

The Beacon

Academic Year 2018/19

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Hello From Mrs Hunter

Oh my word what a week! We started with the most amazing time together as a school family for our first ever Remembrance Service. The weather was kind (despite threats of storms at 11.00am) and we were able to remember and celebrate together out on the playground. These things don't happen without a huge amount of work. There are many people who worked really hard behind the scenes to support this but I do want to say a public thank you to Miss Gilbert and Mrs Morley who had worked so hard with Jam Band so that they could help to lead us through our time. Thank you to all those of you who worked with your children to bring in their pebbles to form our special poppy. The feedback has been so positive that we will definitely do Remembrance together again – same time next year!

This week is also Anti-bullying week so we have had odd socks all week to remind us that it is good to be different and that we need to respect that with each other. Thank you to our Anti-bullying Ambassadors for the work that they have put into this. Another pupil voice group who has been bust is our Charity Group who have got us sorted for Children in Need today. I am enjoying wearing my pjs today! The staff have excelled themselves with their cake baking – I am glad that it is not down to me to be judging.

Our Facebook page continues to go from strength to strength and we are regularly posting news from the school day. Thank you so much to those of you who took part in the Year 6 votes for their English work and offered them comments too. I appreciate that this has been a really busy week for parents with so much going on in school. It is always a tricky time each year in November as the national dates for anti-bullying, Remembrance and Children in Need all come at the same time. However, we are listening to the feedback that it can be full on at home trying to keep up with everything that is going on! Hold on to your hats as we now move into the Christmas zone.

Have a fabulous weekend, Mrs Hunter

School Term Dates for 2018/2019

Mon 10th Dec – 6pm Montpelier Choirs' Carol Service, Plymouth Methodist Central Hall

Thurs 13th Dec 9.30-10.30am – Yr 1 Production Lights, Camel, Action!

Friday 14th December 2-3pm – Yr 1 Production Lights, Camel, Action!

Thurs 20th Dec – Last Day of Autumn Term 2018.

Fri 21st Dec 2018 to Fri 4th Jan 2019 – Christmas Holiday 2018.

Mon 7th Jan 2019 – Non-Pupil Day.

Tues 8th Jan – Spring Term 2019 Begins.

Thurs 10th Jan - Parent Forum at 2.15 for an hour.

Mon 18th Feb to Fri 22nd Feb – Spring Half Term Break 2019.

1st April to 5th April - The Big Pedal

Fri 5th April – Last Day of Spring Term 2019.

Mon 8th to Mon 22nd April – Easter Holiday 2019.

Tues 23rd April – Non-Pupil Day.

Wed 24th April – Summer Term 2019 begins.

Mon 6th May – Bank Holiday.

Mon 27th to Fri 31st May – Summer Half Term Break 2019.

Wed 24th July – 2:30pm end of term finish (**Yr6 finish at 1.30pm**)

Thurs 25th July 2019 – Non-Pupil Day.

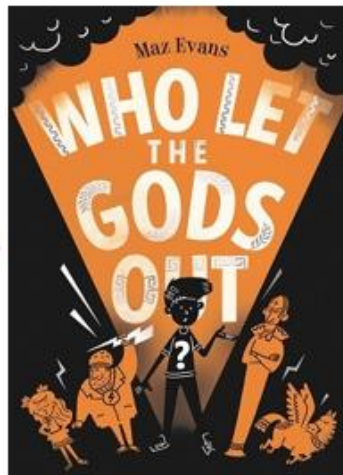
Parking

We have again been contacted by our neighbours, and parents who live near the school, about inconsiderate parking and dangerous driving. This has taken the form of blocking driveways, parking in inappropriate places and parking on the yellow zig-zag lines outside school. I know that many of you will read this and be shocked and disheartened, as you always park appropriately and with consideration for others. If you witness any actions outside school that concern you please can I ask that you report it to parking@plymouth.gov.uk. Please be considerate to others when parking/driving around the school. May we remind parents that the car park in North Down Road is for STAFF ONLY. Parents and children should keep to the pedestrian areas around the carpark and not walk across the carpark itself.

Thank you for your continued support and co-operation.

Book of the Week

**BOOK
OF
THE
WEEK**



**Who Let The Gods Out by
Maz Evans.**

Elliot wished upon a star and
got more than he bargained
for...Can the Gods help Elliot
and save the world?

A hilarious, historic and
heartfelt adventure, highly
recommended by Miss
Harris.

**If you have shared a book with your child and would like to recommend it,
please email me. daniellejones@mpsplymouth.net**

Basketball

On Monday, a different kind of event this afternoon at Tor Bridge High. Instead of our normal competitive format, we focused on learning new skills, meeting new people and working together as a team. Children from different schools were mixed up to create different teams so that the emphasis was on getting to know new people and working together as a new team. The children worked on different activities, looking at passing/shooting/defending and dribbling. It was great to see children from different schools mixing so quickly and soon showing off some excellent teamwork. Well done to everyone who took part today – you all played incredibly well and there was some great friendships developing between the schools

Dodgeball

Tuesday was our annual C4L Dodgeball Festival at Heles school and what a turn out! 9 schools come along this morning to take part in our round-robin competition that is just for fun. In order to focus on celebrating the School Games values of Honesty and Respect instead of playing to win, we mixed all of the children up to form new teams. After a fun warm up with the leaders, each team was in place to start. Most of the children taking part today had never played before and some were a little reluctant – this all changed after a few matches! It was clear that everyone was enjoying meeting new people on their teams and there was a real sense of team spirit. Well played team, you were all amazing.

Netball

No Netball / Hockey next Tuesday due to another competition. I will plan to run both sports on the 27th.

Athletics

Can the Athletics Team please return their kit, green or white T-Shirt and hoodie ASAP.

Music News

Lots has happened in the past week!

Last Friday we were so excited to live link class 5M with the 4th and 5th grade chorus of Federal Furnace School, Plymouth, Massachusetts, USA. We sang to them, they sang to us, we asked and answered questions about school life and life in England and then we sang together 3125 miles apart!

It was such a success we'll be making it bigger and better in the months to come, involving many more children.



Shrek

Seventy Year 6 pupils had the opportunity to see Shrek the Musical last night. A great night out for all of us! Many thanks to the Year 6 team of Teachers and TAs plus Mr Carhart and Mrs Tapp that assisted Miss JR. Without the goodwill of so many staff, these trips would not be possible.

Carol Service

Carol Service tickets go on sale online on Monday at 6pm. Choir parents will receive a letter with all the details on Monday, if not before.

Can you play an instrument?

If any parents/grandparents/family members play a musical instrument, whatever type, however rusty and would like to join Miss JR in making a Montpelier band to play at one of our Christmas events, please let her know jessrowe@mpsplymouth.net



Argyle Soccer Roadshows

CHRISTMAS COURSES 2018

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 www.argylecommunitytrust.co.uk



Boys and Girls aged 5-15 years • Courses run from 10am - 3pm (except cracker)
Membership reward cards will continue • www.argylecommunitytrust.co.uk

Book our courses online

www.argylecommunitytrust.co.uk

Book 5 courses in Plymouth for £40!

*Not possible having discount doesn't apply unless discount don't apply

NO.	VENUE	DATE	COST	THEME
1	Plymouth Argyle FC, Home Park	Tues 18th Dec - 4.30pm - 7pm	£20	Christmas Cracker
2	Plymouth Argyle FC, Home Park	Thursday 27th December	£16	Festive Football
3	Plymouth Argyle FC, Home Park (PAN Disability)	Thursday 27th December	£16	Disability Football
4	Plymouth Argyle FC, Home Park	Friday 28th December	£16	Festive Football
5	St Joseph School, Launceston	Friday 28th December	£16	Festive Football
6	Lux Park, Leisure Centre, Liskeard (Indoors)	Friday 28th December	£16	Festive Football
7	Carr Brea Leisure Centre, Pool	Friday 28th December	£16	Festive Football
8	Plymouth Argyle FC, Home Park	Thursday 3rd January	£16	Festive Football
9	Plymouth Argyle FC, Home Park (PAN Disability)	Thursday 3rd January	£16	Disability Football
10	Falmouth School	Thursday 3rd January	£16	Festive Football
11	Plymouth Argyle FC, Home Park	Friday 4th January	£16	Back to School
12	St Joseph's School, Launceston	Friday 4th January	£16	Back to School
13	Lanivet, Bodmin	Friday 4th January	£16	Back to School
14	Falmouth School	Friday 4th January	£16	Back to School

50% off all courses

when booked online using discount code XMASSO*

*Cannot be used in conjunction with any other discount codes or vouchers. Offer excludes Christmas Cracker

Christmas Cracker

The course will give all young people who attend the opportunity to undertake a training session at Goals with Plymouth Argyle FC first team squad in the evening. This will be followed by a meet and greet with the team where young people can collect autographs, photos and chat to the team. Pilgrim Pete and Father Christmas will be in attendance where each person will receive a goody bag, a Christmas card and the chance to win lots of prizes.

Festive Football

Join us for an action packed day of football activities, from shooting sessions to World Cup tournaments. As an added incentive for the day each participant will receive a goody bag which includes an Argyle medal.

Back to School

Our 'Back to Schools' courses are age and football specific with the emphasis on fun, enjoyment and development. Sessions include skills, technique, competitions and small sided games. Just what is needed before they return to school after the festive period.

PAN Disability

Ages 5 - 19

Football/Activity day. A fun-filled day packed with football games in an inclusive and comfortable environment. The day is tailored for children with a physical impairment, learning disability or mental health condition. *Half day Disability option available. £8

Courses in and around:
Plymouth | North Devon & Cornwall | East Cornwall | Cornwall

All courses for boys and girls of all abilities aged 5 - 15 years
New membership reward cards available
Courses run from 10am to 3pm



Plymouth Phoenix Girls

Mini Kickers Football Club

Girls' Football coaching sessions for KS1
School years 1 & 2

'Improve Skills & Get Fit'
'Be Part of a Team'
'Have Fun'

Members of 'Children's University' to get book stamps done for school awards

Coaching sessions take place on Thursday evenings on the astro pitch at Brickfields 6pm to 7pm

We also have football sessions for older age groups
www.plymouthphoenixgirlsfc.co.uk

For more info, call Ian on 07880 346 380

Players of all standards are welcome

Guide to Video Games

With Christmas fast approaching, parents may be considering video games as gifts for their children. Making a decision about which games are most suitable can be difficult. To help, www.askaboutgames.com have released a guide to the best family video games, organised by PEGI rating. The guide can be found at:

<http://www.askaboutgames.com/discover-2018s-amazing-video-games-for-your-family>

