



Headteacher News

Staff Deployment.

'At last', we hear you all cry. You now know which teacher your child will be with during the next academic year. Staff deployment across the school is always complex and can never be completely finalised until we have a full complement of teachers. This only happened on Wednesday when we managed to make our last appointment. We have a number of teachers leaving us soon, either permanently due to retirement and career progressions or temporarily due to maternity leave. It always takes time to make new appointments. In September we have a number of new teachers joining us; Ms Claire Bate will be our new Year 6 Unit Leader (as Miss Shaw is moving on to a new adventure abroad), Miss Onuora Wright will also join her to teach in Year 6 (as Mrs Westmoreland is leaving us for a time to begin a new chapter of her life as a mum). Mrs Gavan will also be departing on maternity leave and Mrs Daniels will be opting for a slightly less hectic way of life come September! So our other teacher appointments include Miss Emma McDiarmid in Year 5, Miss Holly Francis in Year 4 and Mr Jake Abbott in Year 1. We have been very fortunate to secure for ourselves some very capable new staff who have already begun to slot into the Montpelier team superbly. We look forward to having them here properly in the new academic year. I'm conscious that parents have also been keen to know where Teaching Assistants are being placed, especially for those children receiving that bit of extra support. Again, we can only ever finalise this once our teaching staff structure has been established but now all of our TAs have been informed of their deployment too. I can only assure everyone that we've informed all of you at the earliest opportunity.

Feedback.

I just wanted to say a public thank you to all those parents that have emailed in positive feedback regarding their child's experiences and progress throughout this academic year. Parents are generally quite quick to raise their concerns (as of course they should be) but it is so rewarding to have the positives communicated to us as well (which we all need from time to time)! Although we do this for the joy of seeing the children blossom and flourish, it's gratifying to hear positive comments from you, their parents, too. Thanks to all.

Foundation News

This week the children were very excited to take part in their first sports day. They have had a lot of fun practicing skills, working in teams and cheering each other on. Next week we are looking forward to visiting our new teachers and classrooms and taking part in the '50 Things Den Building Day' on Thursday.

Year 1 News

Well done to all the children for taking part and trying their best on Sports Day. It was lovely to see all our parents support and cheer the children through the different events even if one class teacher did get muddled up! The children had a great time being Brunel, inventing and engineering their own junk model steam ships and trains. Thank you for saving up and bringing in the materials and we hope that the children shared with you their final product!

Year 2 News

Yet another fantastic week in year 2. We all thoroughly enjoyed watching the year 6 performance - it was amazing! Talking of performances, ours is not far away and the children have been brilliant in their rehearsals. We hope you're enjoying the songs they have been practicing at home, they certainly get stuck in your head! Yesterday was also very successful and it was lovely to see so many of you support the children during their sports day. We certainly have very talented children in year 2. Finally, we would also just like to take this opportunity to remind you all that year 2 children must be supervised by an adult, in the mornings, before entering the school building. Enjoy your weekend!

Year 4 News

Year 4 had a really successful visit to the PIETy Mosque on Thursday. The children were amazing and shared so much knowledge about the Islam faith. It really was wonderful seeing how broad minded the children were. Well done!

Year 5 News

It has been a hectic week in year 5 this week with a number of various events and visitors. It was great to see so many of the children taking part in our Greek Day dressing up and tasting different types of Greek food. While there were some turned up noses, most of the children had a taste. They also designed and began to make their Greek vases, ready for painting later.

Year 6 News

Well I am sure you will agree that the children certainly were fantastic in the show. Such talent! They worked so hard and made the entire school so proud of them. Well done you superstars! The children have counted their profits and a whopping amount which they have decided to spend on a bouncy castle obstacle course for their disco evening as well as giving half to charity. Brilliant.

Current Year	Class list for September 2016
New Intake	Class M - Mrs Riley & Mrs Start
	Class P – Mrs Atkin & Mrs Bryant
	Class S – Mrs Green
Class M	Class 1P – Miss Clegg
Class P	Class 1S – Mr Campbell
Class S	Class 1M – Mr Abbott
Class 1M	Class 2S – Mr Thomson
Class 1P	Class 2P – Mrs Symons & Mrs Jones
Class 1S	Class 2M – Mr Bennetts
Class 2M	Class 3S – Mr Carhart
Class 2P	Class 3M – Miss Nicholls
Class 2S	Class 3P – Mr Fielding
Class 3M	Class 4P – Miss Francis
Class 3P	Class 4X - Miss Card
Class 3S	Class 4M – Miss Hart
Class 3X	Class 4S – Mrs Dyer
Class 4M	Class 5M - Mrs Pascoe
Class 4P	Class 5S - Mr Hitchcock
Class 4S	Class 5P - Miss McDiarmid
Class 5M	Class 6S - Mr Robinson
Class 5P	Class 6P – Miss Bate
Class 5S	Class 6M - Miss Wright

Diving

Congratulations to Lucy Gutierrez 5P and Lakaysha Pay 4P who attended the National Skills Diving Championships in Southend on weekend of 2/3rd July. This is an event which invites all the top novice level divers from the country to compete in age categories. Lucy dives in the 11 years category and won overall. Lakaysha in the under 9 and finished in 17th position. The girls had to perform 12 different skills across poolside, 1 metre springboard and 3 metre springboard. Fantastic achievement girls. Well done!

Little Big Shots

I am casting a new programme for ITV called Little Big Shots.

The programme will showcase and celebrate young talent, from pint-sized piano players to tiny tap dancers or spelling superstars!

The TV show is solely focused on celebrating and showcasing young talent - it is not a competition or game show. Whether individuals, duos or groups of youngsters, the only rule is that your child is between the ages of 3 and 13.

We are looking for skills of all kinds – from traditional dancers, impressionists, brilliant artists, multi-linguists, incredible musicians to having encyclopaedic knowledge of something (e.g. periodic table or even Thomas the Tank Engine) I would be really grateful if you are able to distribute this among your school, teachers and - if appropriate – parents.

I have attached our casting flyer and the direct link to our applications page is:

<http://www.walltowall.co.uk/casting.s.aspx>

Our social media links can be found here:

Twitter:

<https://twitter.com/LilBigShotsUK>

Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/Little-Big-Shots-UK-1106696129353615/?fref=ts>

Best wishes
Amy

School Dinners - Change of menu

Please note that the children in Year 6 have chosen the menu for their leaver's lunch on Thursday 21st July. The three choices, **for the whole school**, will be chicken nuggets and fries, veggie pizza and fries or jacket potato. Dessert will be chocolate brownie and ice cream.

The second change to the menu is on Friday 22nd July where fish fingers will be served instead of fish cakes.

Diary Dates

Mon 18th July 2016

- Year 2 dress rehearsal (info to follow)

Tues 19th July 2016

- Year 2 Performance (more info to follow) 1:45pm & 6pm

Wed 20th July 2016

- Leaver's Celebration Disco

Thurs 21st July 2016

- Year 6 Leavers Lunch

Fri 22nd July 2016

- Yr 6 Leavers' assembly for parents
- Last day of term 2:30pm finish (Year 6 finish at 1.30pm)

Wed 7th Sept 2016

- First day of term

Sports Day

Years 5 & 6 will be held on Wednesday 20th July at 10am over at Devonport High for Girls

Library Books

Please could you remind your children to bring in any overdue school library books as soon as possible, especially Year 6 children!

Music News

Come and hear some of our steel band play on Sunday in Central Park at Culture Fest in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support. We are performing between 5 40pm and 6pm.

If you wish your child (Year 3-6 from September) to have instrumental lessons from September, the sign up form needs to be **returned by Wednesday**. Please note there is **no automatic roll on** from this year, Continuers need to sign up again. All the information and sign up form can be on the next two pages. Pupils who will be in Year 2 in September can also receive lessons if parents request it.

Please return any musical instruments lying around at home that belong to the school before the holidays!

Summer Fair

The PTFA would like to say a massive thank you to everyone who helped and stayed to support the Summer Fair. We raised the sum of £1,234.29

Learn a musical instrument at Montpelier

**Sign up now for lessons for September
(payment not required until September)**

We offer small group or individual lessons in ...

**Violin, cello, cornet, baritone, guitar, ukulele, flute, drums
clarinet, saxophone, piano, keyboard. We also loan
instruments free of charge.**

Costs are... £32.50 for 10 x 15 min group lessons a term

£65.00 for 10 x 30 min group lessons a term

£75.00 for 10 x 15 min individual lessons a term

£150 for 10 x 30 minute individual lessons a term.

Lessons are held during school day/lunchtimes

Completed forms to be returned by Wednesday 20th July, please.

Any queries, please contact Miss JR- jessrowe@mpsplymouth.net

**Learning an instrument is great fun and helps develop skills such as
concentration, perseverance and co-ordination.**

**Come and join over 100 children a week who learn an
instrument at school!**

**Pupils who have learned an instrument this year and wish to
continue need to complete a form to sign up to continue lessons.**



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Instrumental Sign Up Form for September 2016

I wish to enrol my child _____

for _____ (name of instrument) lessons

I would like them to have (please tick):

Group tuition (up to 3 pupils) in a half hour lesson at £65 per 10 week term _____

Group tuition (up to 3 pupils) in a 15 min lesson at £32.50 per 10 week term _____

Individual tuition in a 15 minute lesson at £75 per 10 week term _____

Individual tuition in a 30 minute lesson at £150 per 10 week term. _____

PAYMENT TO BE MADE ONLINE. YOU WILL BE ASKED TO PAY BEFORE LESSONS START IN SEPTEMBER- no money needed now.

I wish to hire a _____ from the school for my child to practice at home.

Any special timetable requests? Lessons take place during the school day. (We cannot guarantee requests as some tutors are only in school for an hour a week)

I understand that 6 weeks (a half term's) notice is required to terminate lessons.

Instrumental teachers are under no obligation to make up lessons missed by pupils when the tutor is on the school site. If the teacher misses a lesson, they will make this up at a later date.

Signed _____

Print Name _____

Contact phone number _____

Contact email _____