

The Beacon

Academic Year 2018/19

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Hello From Mr West

What a wonderful week it has been. I have had the pleasure of witnessing the children flourish in their classroom environments, have opportunities to learn new skills and share moments that will live long in their memories. The weather might be miserable but the children certainly are not. Smiling faces and children asking how my day has been has become a daily experience. From this, I draw two conclusions – that the children are happy and therefore we must be doing something right.

Being happy is fundamental. In a world that is fast paced with access to everyone and everything being at the swipe of a screen, being happy should be the prerequisite for everyone. Happiness for me is in the small things with children a wonderful reminder of how simple life should be. They appreciate the little details, take in the experiences afforded to them and enjoy the moment they are in – something we should all do more often and something I hope you can do over the weekend.

We have so many wonderful experiences to look forward to throughout the coming weeks, so take sit back, relax and enjoy what is always a wonderful time of year. Have a great weekend, it certainly is deserved and I look forward to doing it all over again next week.

School Term Dates for 2018/2019

Mon 12th Nov – 10:45am Remembrance Service

Mon 12th – Fri 16th Nov - Anti Bullying Week (wear odd socks to school)

Fri 16th Nov – ‘Children in Need’ Mufti (PJs or onesie)

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.

Montpelier Choirs' Carol Service – note the change of venue

Calling all Choir Families! Date for your diary - Monday 10th December at 6pm will be the Montpelier Choirs' Carol Service at Plymouth Methodist Central Hall (new venue). Featuring all our choirs, it will be a magical feast of festive music! We are carrying out a site visit this week to look at seating and will have ticketing information to you very soon.

Instrumental tuition

Instrumental tuition rolls over automatically to next term unless you give Miss JR written notice via email jessrowe@mpsplymouth.net in the next 7 days. If your child learns with Mrs Berna, please contact her to give notice- contact@ginnyberna.co.uk

Year 5 Circumnavigating

Year 5 spent the afternoon 'circumnavigating' the school searching for information cards. Each card provided the children with important information about Sir Francis Drake's route when he circumnavigated the globe.



Beaconfield Road – School Gate

Update on the school gate in Beaconfield Road – the company have measured up for a new post and the entrance will hopefully re-open in the next two to three weeks. Sorry for any inconvenience.

Parent Forum

The next Parent Forum will be held on Thursday 10th January at 2.15pm for an hour.

Goal-Mouth Indigestion- Reach for Rennie!

On Tuesday, the Year 5/6 Girls' Team played a friendly match against their counterparts of Leigham Primary School.

Under the shadow of Asda, in the driving wind and rain, Montpelier faced a stern test against highly experienced and skilled opponents.

Playing against the elements in the first half, the team fought a rear-guard action, with 'Safe-Hands Goalie' Jess Rennie pulling off a string of important saves, as well as pinpoint distribution from the back.

With many of our team playing a competitive football match for the first time, they quickly grew in confidence, matching Leigham for skill and determination.

With half-time reached, the score remained 0-0, but as the teams switched ends (and after a 'Believe in Yourself' team talk from Mr Robinson and Miss Bullard) the tide of the match soon turned a full 180 degrees. With enthusiastic, if a little sodden, parents in attendance, chances started to come our way. Eventually, a delightful through ball by Amelie was latched onto by Kayleigh, who thrashed it into the net, giving the goalkeeper no chance. With their tails up, MPS now surged forward, forcing a penalty due to a Leigham stray hand. 'Captain Kayleigh' strode forward and confidently dispatched the pen beyond the reach of the goalie: 2-0, which was the final score.

Well played to all the girls, with a special mention to Jessica Rennie for keeping a clean-sheet in goal and all the girls for surviving the siege of the first half. Credit too for both teams for their good sportsmanship and effort, despite the appalling weather.

The team was as follows: Jessica R, Amelie U, Jazmine W, Savannah W, Roxy F-B, Lauren W, Olivia A'L, Kayleigh T, Breeanna G, Ellie H, Matilda S and Tilly R



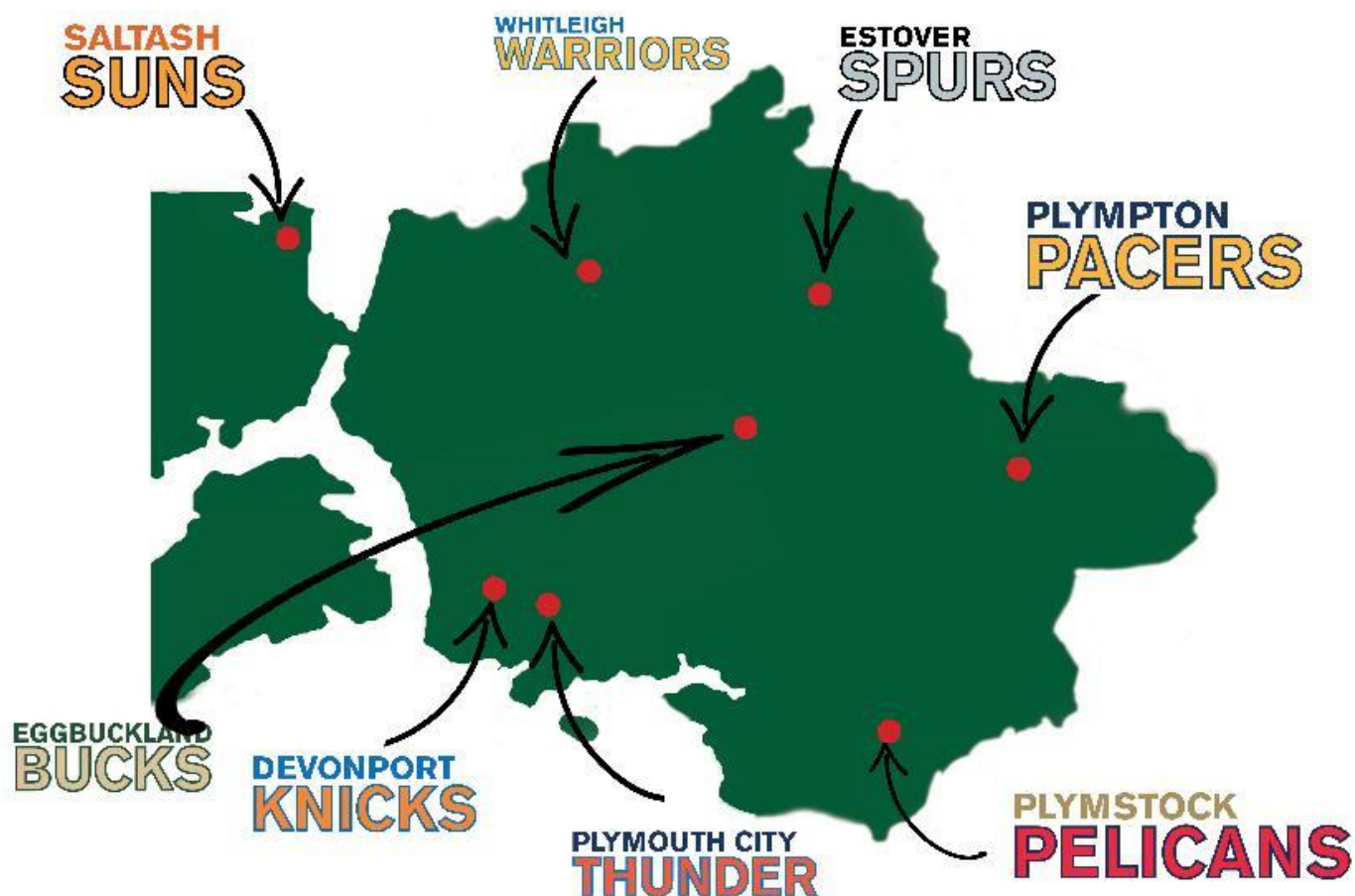
Indoor Athletics

Wednesday saw our first indoor athletics competition held at the Life Centre. This heat saw 5 teams, 2 from Montpellier, Green team and White team competing for a place in the grand Plymouth final in February 2019. The races started with the girls going neck n neck on the track and the boys trying to earn valuable points on the field events. The boys then hit the track and the girls tried to jump their way to victory on the field events. The Girls White team dominated the track winning all events the Green Team coming in a very close 2nd on 3 events. Whilst the White boys team picked up 3 first and 2 2nd positions. The final results announced with the Green Team finishing in 5th with 87 points, considering 7 out of 12 were year 4 competing against year 6 this was an incredible result, the White Team declared overall winners with an impressive 160 points. Congratulations to both teams, and many thanks to the parents for your support.





U11 COMMUNITY CLUBS



Estover Spurs | Mondays 5-6 | Tor Bridge School

Whitleigh Warriors | Mondays 5.50-6.50 | Sir John Hunt

Saltash Suns | Mondays 6-7 | China Fleet Country Club

Plymouth City Thunder | Tuesdays 6-7 | School of Creative Arts

Eggbuckland Bucks | Wednesdays 5-6 | Eggbuckland CC

Devonport Knicks | Wednesdays 6-7 | City College Plymouth

Plympton Pacers | Wednesdays 5-6 | Hele's School

Plymstock Pelicans | Thursday's 5-6 | Coombe Dean

BOOKING: INFO@PLYMOUTHRAIDERS.COM



DO YOU HAVE UNLOVED SOFT TOYS AT HOME?

ARE THEY IN GOOD CLEAN CONDITION?

**Why not donate them to the PTFA
for the Christmas Fair?**

**PLEASE BRING THEM TO SCHOOL WEEK
BEGINNING MONDAY 19TH NOVEMBER**

They could find a new loving home in time for Christmas



Montpelier's Time Lords are looking for assistance

Wednesday 28th November is Maths Fun Day! This year Maths Fun Day will focus on time. You are invited in at the start of the school day to take part in a maths session with your child.

At the start of the school day drop your child off as normal and then make your way to reception to sign in. You can then go to see your child in their class and take part in time activities for 30 minutes. If you have more than one child in the school, you will be able to move around the classes to see all your children.

We ask you to leave the school by 10am, when the children will continue with a range of fun maths activities throughout the day.

We look forward to seeing you in school on Maths Fun Day.

