

# The Beacon

**Academic Year 2018/19**

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## *Hello from Mr West*

It is widely known that what children learn in their primary school years will hold them in good stead for the rest of their lives. It is recognised that when children go on to secondary school, life moves them away from these core values and beliefs – this is just part of the growing-up process, as the influence of their peers becomes more prominent. However, later in life people will often come back to the core principles they engaged with at an early age.

October 20th 2018 saw the beginning of the Invictus Games in Sydney Australia. The Games are about survival in the face of adversity and the strength of the human spirit. They send a positive message about life beyond disability, whilst raising the importance of everyone's mental health, recognising this as the key to recovery.



This week it was a privilege to meet, listen to and spend time with three truly inspirational people. Deborah Godfrey, Mark Ormrod and Nick Martin - three members of the Team UK Invictus Games Squad – took the time to visit our school and speak in front of all our pupils. They shared their stories, their Invictus Games highlights, answered questions and gave our children the message that anything is possible when you strive to achieve it and have the support of those that you love. Our admiration for what these individuals have accomplished is beyond words. This truly was a moment that I will never forget and I am sure our children will feel the same.

If you have not already seen it, please follow the link below to view Prince Harry's speech at the opening ceremony in Sydney on 20<sup>th</sup> October 2018 it is well worth watching: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=68ehGf73c90>

## *School Term Dates for 2018/2019*

**Wed 5<sup>th</sup> December** – Christmas Tree Festival

**Mon 10<sup>th</sup> Dec** – 6pm Montpelier Choirs' Carol Service, Plymouth Methodist Central Hall

**Thurs 13<sup>th</sup> Dec 9.30-10.30am** – Yr 1 Production Lights, Camel, Action!

**Thurs 13<sup>th</sup> Dec** – Christmas Lunch

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2-3pm** – Yr 1 Production Lights, Camel, Action!

**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.

**Thurs 10<sup>th</sup> Jan** – Parent Forum at 2.15 for an hour.

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

**1st April to 5th April** – The Big Pedal

**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**)

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

## *Netball*

The year 6 Netball team had their first warm up event at the Life Centre on Wednesday, only playing 2 games but losing them both. After a few stern words and knowing that they could play better, we made use of the extra court and put in extra training ready for the festival at Heles the following evening. Wow!!! The training certainly paid off, this was like watching a completely different team. Played 4 games winning them all and not conceding a goal against them. You were all amazing, I was very proud of you all. Congratulations.



## *Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day*

*Please note Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December will be Christmas Lunch **and** Christmas Jumper Day (no donation for this day)*

## *Charity Haircut*

The charity team are delighted to announce that next Tuesday 4th December, two Year 6 pupils, Jennifer Reynolds-Inman and Delilah Ball, will be generously cutting their hair to give to The Princess Trust charity. The Princess Trust provides real hair wigs to children and young adults who have sadly lost their own hair due to cancer treatment and other illnesses. If anyone would like to donate any money to this wonderful charity, our charity reps will have donation buckets in the Year 6 playground after school on Monday and Tuesday next week. Good luck girls!

## *Year 3 Football Champions League*

On Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December, to finish their PE unit of football, all year 3 children will take part in a 'football day'. The children should come to school dressed to play football, with a shirt in the colour of the European Club team they have been given (a separate letter saying this, as well as all other details, will be sent home too.)

In the morning, they will receive expert coaching from Plymouth argyle, as well as enjoying other 'classroom-based' football activities.

In the afternoon, all of year 3 will take part in a football festival at GOALS football centre- separate boys and girls tournaments. The children will be back to school by 3.15.

Any questions, please speak to Mr Carhart or Mr Robinson.

## *Friday Argyle after school Club- term 3*

After Christmas, the Argyle club will be for boys in Year 3 and 4. Letters have been handed out and need to be returned to Mr Robinson by the 10<sup>th</sup> December, when a random draw of children interested will be made to see who will be in the club. The letter can be downloaded from the school website: PUPILS: CLUBS: Football section.



## Book of the Week

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Take a ride through 26 fully-illustrated alphabets, each one an A to Z of things to spot. This is an alphabet of alphabets, from an A to Z of Birds (A is for Albatross, B is for Bluebird), to an A to Z of Zoo (A is for Aardvark, B is for Baboon). Allan Sanders' weird and wonderful drawings are packed full of funny things to spot and plenty of Where's Wally-style humour, making this the best way to learn your ABCs and lots of new words as well!

If you have shared a book with your child and would like to recommend it, please email me. [daniellejones@mpsplymouth.net](mailto:daniellejones@mpsplymouth.net)

# Christmas Tree Festival!

## Montpelier Primary School

Wednesday 5th December 2018. View the trees from 3.15pm

Enjoy a joyous celebration of Christmas and our community with trees created by the children and local community groups.

Come and view these wonderful trees from 3.15pm in the main entrance and the Key Stage two hall.

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The next instalment of £50 is due by 3<sup>rd</sup> December. Please contact Mrs Simpson on 216161 if you have any difficulties meeting this deadline. Thank you



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Chairperson – Janet Peacock  
Secretary – Zoe Underwood  
Treasurer – Ganga Rajaraman

## SILENT AUCTION

At the Christmas Fair on Friday 7th December, there will be a Silent Auction - a chance to pick up some fabulous prizes at very reasonable prices, while helping us raise money for our school. Listed below are the fantastic items we have for the

Silent Auction this year. In case you are unable to attend the event, we are giving you the chance to submit your bid ahead of the day! **ONLY IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND**, complete and return the slip below to the school's reception by

Thursday 6th December OR email your name, the prize for which you're bidding and the amount to [ptfa@mpsplymouth.net](mailto:ptfa@mpsplymouth.net) by the same date.

Item 1 An LEC table top drinks fridge from Beacon Electrical worth £160.00

Item 2 A psychology taster session with Dr Joanne Porter worth £60.00

Item 3 A day entry to Beyond Escapes' BE You Spa worth £30.00

Item 4 A voucher to KUKU Plymouth Sushi & Robata worth £20.00

Item 5 A space on a calligraphy workshop with Wild Sea Calligraphy worth £15.00

Item 6 A 4 Ball Saltram Golf Voucher at Boringdon Park Golf Club worth £80.00

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### Christmas Fair Silent Auction Bid Form

Your name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's name and class: \_\_\_\_\_

Item(s) bidding for: \_\_\_\_\_ Max bid: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Max bid: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Max bid: \_\_\_\_\_

I / We agree to pay the amount(s) bid if I / we win the item. Signature: \_\_\_\_\_





## *French Club @ Montpellier*

Starting January 11th until 22<sup>nd</sup> March, I will be offering a lunchtime French Club for children of Montpellier Primary School. It will be open to both KS1 and KS2 and will run every Friday from 12.45 to 13.15.

The aim of the 30 minutes sessions are to introduce them to the French language in a fun and relaxed way. There will be a focus on songs, stories, games and craft activities.

The cost is £25 per block of 10 sessions. To secure a place please complete and return the registration slip below to reception or email me directly on [plymouthfrenchtutor@gmail.com](mailto:plymouthfrenchtutor@gmail.com)

Merci!  
Myriam Marquis-Lefebvre



### *Lunchtime French Club Registration Slip*

Child's name & Yr group: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent / carer's names: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Postcode: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies / Medical conditions: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Preferred payment method: \_\_\_\_\_

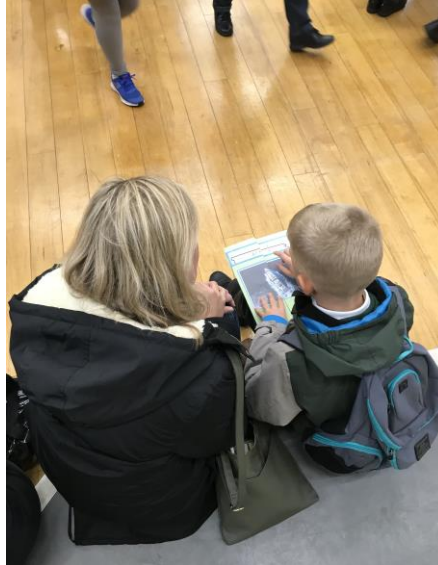
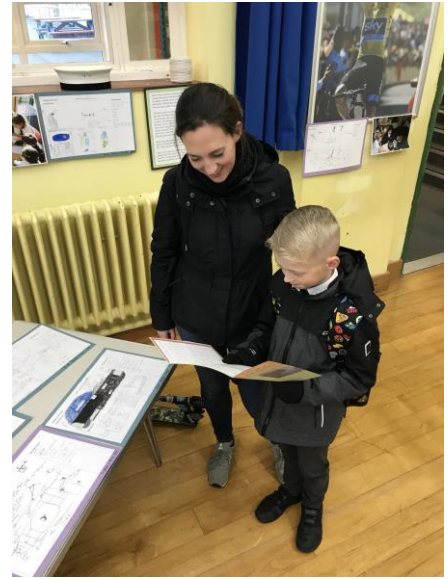
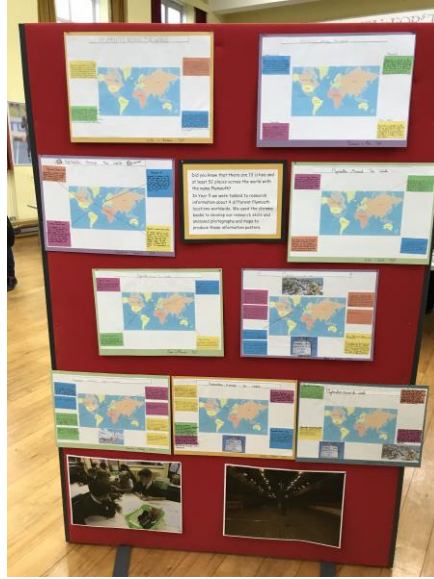
### *Maths Fun Day*

Maths Fun Day was a huge success today at Montpellier. The children enjoyed taking part in a range of time activities. It was wonderful to have so many parents join us at the start of the day.



## Year 5

Year 5 loved hosting their Maritime 'pop-up' museum today after school. The children were so excited sharing their work with parents/carers and look forward to sharing it with the rest of the school tomorrow. Well done Year 5.



## Woolly Mammoth

Miss Boyer won a prize to go and meet David Walliams (World Of David Walliams) along with 3 friends/colleagues. They also met with the illustrator and was given a signed book for school.