

# The Beacon

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## Deputy Headteacher's Comment

As we approach the end of the penultimate week it is a time when you begin to reflect on the year that has just been – and I have to say I do so with a smile. As the year 6 children prepare for the next step in their education, we wish them well. We are proud of each and every one of them. They have faced and overcome many challenges during their time here, as well as provide us with one or two challenges of their own. However, one memory that will stay with me is seeing their wonderful performance of 'thank you for the music'. The Abba inspired school based musical was a fitting tribute to the end of an era. There were some outstanding performances which made us laugh and cry in equal measure.

Before signing off I would like to say a huge 'thank you' to everyone. My thanks must go to the children because they are delightful and are the reason I come into work every day. They have worked incredibly hard, learnt an awful lot (I hope), had lots of fun and tried their very best which is all we can ask. The staff team here are brilliant. I have worked in a number of schools and I can tell you that the Montpelier staff really are a fantastic group of professionals. They have worked tirelessly this year to make the children's experience the best that it could possibly be. Also thanks to the Governing Body who have been especially supportive throughout the year. And, finally, thanks to all the parents – your support is truly appreciated. I am certainly looking forward to the next academic year, but that won't stop me enjoying the summer break. I hope you all have a relaxing holiday and I will see in September to do it all over again.

## Foundation News

This week we have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know our new teachers and classrooms. We have talked and supported children with their feelings and emotions as they start a new and exciting adventure. We look forward to seeing you on Monday at 3.30 pm to discuss the transition to Year 1 and share ideas of how to continue to support your child's learning in the summer holiday. All children will come home with a challenge sheet to inspire reading, writing, handwriting and maths over the holiday.

### Year 1

This week, Year 1 have continued to learn about Supertato and his adventures. He visited our classroom to help save some other vegetables who were trapped by the evil pea. We wrote about this in sentences. In Maths, we have been learning with Princess Measure using rulers to measure lengths of objects.

Reminder: Superhero Day on Wednesday 18th July. We are visiting Central Park during the day so please ensure the children wear sensible shoes.

### Year 2 News

Wow! What an amazing day we all had at Wembury! We absolutely loved rock pooling, keeping our eyes peeled for what the rangers call 'The Big 5'! Can your child tell you what amazing creatures they found? Have a great weekend!

### Year 3 News

A great and very busy week in Year 3 kicked off with an amazing World Cup at GOALS. All of the children had a fantastic time and their behaviour was fabulous. In English, we have been writing our All About Me in the special style of Flossie Albright and the children have been getting very creative. With the end of term fast approaching we would ask that each child brings in a bag each day next week so that they are able to take home their books and stuff throughout the week. Year 3 Team

## School Term Dates for 2017/2018

Fri 20<sup>th</sup> July 2018 – 2:30pm end of term finish (*Yr6 finish at 1.30pm*)

Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> July – First day of the summer holidays

## School Term Dates for 2018/2019

Tues 4<sup>th</sup> Sept 2018 – Non-Pupil Days.

Wed 5<sup>th</sup> Sept – Non-Pupil Days.

Thurs 6<sup>th</sup> Sept – Autumn Term 2018 begins.

Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> to Fri 26<sup>th</sup> Oct – Autumn Half Term Break 2018.

Thurs 20<sup>th</sup> Dec – Last Day of Autumn Term 2018.

Fri 21<sup>st</sup> Dec 2018 to Fri 4<sup>th</sup> Jan 2019 – Christmas Holiday 2018.

Mon 7<sup>th</sup> Jan 2019 – Non-Pupil Day.

Tues 8<sup>th</sup> Jan – Spring Term 2019 Begins.

Mon 18<sup>th</sup> Feb to Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb – Spring Half Term Break 2019.

Fri 5<sup>th</sup> April – Last Day of Spring Term 2019.

Mon 8<sup>th</sup> to Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> April – Easter Holiday 2019.

Tues 23<sup>rd</sup> April – Non-Pupil Day.

Wed 24<sup>th</sup> April – Summer Term 2019 begins.

Mon 6<sup>th</sup> May – Bank Holiday.

Mon 27<sup>th</sup> to Fri 31<sup>st</sup> May – Summer Half Term Break 2019.

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

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2019 – Non-Pupil Day.

## Year 4 News

This week we have thoroughly enjoyed taking part in our very own 'Montpelier World Cup', watched the Year 6 performance of 'Thank you for the music' and the children had their transition morning where they got to meet their new Year 5 teachers. As the term draws to a close and continues to be as busy as ever, it is great to still see the children showing a real love for learning as they have all been very excited to have been given the opportunity to complete a 'free write'. During English, the children have had the freedom to write about what they want, in the style that they want and have relished this opportunity! Have a great weekend- only one week to go!

## Year 5 News

Year 5 have enjoyed a week of variety; learning to watching friends in the year 6 play, to sharing their maths games with foundation. The children absolutely loved making maths board games suitable for foundation. It was lovely to see the children supporting the learning of the younger children. In English they have been planning and writing their 'Guide to Year 5' leaflets and in maths they have been practicing their coordinates, translation and reflection by designing their own treasure maps. Such an action-packed week of learning. Have a fantastic weekend.

## Year 6 News

What a busy time we're having in Year 6! A letter was distributed yesterday detailing all the things happening in the coming week. One of the things we informed you about was Sex and Relationship education - this will be taking place on Tuesday 17th July. If you have any questions about the content of these lessons, please contact your child's class teacher.

## Music News

Well done to the instrumentalists picked to take part in Wednesday's instrumental concert. Brass, violin, ukulele, flute, piano, keyboards, drums- everyone showed how well they are progressing!

If you would like your child to start or continue with instrument lessons in September, please complete the attached form (2 sheets - complete the one that states the instrument your child would like to learn.) Deadline is Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> July. Violin/ukulele lessons finish on Monday. All other lessons are now finished.

### **School Meals – September 2018**

Change of menu – change of menu -Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2018

Option 1 now sausage and chips, remaining options unchanged.

CaterEd have informed us that Slushi's will no longer be available from September 2018.

Please also may we remind everyone that the cost of a school meal will rise to £2.20 from September and that payments should always be made in advance on [www.eduspot.co.uk](http://www.eduspot.co.uk)

### **Outstanding payments**

Reminder to please ensure all outstanding payments are settled without delay. Any issues please contact the office.

### **Year 3/4 World Cup Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> July**

On Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> July, at GOALS Football Centre, Montpellier staged their Year 3/4 Football World Cup, sponsored by our good friends, Northwood Estate Agents, who covered the cost of hiring the football centre for the whole morning, purchased the 2 trophies, provided extra water for the children to rehydrate and produced a commemorative fridge magnet for the children to keep and help remember this amazing day- THANK YOU! .

Before the day, the children were arranged into teams, each of which was a country playing at Russia 18, with separate competitions for boys and girls.

With the weather bright and a cooling breeze, the children were extremely excited for their challenges ahead. The format of the day closely followed that of the real World Cup, with group stages followed by knockout matches.

Expertly refereed by leaders from SDCC, the group matches showed great skill and determination demonstrated by all the children, for some of which this was their first experience of competitive soccer.

After the group matches had been completed, it was time for the knockout. To ensure every child played a knockout match, the top two from each group continued into the 'World Cup', whereas the third and fourth place entered 'The Plate' competition. Because defeat meant elimination, the intensity cranked up a notch, especially as penalty shoot-outs were needed to decide drawn matches.

Eventually, the finalists were established. The Boys' and Girls' Plate competitions (and thus Bronze medal winners) were decided with the victors being Russia and Tunisia respectively.

In the World Cup for Boys, a titanic struggle occurred between Peru and Egypt, with the super South Americans triumphing 1-0. Regarding the World Cup for Girls, a stunning performance by Belgium landed the trophy, beating Panama 3-1.

The success of the event means that it will hopefully be repeated in two years time to coincide with the next major international tournament- Euro 2020 with the next set of Year 3&4 children. See you then!

The medal winning teams:

Boys World Cup winners and gold medallists - Peru (Ewan L, Jayden J, Edward L, Tiger T, Ciaran S, Daniel W and Harris S)

Boys World Cup runners up and silver medallists - Egypt ( Lucca R, Byron G, Dylan P, Lewis N, Joshua G and Maxwell E)

Boys Plate winners and bronze medallists - Russia (Cobi C, Ewan B, Hayden B, George B, Alfie W, Charlie G, Oscar R)

Girls World Cup winners and gold medallists - Belgium ( Lola B-L, Kaisha P, Lily B, Amy N, Jessica M and Breeanna G)

Girls World Cup runners up and silver medallists - Panama ( Elsie H, Lauren K, Adrienne B, Lily D, Erin B and Hania S)

Girls Plate winners and bronze medallists - Tunisia ( Harmony-Rose P, Naomi G, Esther K, Emily P, Eden H and Amelia S)

### **TTRockstars Plymouth competition**

Congratulations to Asad and Turab for gaining Montpellier second place in the TTRockstars Plymouth competition and for getting to the final of the individual competition. Well done lads.

### **Plymouth Argyle**

In September, Montpellier are continuing to work with Plymouth Argyle, both in curriculum time and after-school. In September, Argyle will offer a Friday after-school football club for Year 5/6 Girls. Interested girls have been given a letter which explains that there is a cost of £5 for the 6 week block- greatly reduced from the initial price of £21. Please could completed forms be given to Mr Robinson in 4S by Wednesday at the latest. He also has spare letters should any girl In Years 5 or 6 need one.

In the likely event of more girls interested than spaces available, the club membership will be decided randomly. Parents and children will be informed before the end of term who has been successful- no money yet please.

# THE SCHOOL RUN

## BIG Get Active Summer Challenge 2018



Following the huge success of last year's challenge, join us for our BIG Summer Get Active Challenge 2018.

- Entry is just 3.99.
- Choose your distance from just 2km to a massive 100km.
- Complete this distance in one go or spread it out over the whole summer.
- Get creative! Activities can include running, swimming, cycling or scootering however you choose.

This challenge is perfect for both young legs and old and a great motivation to get out there as a family and get fit this summer. To find out all the details about the challenge, please visit our website

[www.ukschoolrun.com](http://www.ukschoolrun.com)

# YEAR 6 DISCO

FRIDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> JULY

18.30-20.30

HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC CHURCH HALL.  
BEACON PARK ROAD. (OPPOSITE BEACON  
ELECTRICS)

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PLEASE TEXT YOUR CHILD'S NAME, CLASS & CONTACT EMERGENCY  
NUMBER.

(NO ENTRY WITHOUT THIS INFORMATION)

ORGANISED BY A FEW MUM'S IN CLASS 6P