

The Beacon

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Deputy Headteacher's Comment

Yesterday marked the start of the 21st Football World Cup Finals. A collection of 32 nations will be competing to be crowned champions of the world. With men, women and children alike watching and embracing the spirit of beautiful game we will hopefully witness a festival of football that lives long in the memory. Last week Mr Robinson shared the news that the children in Year 3 and 4 will be participating in their very own World Cup – an event that will replicate the tournament taking place in Russia over the next 31 days – with the long term view that such an event will be held every two years to coincide with World Cup or the European Championships.

I am delighted to inform you that over the past few weeks we have established a working relationship with Northwood Estate Agents, located at Hyde Park House, Mutley Plain, Plymouth PL4 6LF. This came about when Scott Gallacher, a parent of a child in our Year 2 cohort and their Sales Manager approached us with an enquiry about supporting our school. I had the privilege of meeting with Scott and Andrew Chapman, Branch Director to discuss this in more detail, the outcome of which was extremely positive. As a result Northwood have very kindly offered to sponsor our upcoming World Cup Event – providing the venue, refreshments, medals and trophies. Our Sincere thanks go out to the team at Northwood and the hope of both parties is that this is only the start of a positive collaboration moving forward. For more information about Northwood please visit

www.northwooduk.com/branches/plymouth-estate-agents



Foundation News

This week our shipmates have been reading Pirate Pete and writing our own stories. In Maths we have been learning about capacity and we have had a lot of fun with water and different sized containers. Next week we will continue to write stories but we will turn them into messages in a bottle. Please can your child bring in a clean plastic bottle - we would appreciate any spares too.

Year 1 News

This week Year 1 have been on yet another adventure with Traction Man, to the beach. We have explored the story 'Traction Man and the Beach Odyssey' focusing on describing words. In Maths, we have been learning about turning with the help of 'Teddy Turner.'

Year 2 News

There was a disaster in Year 2 this week! The children discovered that a team of lighthouse inspectors took Mr Grinling's job as a result of him becoming too old and tired to look after the light! Thankfully, the children wrote letters persuading the inspectors to reconsider and give his job back. We also enjoyed watching the members of the choir singing so beautifully in Proms in the Playground! Have a great weekend!

Year 3 News

What a great week we have had in Year 3. We have been furthering our knowledge and understanding of the Home Front in English and have produced some great explanation texts with it. In Maths, we have been learning how to read scales so I'm sure the children will be able to help you with some baking this weekend. The classes have started to get the 'World Cup fever' and hopefully all children have a team to follow and support, along with England, during the tournament. Please may we ask that all PE kits are brought in regularly please, over the past couple of weeks there has been a large drop in the amount of children who have 'left there's at home'. Many Thank Year 3 team.

School Term Dates for 2017/2018

Mon 18th June - Schools race for life - MUFTI

Fri 22nd June – 'Sweet' Mufti in aid of the Summer Fair

Mon 2nd July (am) – Foundation / Yr 1 & 2 Sports Day

Tues 3rd July (am) – Yr 3 & 4 Sports Day

Tues 3rd July (pm) - Yr 5 & 6 Sports Day

Wed 4th July – Reserve Sports Day in case of inclement weather

Fri 6th July – Summer Fair

Fri 20th July – 2:30pm end of term finish (**Yr6 finish at 1.30pm**)

Mon 23rd July – First day of the summer holidays

School Term Dates for 2018/2019

Tues 4th Sept – Non-Pupil Days.

Wed 5th Sept – Non-Pupil Days.

Thurs 6th Sept – Autumn Term 2018 begins.

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

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 – Non-Pupil Day.

Year 4 News

Year 4 have had a great week! We have been continuing to work hard towards learning time in Maths and have been writing our very own leaflet about Morwellham Quay in English.

During Science this week, we have kick-started our new topic 'Electricity', focusing on how to keep safe.

Well done to all of the children who took part in 'Proms in the Playground' last night, you were all fantastic! We hope you all have a great weekend!

Year 5 News

The children have had another busy week, starting off with an amazing cake sale... they absolutely loved selling their cakes to the other children. In English the children have been extending their understanding of speech in texts; using a success criteria to add action and tone to dialogue. In maths the children have been solving 2-step problems using all four operations as well as scaling up and down. Another fantastic effort from all four classes. Well done Year 5!

Year 6 News

In our topic lessons, Year 6 have been looking at examples of good teamwork and investigating successful business strategies. They will soon begin to plan their own business for 'The Fiver Challenge'. More information to come!

Music News

What a wonderful night at Proms in the Playground! We hope everyone enjoyed listening to our talented choirs. Thank you to each and every one of our singers for making the choirs the huge success they are.

A reminder that the after school choirs on Tuesday and Thursday are now finished for this term.

Pink Mufti – Race for Life

Children can wear Pink Sport Mufti for Monday's Race for Life and contributions to this worthy cause most welcome. We look forward to seeing families ready for the 3:30pm family race.

'Hugs for Henry' Cake Sale

Calvin from 4S would like to hold a cake sale in aid of 'Hugs for Henry' on Thursday 21st June. All cakes 50p. Children need not bring more than 50p into school.

Open Evenings

All Saints Academy Plymouth - Open Evening – Wednesday 20th June 6 – 8pm

Hockey

Last week 2 teams, Green and Whites participated in the annual Marjons Hockey festival. With nearly 40 teams entering, spread over 2 days this was going to be a difficult one to win. Whites were off to a good start winning their first 2 matches, lost the next 2 and won the last, this securing a place in the shield knock out rounds. The Greens not so successful, not winning a match in the pool round, through to the plate knock out. With every match to play for both teams showed fantastic teamwork and skills, both teams made the finals, the furthest MPS has reached. Unfortunately, both teams lost, however they should be very proud of their achievements. Congratulations teams you were all amazing.



Brickfields

On Wednesday children from Year 3 to 6 took part in this year's outdoor Athletics event held at Brickfield. With over 50 schools participating in this event, the schools were split into 3 categories, Montpelier being in the Major category. Entering all events, sprint race, relays, long jump, vortex throw and the vertical jump. The children had to win their individual race or be the fastest loser of their heat to progress into the final. Unfortunately, none of the boys reached the final. Congratulations to Elizabeth D, Lily V and Amelie U who came 5th, 3rd and 1st in the final, also to the year 5 & 6 girls relay team who also won. Due to this, the girls won the best school track. All children were fantastic in all running and field events.

ALL CLEAN KIT TO BE RETURNED ASAP PLEASE



Staff Car Park - Pedestrian Areas

May we remind parents that the car park in North Down Road is for STAFF ONLY. As such the gate will be locked at 8:30am each morning.

We would also like to remind parents that they should **keep to the pedestrian areas** around the carpark and not walk across the carpark itself.

PLEASE LABEL ALL OF YOUR CHILDREN'S BELONGINGS SO THAT WE ARE ABLE TO REUNITE THEM IF THEY GET SEPERATED. WE HAVE AN ABUNDANCE OF UNNAMED, UNCLAIMED LOST PROPERTY. THANK YOU

**FUN FOR
ALL THE FAMILY**



DUCHY COLLEGE

OPEN DAY

& SUMMER FOOD FESTIVAL

Sun 24 Jun 10am – 4pm

Stoke Climsland, Nr Callington, PL17 8PB

Archery & climbing tower

Tractor & trailer rides

Meet the animals

Equine displays

Food and drink exhibitors

Digger driving challenge

Rifle shooting range

Children's creative zone

Health and fitness testing

Fun family dog show

£5 per car entrance fee

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