

The Beacon

Academic Year 2018/19

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Deputy Headteacher's Greeting

What an incredible start to the new academic year it has been. I am heartened and encouraged to see the children display a 'can do' attitude as they have settled into their new classes, new routines and built relationships with their new teachers.

Here at Montpelier Primary School the children's behaviour and the promotion of what is expected by all staff is exemplary. An ethos like this does not happen by chance, it takes hard work, patience and understanding from everyone involved. And it is my opinion that credit for this should be given to the children, you as parents and the school's dedication, commitment and drive to model and implement the standard of behaviour that children at Montpelier are invited to show.

A big thank you must be given to all for acting as brilliant ambassadors at such an important time of the school year. The start of a new year brings significant change for everyone, but we must remember that for a small number of children, this change is huge. The foundation children, over the past two weeks, have taken their first tentative steps into school as they begin their journey as part of the Montpelier family. They have, as expected, made the step brilliantly as we welcomed all of the Foundation stage children for their first full day with us today. Have a great weekend. See you all again on Monday for the start of week three.

Foundation News

This week the children have been enjoying focussed learning activities when they enter into school and in this time we have been making posters of flowers to be displayed this weekend at Hope Baptist Church. They are holding a Flower and Harvest festival if you would like to celebrate with them, please see the times on the Foundation Home Learning sheet. We have had a fantastic week and first lunch and are looking forward to the children being with us full time.

Year 1

All the Year 1 children were excited to hear that their maps they made helped Dram the Dragon visit their school. He loved seeing all the fantastic writing the children have done this week! He even left the children a map with some golden eggs to find around the school! Ask your child all about it. We hope to see you all at the 'meet the teacher' evening at 3.30pm next Monday 24th September.

Year 2 News

This week we received a letter from an amazing author who challenged us to make her writing even better! We also enjoyed getting creative with colour in art and finding out what makes a super learner. TRIP ON TUESDAY: Due to unforeseen circumstances regarding health and safety, our trip to Ham Woods will now be at alternative location of Central Park. Please can children bring outdoor clothing in a named bag. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Year 3 News

Year 3 have had an action packed week of learning! In English we have been looking at setting descriptions of caves and in maths we have been partitioning and comparing numbers using the greater than and less than symbols. We would like to thank all of the adults that came to our 'Meet the Teacher' meeting- it was lovely to see so many of you. Information packs will be sent home for everyone next week covering everything discussed. We then ended our week with our exciting Kent's Cavern trip. Ask your children what they discovered in the caves. Have a great weekend!

School Term Dates for 2018/2019

Mon 24th Sept 5-6pm – Year 5 Meet the Teacher

Mon 1st Oct – Harvest Festival.

Thurs 11th Oct – Parent 'Info Evening' – details to follow

Thurs 18th Oct – Tempest Individual & family group photos Foundation – Year 2, from 8am KS1 Hall.

Mon 29th Oct - Individual & family group photos Years 3 - 6, from 8am KS1 Hall.

Mon 22nd to Fri 26th Oct – Autumn Half Term Break 2018.

Thurs 1st Nov 9am – 10am Parent Forum with Parents – details to follow

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.

Mon 18th Feb to Fri 22nd Feb – Spring Half Term Break 2019.

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*)

Thursday 25th July 2019 – Non-Pupil Day.

Year 4 News

In Year 4 we have had a great start to the academic year with our engaging curriculum already taking shape as we have become 'environment investigators' visiting Central Park as part of our Science topic. We want to say a very big thank you to all who took the time to come to our Year 4 'Meet the Teacher' evening, it was great to see so many faces and have your support. We are aware that everybody has a busy schedule so if you weren't able to make it, you should have already received a letter with all of the details on it. One last reminder about swimming- we will be swimming every day from next Monday and your child is required to bring a one piece swimming costume/ shorts (above the knee) and a towel to school with them. Please also ensure they have a suitable coat as the weather is extremely unreliable and we will go in all weathers. Have a super weekend!

Year 5 News

What a productive week for the children in year 5, they have embraced the maths challenges and are developing their descriptive writing. There is a very happy buzz of learning within all the classrooms. Your child should have arrived home this week with a letter about our two exciting trips this term to HMS Drake and the Golden Hind. Please could we ask that all consent slips are returned as soon as possible to avoid any disappointment. Have a wonderful weekend.

Year 6 News

Thank you to all the parents who were able to come and visit us for our 'Meet the Teacher' event. For those that were unable to make it, please feel free to come and see us. If you want to contact us about something, we are usually available after school or you can send us a message using our class email:

class6m@mpsplymouth.net

class6p@mpsplymouth.net

class6s@mpsplymouth.net

class6x@mpsplymouth.net

Celebrating Our Birthdays

We shared the exciting news with the children today that from now on they will be able to wear non-uniform on their birthday if they wish! If their birthday is on a Saturday then they can wear it on a Friday and if on a Sunday then they can go for the Monday. Children whose birthday is in a school holiday can choose either side of the holiday for their special day. If their birthday happens to fall on a non-uniform day then they get an extra non-uniform day that week. Those children who have had a birthday already from 1st September until now can choose a day next week for their non-uniform day if they would like to. If you have any questions then please ask your child's teacher. The staff are also going to be celebrating their birthdays in the same way! We hope that this will make celebrating our birthdays all the more special. Mrs Hunter ☺

Music News

A great start to choir from nearly 100 pupils from Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6. Miss JR is looking forward to starting the Year 2 and Year 3 choir on Tuesday.

Unfortunately, 2 sessions need to be cancelled - Tuesday 2nd October – Year 2 and Year 3 and Thursday 18th October.

Please note that instrumental lessons are rearranged to accommodate swimming/trips.


Football

Congratulations to the Football team that competed at Goals on Wednesday. This event is not only an opportunity to represent the schools and compete but also as an opportunity to celebrate some outstanding sportsmanship values such as Respect, Determination and Team Work. This is a round-robin competition with 5 points allocated for a win, 3 points for a draw and 1 point for a loss. Playing 8 games MPS won 7 and drew 1, scoring 23 goals and only conceding 3. Winning the overall event. Well done team!!

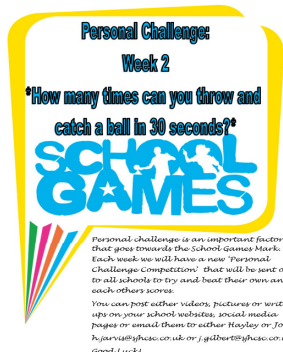
Bike Ability

Year 5 Bike ability programme will start W/C 15th October, if you haven't already please return your child's permission slip.

Sport Clubs with Mrs Pearce

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Lunch Time	Indoor Athletics Year 2, 3 & 4 KS2 Hall 12.15 – 12.45	Boccia All Years KS1 Hall 12.15- 12.45	Skippping Year 1, 2 & 3 KS2 Hall 12.15 – 12.45	Running Club Year 6 Central Park 12.15- 13.00
After School	Indoor Athletics Year 5 & 6 KS2 Hall 3.15 – 4.10	Netball / Hockey Year 5 & 6 Adventure Playground 3.15 – 4.10	Cross Country Year 4,5 & 6 Central Park 3.15 – 4.00	

School Games – Personal Challenge – Week 2



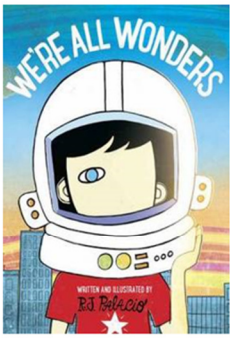

How many times can you throw and catch a ball in 30 seconds?

Personal challenge is an important factor that goes towards the School Games Mark. Each week we will have a new 'Personal Challenge Competition' that will be sent out to all schools to try and beat their own and each other's scores.

You can post either videos, pictures or write-ups on your school websites, social media pages or email them to either Hayley or Josh: h.jarvis@sjhcsc.co.uk or j.gilbert@sjhcsc.co.uk

Good Luck!

Book of the Week



I know I can't change the way I look. But maybe, just maybe, people can change the way they see . . .

Our year 6 children are currently reading the original Wonder. The unforgettable story of August Pullman, an ordinary boy with an extraordinary face.

Now younger readers can discover the Wonder message with this gorgeous picture book, starring Auggie and his dog Daisy.

We're All Wonders taps into every child's longing to belong, and to be seen for who they truly are.

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

Cardboard Boat Race 2018

On Saturday 15th September, Year 6 took part in an exciting 'Cardboard Boat Race' on the Plymouth Barbican. The race involved making a boat out of cardboard and rowing it 400 metres across the harbour to the Mayflower Steps. The boat race is one of the main events of Plymouth's Ocean City Festival and was organised by the Institution of Mechanical Engineers. In July 32 children in Year 5 learned how boats are constructed and then eight children had the opportunity to create the Cardboard Boat showing great teamwork.

The Year 6 boat crew showed fantastic teamwork and behaviour. They did not capsize or sink (unlike some of the contestants) and made it safely to the Mayflower Steps in an impressive 7 minutes and 13 seconds. The team were in 5th place overall out of 8 teams in the Primary School category. Congratulations to the Year 6 racing crew.



Ginger Cat

Please be aware not to approach the ginger cat that can sometimes be seen around the school site. It is very vicious and known to bite and scratch. Thank you

All Saints Open Evening – Years 5 & 6

All Saints Open Evening Wednesday 26th Sept 6 – 8pm

Railway Beacon Youth Football Club

Railway Beacon Youth Football Club require players for a new U9 team for this season 2018/2019.

Age qualification: Must be school year 3 or 4.

Contact Manager Jim Lucas on 07948722926 for training details.

Railway Beacon Youth Football Club require players for a current U10 team for this season 2018/2019

Age qualification: Must be school year 5.

Contact Manager Simon Richards on 07469215280 for training details.

Mount Edgcumbe - Sunday 28th October 2018 - Children's Halloween Hunt

Put on your most Spooktacular costume and come and join in the fun at the Children's Halloween Hunt on Sunday 28th October at Mount Edgcumbe Country Park.

Register to take part at the Barrow Centre. Registration starts at 12 noon – last registration 2:45pm – the trail closes at 4pm

There will be a fancy dress competition for all ages. This will be held at 1:30 pm on the terrace in front of the House with prizes for the scariest costumes

£3 per child – a goody bag at the end for all registered

Don't forget to bring your coats and wellies in case it rains

Mount Edgcumbe Saturday 8th December 2018. Mount Edgcumbe Christmas Fayre 2018

Saturday 8th December & Sunday 9th December 2018. Organised by the Park, Mount Edgcumbe Christmas Fayre is always a great event. As in previous years the Friends will have a stall.

Mount Edgcumbe Wednesday 12th December 2018. The Friends' Christmas Tree

The Christmas Tree Festival at All Saints' Church, Millbrook will be open 12-15th December this year.

Please do pop along to support this event and see The Friends' Christmas Tree.

Fit for Sport Activity Camps

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- 🎉 'Yang-tastic' Fun Parties
- 🍷 'Grosby' Crafts
- 🏊 'Spell-binding' Swimming
- 💃 'Dress-up' Dance Sessions
- 👻 'Ghostly' Games
- 🏀 'Basketball' Mayhem
- 🪂 'Poltergeist' Parachute
- 🧗 'Outsies' Rock Climbing
- 🤸 'Thrilling' Trampoline
- 🏕️ 'Eerie' Outdoor Adventures
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