



A message from Mr Hudson

A warm welcome back to everyone. The weather may have been very unpredictable this Spring Term, but the children have returned to school full of enthusiasm, excitement and have been displaying positivity - our new value. In assemblies, we have been looking at the power of positive encouragement - the children were amazed to see how positivity was used to help shoot basketballs blindfolded! Thank you so much to parents for attending our Curriculum Workshops. We worked hard to create an event which would give parents an opportunity to acquire as much information as possible, all in one visit! The slides from each talk are now on our website. Also online, you can find each Press Release as soon as they are published - look out for recent ones about WE Day, Celtic Harmony and a fascinating Year 1 English lesson. We also had a great World Book Day. Thanks to everyone for getting involved!



Coming up

- The PA Bounceathon is on **Thursday 19th & Friday 20th March**. Please look out for sponsor forms coming home with children.
- The next 'Merryhills Get Talking' event is on **Friday 20th March**.



School Meals

Please remind children to inform their class teacher each Monday morning if they have changed their meal choice for the week.

Value of the half term: Positivity

"Keep your face to the sunshine and you cannot see the shadow." Helen Keller



Key Reminders

- Please bring a reusable bottle into school, children will then be able to fill them up from the taps and water fountains around school.
- For future trips and events please see the calendar on the school website.



Dates for your diary

Mar 9th	Reception Spring Walk
Wed 11th	Girls Football @ Southgate School
Thurs 12th	Fir Class swimming
Thurs 12th	Elm Class assembly
Thurs 12th	Yr 6 Debating @ George Spicer
Fri 13th	Yr 5 Verulamium visit
Fri 13th	PA Comedy Night
Thurs 19th	Fir Class swimming
Thurs 19th	Orange Class assembly
Thurs 19th	PA Easter Bounceathon
Fri 20th	PA Easter Bounceathon
Fri 20th	Get Talking parents drop in 9am
Fri 20th	Boys SE England Regional football final



Global @ a Glance



We had a fantastic day at the WE Day event in Wembley this week. The speakers were all really inspirational. The children who came felt empowered and were able to reflect on how they can make a difference in the world. They learned the importance of always believing in themselves.





Around the School



Merryhills Turns 80!

To celebrate our 80th birthday, each year group will be representing a decade from the 1940's onwards. If any ex students, parents or staff members would like to come in for a tour of the school and to talk to our current pupils please email us at:

reply@merryhills.enfield.sch.uk.

On the 25th June 2020 we will invite guests into school and provide an afternoon tea, served by our current Year 6's.



World Book Day

Merryhills had a fantastic day celebrating World Book Day this week. Children (and staff) looked fantastic in their costumes and how they interpreted a 'word'. We hope the children embraced the opportunity to celebrate literature and hopefully throughout the week they read some new books or were introduced to some new authors. In addition to dressing up, we were delighted to the response to our 'book sale'. We had a great range of books donated in excellent condition. I hope the children valued this opportunity to increase their book collections! Many thanks to Miss Lucas and Miss Harris for coordinating this event.



A Sustainable Future

As we lead up to the school's 80th birthday, it has inspired us to think about the future ahead. We have currently been developing our garden pond area at the back of the school. Different classes have been working hard to clear the area (as it became a little overgrown!) to make it a more inviting and suitable space for learning. We are working towards creating a sustainable garden which will last for the next 80 years to come and be a space for wildlife and micro-habitats!

We are now looking for donations of outdoor plants that we can use in our garden area to help improve the environment. If you think you can help in any way this would be greatly appreciated. Thank you!



Learning Conversations

Learning Conversations will take place after the Easter Holidays on **Tuesday 28th April** and **Thursday 30th April**. Bookings will open on **Friday 3rd April**, please call the school office if you have any questions.



PA Comedy Night

Friday 13th March is the PA comedy night, we are thoroughly looking forward to this event. There will be a cash bar on the night and refreshments will be available. To help do our 'bit' for the planet, please 'bring your own' glass! For any last minute ticket sales, please see the PA chairs or log onto Parent Pay.

