



Deputy Headteacher News

Brickfields

The annual Plymouth and West Devon primary schools athletics festival at Brickfields took place this week following last week's postponement as a result of the Great British weather. I would like to express my thanks and gratitude to the parents; your effort and willingness to drop off and pick your children up from brickfields was truly appreciated (and really helped us out). Around fifty schools (two thousand athletes) spend the whole day completing in a variety of track and field events. The day was action packed, children were giving it their all in the scheduled heats, trying their best to reach the afternoon's final. The competition was fierce, but as always our children rose to the occasion. Our children were (once again) impeccably behaved and they represented us superbly. A huge congratulations goes out to all of them for their determination and enthusiasm. I would also like to say a big thank you to all the staff involved for the additional time and commitment that being involved requires, especially Mrs Pascoe and Mrs Pearce. All the hard work and training paid off.

Proms in the playground

I have been part of the Montpelier team for a while now and have heard so many positive things about the annual 'Proms' event. Having yet to experience this first hand, my excitement and anticipation built as the day approached. I have to say that I was not disappointed. This special occasion lived up to my expectations. Everything from the number of parents and family members that turned out to support, through to the amazing talent that was on show. It truly was an incredible evening. The children's energy and enthusiasm was a delight to see. I would like to express my thanks to all the children and staff, but in particular to Miss JR, the night would not be possible without her dedication and commitment to provide the children with such a rich musical experience. I left school following the hour spectacle with a sense of pride and with a reminder of why I wanted to work in education. It was a memorable evening and all I hope is that you enjoyed it as much as I did.

Foundation News

All things minibeast! Foundation are very excited about our newly developed frogs and caterpillars which are currently now hanging in cocoons. Next week we will be looking closely at worms! We will also be busy practicing our skills for Sports Day.

Year 1 News

Year 1 have had a great week using pointillism to paint a range of landscapes of the local area. Come in and see them on display outside the classrooms. We have completed our phonics screening and we shall be sending the scores home with your child's report. They did really well and tried their very best.

Year 2 News

Yet another fun-filled and action packed week in Year 2! The children have been finalising their stories and producing front covers to create a book - keep an eye out, these will be coming home shortly! The children have also enjoyed learning about pirates alongside the facts they found out for homework. In RE the children made Mezuzah's - ask them to tell you more about this! Currently, we have insufficient funds for our Wembury trip. If you are intending to make a voluntary contribution please can you do so at your earliest convenience. Have a great weekend!

Year 3 News

Year 3 have been working hard in English to start to plan their own evacuee stories. They will be writing them next week and then sharing them with the children in year 4. In maths, children have been continuing to solve fraction problems and working on their times tables. Next week, the children will be investigating multiplication and division and continuing to work on their times tables (2,3,4,5,8,10) to achieve their bronze, silver and gold times tables cups.

Year 5 News

On Friday of last week year 5 were fortunate to have a Buddhist visitor speak to the 3 classes, linked to our current RE topic. The children asked some excellent questions and gained some valuable insight into Buddhism and its history. In other areas it has been a hectic few days. In Maths we have been comparing and ordering fractions along with converting between metric measurements. In English we have continued with our newspaper reporting. Next week, we are going to be visited by the Plymouth City Council air quality unit. The children will be able to take measurements and be given information regarding air pollution around the school.

Year 5 Bude

There will be a talk for year 5 parents on Monday 11th July at 5.30pm in the KS2 hall. This will be a chance for you to find out about next year's residential trip as well as give you an opportunity to ask any questions you may have.

Year 6 News

This week our excellent entrepreneurs have been putting together a business plan for their fiver challenge projects using the market research that they gathered last week. In English the children have been using 'talk for writing' to help them learn an extract from Superman's biography and next week they will be writing their own for the superhero characters that they have created.

50 Things Sunflower Competition 2016



The closing date for entries is next Thursday 30th June.

Please take a photo of your sunflower, add the measurement, an adult's signature and your name and class. Hand your entry into your class teacher. The winners will be announced in assembly in a couple of weeks. We are looking forward to seeing how tall they have grown.

Music News

What a fabulous concert we had on Wednesday! Tremendous singing from everyone. Thank you to everyone involved. We raised an amazing £618.74. Choirs have now finished for this term. Miss JR looks forward to working with everyone in September.

Mrs Berna's instrumental lessons have also finished, along with violin. Everything else is still going!

School Games - Athletics

Thankfully the weather held off for this year athletics event held at Brickfields. The squad of 18 from year 3 to 6 knew that the competition was going to be tough, the year 3 athletes starting off well with both male and female winning their races reaching the final, the same with year 4. Year 5 girl and year 6 boy also reaching the final. While the track was proving to be a success so was the field events, fantastic long jumps, vertical jumps and very strong throws, both finishing in 3rd position overall. Back on the track for the relay, with talented athletes MPS reached another 2 finals. Congratulations you all worked extremely well, a very successful team.

Lost Coat

Aara Powel (Class P) has lost her waterproof coat. It's blue with white stars. Please return to the school office if you know of its whereabouts. Thank you.

School Uniform

We appreciate that it is coming to the end of term but we would like to remind parents about our school uniform code.

Boys - Dark grey trousers or shorts. White shirt & school tie or a white polo shirt, green pullover or green V-necked school sweatshirt. Grey socks. Sensible shoes - fashion shoes, trainers or boots are not permitted for Health & Safety reasons

Girls - Grey pinafore or skirt or dark grey trousers. White shirt & school tie or a white polo shirt, green pullover, cardigan or green school V-necked sweatshirt. White socks. Tights - school colours or white, beige or black. Hair bands/ribbons - plain & in school colours. Sensible shoes - fashion shoes, trainers or boots are not permitted for Health & Safety reasons. DURING SUMMER - green/white check dress

Footwear: Children should wear shoes and NOT trainers to and from school and during the school day. The appropriate footwear for P.E. and games is indicated below. 'Fashion' shoes and trainers, i.e. large tongues, multi coloured laces, high ankle shoes/boots are not acceptable in any circumstances. Flat practical sandals not open toed, are permissible when worn with socks. Sandals should be white, black, or brown in colour – not Jelly Beans.

There is no preference to colour for coats. Parents are reminded that very dark colours pose a safety problem on winter mornings/evenings.

Please ensure all clothing is clearly labelled. If you are considering having your child's ears pierced, please do so at the beginning of the summer holidays. In KS1 children are permitted to wear discrete studs during P.E lessons. However, for Health & Safety reasons in KS2, all jewellery including ear-rings must be removed for all P.E. sessions; this is due to the increased physical nature of activities undertaken. When worn in school ear-rings should be small studs. If your child's ears have been recently pierced (within the last six weeks) and their ear rings cannot be taken out then your child must wear plasters over their ear rings. Due to Health and Safety reasons children must bring in their own plasters from home and be able to apply them themselves, this cannot be carried out by a member of staff. Nose rings or other piercings are not deemed suitable. It is not desirable for children to wear other jewellery to school. Jewellery and watches are often lost and are the responsibility of the child and not the school.

No leggings, make up, nail varnish. Non- natural hair colours or extremes of haircuts / styles are not permitted.

Diary Dates

Monday 27th June 2016

- 4pm 'Race for Life' event

Friday 1st July 2016

- School Summer Fair

Monday 4th July 2016

- School Sports Day - KS2
Year 3/4 – am Year 5/6 – pm

Tuesday 5th July 2016

- School Sports Day - KS1 only –am

Thurs 14th July 2016

- Year Six Production

Mon 18th July 2016

- Year 2 dress rehearsal (info to follow)

Tues 19th July 2016

- Year 2 Performance (more info to follow) 1:45pm & 6pm

Wed 20th July 2016

- Leaver's Celebration Disco

Thurs 21st July 2016

- Year 6 Leavers Lunch

Fri 22nd July 2016

- Leavers' assembly
- Last day of term 2:30pm finish (Year 6 finish at 1.30pm)

Wed 7th Sept 2016

- First day of term

School Games - Hockey

Congratulations to the year 5/6 hockey team, they played extremely well during the day and finished 3rd in their group. Next was the quarter finals, again Montpelier showing fantastic team work managed to secure a draw 3-3, as this was a knockout it went to penalty shoot-out, unfortunately losing 3-2. Throughout the day the team also completed a skills challenge, with 54 teams entering this event our team finished in 3rd overall. Well done, fantastic achievement.

Sports Days 2016

Sports Day will be held at Devonport High School for Girls on their playing field - details as follows

KS2 Mon 4th July 2016

am Yr3/4 and pm Yr5/6

Foundation & KS1 Tues 5th July 2016

am Foundation/Yr1/Yr2

Princess vs Superhero Party. 17th July 11am – 1pm at the Jan Cutting Centre. Tickets £12.50 per child, £10 for siblings, under 2's free.

Email Carla.nicole.watts@gmail.com for tickets or further info. All profits go to charity in aid of Leon & Jack Childs