

# The Beacon

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## Headteacher's Comment

The school year is drawing to a close and very soon our Year 6 will be moving on to pastures new. Many of them have been visiting their new schools this week as part of the transition. It's an exciting time for them. Some get a little worried about it, some just can't wait but, however they feel, it's the start of a very new chapter in their lives. For the majority of them, it's the end of a seven year journey here. One in which they've grown incredibly; intellectually and personally. They've worked hard, and next week we'll find out how well they've all done as the SATs result are published. Not that these tests are a singular measure of success; more for us are the lasting memories we'll have of them as they move on. All the fantastic things they've done, friendships made, their achievements and experiences, and how they've developed as bright young individuals. We wish them well. They will also be the last Year 6 group I send off. I'll be saying goodbye to all of the pupils this year, not just our Year 6 leavers, and also goodbye to a fabulous team here. I'm sure that you already do, but I really hope you appreciate what an amazing staff team you have at Montpelier. It's been an absolute privilege for me working with them. Together we have propelled Montpelier forward. The school has always enjoyed having an excellent reputation within the city. I honestly think that reputation is truly deserved now. Whenever we compare what we do with other schools, we always come away feeling we're doing at least as good as, if not better, than all the rest. Bold words but true. We might not get everything right all of the time but I truly believe the children attending Montpelier are fortunate to have the team of caring people that make up the school staff.

## Foundation News

After a fantastic sports day, the children have enjoyed basing their learning this week around different sports and how to measure the activities. We have talked about tally charts and measuring distance in centimetres. Next week the children will be visiting their new Year 1 classes and we will have a PSED focus, talking about feelings and exciting new adventures.

## Year 1

Well this week we have been learning about 'Supertato!' We made our own real-life versions to help us with our writing this week. He helps save vegetables from a villain but we are not sure who it is, yet? Maybe we will find this out next week. In Maths, we have been practising writing numbers in words from 0-20 and counting forwards and backwards from 100.

## Year 2 News

This week year 2 had an exciting visit from the Wembury wardens in anticipation of our trip next week (Thursday 12th July). We learnt about five amazing sea creatures to look out for as well as the seashore code. We look forward to our big adventure next week. Have a great weekend!

## Year 3 News

What an action packed week Year 3 have had! The children enthusiastically competed in their first KS2 sports day and it was lovely to see so many adults there cheering on the classes. We were so proud of everyone that took part so confidently and it shows how much they have grown in Year 3! Next week the sporting continues with the Year3/4 world cup at Goals on Tuesday - please remember kit and a drink. Also could we ask that for next week's English the children bring in a photo of themselves. The Year 3 team hope that you all have a great football fuelled weekend!

## School Term Dates for 2017/2018

**Fri 20<sup>th</sup> July** – 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** – 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** – Non-Pupil Day.

## Year 4 News

Another extremely busy week in Year 4 as the end of term approaches. Thank you so much to all of those parents who attended our Sports Day on Tuesday- it was great to see so many of you there. We have been celebrating the love of reading this week by sharing our favourite books and writing some book reviews to collate a class anthology. Next week, we have an even busier week as we have the Year 3/4 'World Cup' event on Tuesday and we will be watching the Year 6 dress rehearsal for their end of year production. Have a great weekend!

## Year 5 News

What a sporty extravaganza this week has been for Year 5. The children thoroughly enjoyed competing in Sports Day on Tuesday afternoon and were showing our learning behaviours, 'perseverance' and 'teamwork' throughout. On Wednesday, some of the year group competed in various sports, from Netball to Cricket against other schools at Plymouth College. Once again, their behaviour was exemplary and they represented Montpelier with pride. The other children, back in school, enjoyed their very own World Cup Tournament. What a week, hope you all have a restful weekend!

## Year 6 News

We are really looking forward to our performances of 'Thank you for the Music' on Wednesday 11th July at 1:30pm and Thursday 12th July at 6pm. Can you please make sure that your child is in school for the evening performance at 5:30pm.

## Music News

At the end of the Beacon today you will find all the information and sign up sheets for instrumental lessons for next year. We offer a wide range of lesson options- something for everyone! Current Year 4 pupils will also receive information next week on how to continue brass lessons. Please note, there are 2 different sign up sheets, depending on the instrument chosen.

A reminder that there is an instrumental concert next Wednesday at 3.30pm. Please could the children selected to play return their permission forms as soon as possible.

## Sports Day

Thank you to all parents and carers that came to support our school Sports Day. The children continually worked hard on all the activities to gain points for their class. The overall positions were as follows -

### KS1

1st 2M with 264 points  
2nd 1S with 240 points  
3rd 1P with 237 points

### KS2

1st 4M with 251 points  
2nd 4S with 224 points  
3rd 3P with 218 points

Many thanks to the young 'Sport Leaders' from SDCC and Esme's mum from Class S who kindly repaired the broken sacks.

## Plymouth College

On Wednesday 54 children from year 5 participated in a 'Day of Sport' held at Plymouth College, competing in 4 different sports - Netball, Cricket, Rugby and Treasure Hunt. Fantastic teamwork and sportsmanship. Once again crowned overall winners in the Netball, congratulations Year 5 your behaviour was impeccable.

## School Meals – September 2018

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)

## Year 3/4 World Cup Tuesday 10th July

A reminder for all Year 3&4 children that their World Cup, Sponsored by Northwood and held at GOALS Football Centre, takes place on the morning of Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> July. The children have been informed of their country and which coloured top to wear. The children should come to school wearing their football kit, which they can keep on all day, though a change of shirt might be advisable for afterwards if the heatwave continues. Children should make sure they have plenty of drink on the day- water or squash would be perfect to hydrate. Fizzy drinks or even energy drinks are not advised.

Please speak to Mr Robinson in 4S or any other member of the Year 3&4 teaching teams if you have any questions.

## Wembury Football Festival

On Monday, Montpelier sent 2 teams to the annual Wembury Football Festival at the seaside. During a hot and humid day, more suited to a beach BBQ, Montpelier Greens (Year 6) and Montpelier Greys (Year 5) both competed along with 10 other crack outfits.

The day begin with the group games. The Greens breezed through their group with a 100% record in clinical fashion, winning all 5 games without conceding a goal. The Greys however were in the much tougher Group 1, but despite their younger age and smaller stature, they performed admirably, winning 2 and drawing 2 of their 5 matches, meaning a 3rd place group finish.

After the group stages came the knockout. Both Montpelier teams were drawn against a team from Bickleigh Down. The Greys beat Bickleigh B 1-0 and The Greens beat Bickleigh A by an identical scoreline!

Now to the semis, and like the previous tournament, the 2 Montpelier sides faced off again. Sadly for The Greys, the same fate awaited them, as The older Greens out-muscled the youngsters to notch another 1-0 scoreline.

The pressure was now on The Greens in the final, since they were up against the hosts- Wembury Primary. Like the previous tournament (Premier League Stars Trophy), The Greens saved their best performance for the medal match, destroying the demoralised home team 3-0. A delighted squad picked up the gold trophy and added another gong to their already bulging kit bags. Congratulations to all The Greens and The Greys for spirited, skilful and sportsmanlike play.

Thanks goes to Stoke Damarel Community College for the loan of their minibus and also to Aaron's mum for taking some of the boys and for supporting the teams all day.

**The Greens** (Year 6): Samuel H, Liam C, Aaron B, Corradi C, Brody P, Henry S, Aiden W, Cole F and Lucas P.

**The Greys** (Year 5): Sam P, Tom H, Carter K, Elliot H, Harrison K, Harry S, Finley S and Charlie K.



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