Art Gallery

22nd October: Elm Class Assembly 8.50am

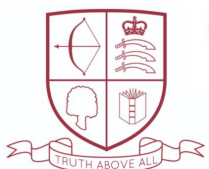
22nd October: Year 1 walk in the local environment

22nd October: Chestnut trip to Westminster Abbey

23rd October: Sycamore trip to Westminster Abbey

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Merryhills Football Team

Merryhills' football team played their first matches of the season this week. The first round of fixtures saw them play St Andrews Southgate, Hadley Wood and Wolfson Hillel. The children played with real spirit, determination and above all loved representing the school.

They played really well and controlled much of the 3 games they played.

A huge well done to the whole team, they ended the afternoon with 1 win, 1 draw and 1 defeat. Onto the next round of fixtures next week!



Year 6 Spoken Word Workshop

Year 6 took part in a poetry workshop with the Poet and Educator, Yossi Goodlink, as part of the project: Primary Voices Enfield. The children were introduced to spoken word poetry and created their own poems which were performed in class. They were amazing! As part of the project, some of the children's work will be showcased in an anthology that will be published later this year.



Learning in Year 2

Year 2 have had a roarsome week! We've been reading The Enormous Crocodile by Roald Dahl and had lots of fun inventing our own Fifth Trick! The children explored our school, using their imaginations to dream up clever (and sometimes very sneaky) ideas for the crocodile's next plan.

Meanwhile, in Science, we became mini scientists! Using spray bottles, we investigated how far sneezes can travel and discovered just how important it is to catch a sneeze in a tissue.



Reception Outdoor Learning

Reception have had lots of fun learning about the season of Autumn! They visited Forest School to spot signs of Autumn first-hand. The children noticed deciduous trees, collected conkers and acorns. Whilst the children were exploring Motley's Forest, they even spotted some busy squirrels searching for food!



Year 5 Mosque Visit

Year 5 had the opportunity to visit Palmers Green Mosque to help them understand the question of, 'What is it like to be a Muslim in Britain today?' The children took their shoes off, went into the prayer room and were able to ask lots of fantastic questions about the Mosque and life in Britain as a Muslim. The classes travelled by bus to the Mosque and received lots of compliments from members of the public about their fantastic behaviour. Well done Year 5.



Safeguarding

We want to make you aware of a recent issue affecting some popular children's books by Andrew Cope, including the Spy Dogs, Spy Cats, and Spy Pups series. Some editions of these books include a printed web address at the back. This link used to go to the author's website, but the domain is no longer under his control. It has since been taken over by another party and now leads to inappropriate adult content.

The publisher, Puffin, has paused sales and distribution of the books and is working with schools, libraries, and retailers to remove copies from circulation. They have stressed that the website has no connection to the author or publisher.

- If your child has any Spy Dog, Spy Cat or Spy Pups books at home, please check the back for website links and make sure they do not try to visit the site.
- It is safe for children to continue reading the stories themselves — the concern is only with the outdated link.
- We recommend talking with your child about the importance of not following web addresses in books without checking with an adult first.



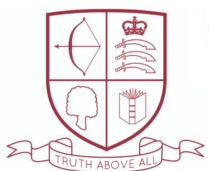
Year 1 Tottenham Coaching Session

Our sessions with Tottenham Hotspur began today, it was great to see Year 1 working hard and engaging with the coaches. Next week, Year 2 should come to school in PE kits on Friday so they are ready to take part in the session with staff from THFC.



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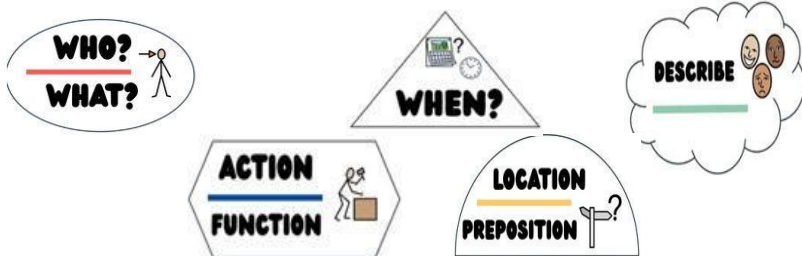


Uniform and Lost Property

Thank you very much to all families who have donated uniform to the school. We have been inundated with donations so we ask that second hand uniform is no longer dropped off at the school office. If we require further donations, we will be in touch. Just a reminder to please name all uniform as this helps to identify lost property and return it to the rightful owner rather than just being left in the big box next to the school office.

SEN Spotlight - Shape Coding

Since September our teachers have been introducing children to shape coding. Visual systems like Shape Coding support children to understand sentence structure. It is a tool we are using to support the teaching of grammatical structures. Please see some of the different shapes and their meanings.



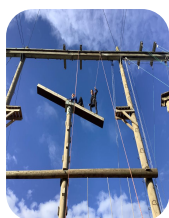
Magician DMC Visits Merryhills

This morning Merryhills was incredibly lucky to have a visit from celebrity magician DMC. DMC delivered an assembly to Year 5 and 6, showed some tricks to Year 3 and had a session with Year 4. The children left thoroughly inspired and amazed by DMC's tricks. They were blown away with the commitment and determination it took to become a magician. DMC has his very own Netflix show and is creating an [online academy](https://www.dmcmagic.com) to inspire children to take up magic. On this site children can learn the mind reading trick he demonstrated today! For more information on DMC please see his website: www.dmcmagic.com



Year 6 Residential

On Monday 22nd September, the vast majority of the Year 6 cohort headed off on their residential to Kingswood/PGL, Dearne Valley. A week full of fun-filled, jam packed activities like canoeing, raft building, high-ropes, zip wiring and orienteering to name a few ensured all children returned on Friday afternoon in need of a restful weekend. Thank you to all the teachers and support staff who gave up their time to enable the trip to go ahead - a week of memories which will last a time were made and here are some photos the children will cherish for years to come.



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