

# The Beacon

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## Deputy Headteacher News

Wednesday the 18<sup>th</sup> was a memorable day for the city (and I may add for my family, it was my eldest daughters 13<sup>th</sup> birthday). The excitement was palpable. I cannot remember the last time there was such excitement about a football match taking place in Plymouth. You will not hear this much from me, as I am a United fan, but some things are far greater than football. The most touching part of Wednesday was the emotional tribute that was collectively embraced throughout the 25<sup>th</sup> minute of the game to remember the passing of Daniel May. The sight and sound of the Plymouth and Liverpool fans applauding and singing 'You'll never walk alone' was a heart-warming display of compassion and human kindness that restores your faith, in that moment everyone came together, alliances (in football terms) were pushed aside and this, for me, demonstrated the true strength of the human spirit.

On Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> we will be conducting interviews to appoint an additional person to join our school. The role will be focused around engaging with parents and supporting families. As part of the interview process we will be asking the candidates to spend the first part of the morning in the playgrounds getting to know you. If you are approached by someone (wearing a visitor's badge) please don't be alarmed.

Before I wish you all a pleasant weekend, I have a request. To enhance and enrich the opportunities accessible throughout the lunchtime period my vision is to provide a variety of recyclable, durable items and materials that can be used to promote, encourage and develop interaction between our children. The intention is to build on the established physical, sport focused materials (and we are in the process of purchasing new equipment as recommended by our school council) and offer an alternative play resource to the 670 children at Montpelier Primary School. This is where my request comes in. I am actively sourcing items from local supermarkets and businesses, but would like to source materials that you may have at home. I am looking for old remote controls, telephones, computer keyboards, saucepans, wooden spoons... and would appreciate any donation. If you are able to help please drop the items into the main office for the attention of Mr West. I would like to thank you in advance. Have a great weekend.

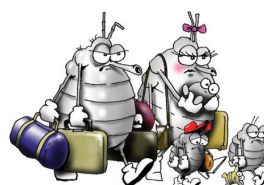
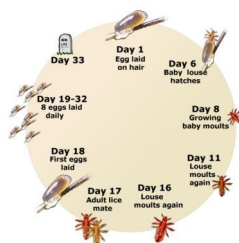
## Quiz Evening & Raffle in aid of Duchene Muscular Dystrophy

Quiz Evening & Raffle in aid of Duchene Muscular Dystrophy. Fundraiser for Montpelier pupils Leon and Jack Childs who both have Duchene. On Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> March, 7.30pm at the Jan Cutting Centre, Scott Business Park. Entries £4 per person – max 6 per team. Bring your own snacks and drinks. Sorry no alcohol permitted at the venue.

Please forward entries plus fee to school office by Mon 27<sup>th</sup> February in clearly marked envelope stating team name, contact name, telephone number & email. Further enquiries please to [carla.nicole.watts@gmail.com](mailto:carla.nicole.watts@gmail.com)

## Headlice -They're back!

The most common places for headlice to lurk are in the hair behind your ears and at the nape of your neck. If you still can't spot any lice, comb the child's hair with a special 'nit comb'. These are available from most chemists. It's easier to spot the dark brown headlice as they fall out if you comb the hair over a piece of white paper. Now you need to treat your child. Headlice are tough – they can't be killed by washing with normal shampoo or normal combing. Because they reproduce so quickly, you've got to kill them before they spread. If your child has headlice, check everyone in the family. You'll need to treat everyone affected to get rid of them.



## Diary Dates

**Mon 13<sup>th</sup> - Fri 17<sup>th</sup> Feb 2017 Inc.**

- Half term

**Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2017**

- Vista group photos - Year 6 and Foundation only.

**Fri 31<sup>st</sup> Mar 2017**

- 'Wear a Hat' mufti day - for Brain Tumour Research

**Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> - Tues 18<sup>th</sup> Apr 2017 Inc.**

- Easter holidays

**Mon 1<sup>st</sup> May 2017**

- Bank holiday

**Wed 24<sup>th</sup> May 2017**

- Tempest Photos – Class groups & Year 6 individual photos.

**Sun 21<sup>st</sup> – Fri 26<sup>th</sup> May 2016**

- Bude Residential (Yr 6)

**Mon 29<sup>th</sup> May - Fri 2<sup>nd</sup> June '17**

- Half term

**Tues 25<sup>th</sup> July 2017**

- Leavers' assembly
- Last day of term 2:30pm finish (Yr6 finish at 1.30pm)

**Wed 26<sup>th</sup> July 2017**

- Start of the summer holidays



## Monty's Den

Monty's Den is our onsite after school care. Call on 07522 429599 for more information or to book a session. Sessions start from £6.50. Flexible booking available [www.thedens.co.uk](http://www.thedens.co.uk)

## Bude Payments

The next Bude payment of £50 is due by Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2017 bringing monies paid to a minimum of £260. Please contact Mrs Simpson on 216160 if there is a problem with meeting any of the deadlines.

### **Foundation News**

Well done to those super home readers who have read all their books and achieved the first stickers on our 'Magical Readers' boards. Next week we will begin to learn all about looking after ourselves and being healthy- look out for the model teeth!

### **Year 1 News**

Thank you for your help with the homework last week. The children brought lots of knowledge to our plant hunt and it was evident that many families had been busy identifying plants over the weekend! This week we have been writing our hedgehog adventure stories. They are absolutely brilliant and we hope to share them with you soon! Have a great weekend.

### **Year 2 News**

What an absolutely fantastic week! The children are shining. It is fantastic to see how intrigued all the children are, as we delve deeper into the prehistoric world of the dinosaurs. Over the next few weeks we will be focussing on mental maths and times tables. Any support at home would be much appreciated.

Have a great weekend.

### **Year 3 News**

Wow, what a week it's been. All 3 classes had fantastic trips over to Mount Edgecumbe where the children got to explore and enjoy the many sights that were on offer. Sarah Outen would be so proud!

In English the children have been writing short recounts using prepositions, adverbs and conjunctions to express time and cause. We have been blown away with how hard the children are working, especially to 'beat the green'.

In Maths children have been multiplying 2 digit and 1 digit numbers using the grid method. Ask your child to show you the grid method, they are pretty good at it! Once again, thank you for all your support, have a great weekend.

### **Sainsbury's Vouchers**

We are collecting the Sainsbury's vouchers.

### **Year 4 News**

The children have had a busy week. We have been investigating conjunctions, how to use speech in our writing and different types of sentences in English. In maths we have learnt how to use the expanded formal method to solve multiplication calculations. During science we explored what happens to ice when it is warmed. We have also found out the names of the main volcanoes in Italy. The children are looking forward to learning more about volcanoes next week. Thank you for your continued support and have a great weekend.

### **Year 5 News**

This week year 5 have been researching the Vikings as part of their Frozen North topic. During ICT, the children used 'Padlets', which enabled them to work collaboratively to find answers to questions and allow them to use the information in their English non-chronological report. In Maths this week we have continued with our division method. Remember to practice your spellings over the weekend.

### **Year 6 News**

Thank you to all the parents that took the time to come to the SATs preparation meeting on Tuesday. We feel it is important to make you aware of the changes in the curriculum and the tests. We hope that you found it useful to continue to support your child with their education. The response has been fantastic and the children have been very keen.

In class, we have continued to write our newspaper reports and will be writing a final draft this week. In maths, we have learnt how to add and subtract fractions.

We have started studying electricity in science and we have learnt how to draw electrical circuit. We look forward to making some next week!

### **Spare Clothing**

The school is in need of items of spare children's clothing for those little accidents. If you have any suitable items such as underwear, socks, trousers etc. that your child has outgrown please pass into the office. Thankyou

### **School Games**

Over the last few months the Netball team have entered in various tournaments preparing themselves for the level 2 competition held at Marjons. This event is held annually for all primary schools in Plymouth and surrounding area over 3 days, the winners from each group will then be invited back for the finals. Our first day was Tuesday, playing 5 games and winning all 5, 7-0, 1-0, 9-0, 1-0 and 4-1, winning our group and through to the finals. Wednesday morning the nerves starting to kick in, and not just the players, knowing this was going to be really tough didn't faze the team. Full of confidence the team went on court winning 8-0, the next game was going to difficult drawing at 2-2, the 3rd match was against last year's winners, with another win 5-0, the team knew this could be their chance of winning. 4th match was another draw 2-2. It all came down to the final match against Compton the team that has won this event the most overall. With determination and fantastic team work Montpelier won 6-1. Time for the presentation and waiting for the final result... Montpelier overall winners. The smiles on the team face when they lifted the cup was a pleasure to see, the hard work had definitely paid off. Team you were all amazing, you did yourselves proud. You have now qualified for level 3 Devon School Games held in Paignton. Congratulations.

Mrs Pearce

### **Chinese New Year Special Lunch**

#### **Change of menu**

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2017**

Choice of Sweet & Sour Chicken **OR**

Vegetable Stir Fry with

Vegetable Spring Rolls

and Egg Fried Rice

Jacket Potatoes are also available.