

# The Beacon

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## The Beacon at a Glance

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## Deputy Headteacher's News

Armistice Day, held on November 11<sup>th</sup> every year, commemorates the signing of the armistice between the Allies and Germany at 11am on 11<sup>th</sup> November 1918. Although hostilities continued in some areas, the armistice essentially brought an end to four years of fighting in the First World War.

Great Britain still believes strongly in remembering those who fought not only in World Wars, but the more than 12,000 British Servicemen and women killed or injured since 1945. The act of Remembrance rightly has a place in and impact on our lives, no matter which day of the week it might fall upon. The most important thing from our school perspective is that the memory of those who have given their lives and continue to serve our country to preserve the free world that we live in are remembered for many generations to come.

The sight of the poppy and the reason we wear is something the children of Montpelier Primary School understand, have respect for and will honour for many years to come.

Anti-bullying Week 2017 is being held between the 13<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> November and is organised by Anti-Bullying Alliance. You can follow the events on social media using #antibullyingweek and #abw17. The theme will promote difference and equality in schools with the tag-line 'All Different, All Equal'. To show our support and raise awareness we have asked the children to show their support by wearing odd socks to school all next week. You can find more information about this initiative at <https://www.anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/anti-bullying-week/odd-socks-day-anti-bullying-week-o> Odd Socks Day (for us it's all week) is designed to be fun! It's an opportunity for children to express themselves and appreciate individuality and uniqueness! And I have to say that I for one will be taking full part as I do love a pair of socks.

Have a great weekend.

## Foundation News

This week we have begun to learn Christmas songs which the children will be performing to you at our Christmas Sing-a-Long in the afternoon of Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> Dec - details to follow nearer the time. Next week we will be basing our learning on the story 'The Enormous Turnip'.

## Year 1 News

Another fun filled week. The children have been learning all about 'Remembrance Day', doing a variety of activities associated with the day. In maths the children have been adding and subtracting numbers from 10 and 20 using a variety of strategies. The children have also devised their own class maps using symbols and a key. Ask your child about their learning. Have a fantastic weekend.

## Year 2 News

Wow! What a great week year 2 have had this week. In Science we have been busy hunting for facts about habitats around the world and what animals need to survive. Next week, we are looking forward to completing a challenge set by Dartmoor Zoo to create our own animal habitats. Have a great weekend!

## Year 3 News

Year 3 have had another busy week, full of exciting new learning. In maths we have been solving addition and subtraction word problems with the bar model and in English we have started to plan our own legend. The highlight of the week was the Stone Age fashion show where children worked together to create a piece of Stone Age clothing to wear to a Stone Age party. Have a great weekend!

## Key Diary Dates

**Wed 15<sup>th</sup> Nov** – Flu immunisation (Foundation to Year 4 Inc.)

**Thurs 23<sup>rd</sup> Nov 2017** – **Non-pupil day**

**Thurs 7<sup>th</sup> Dec** – Trutex pop-up shop 3pm

**Mon 11<sup>th</sup> Dec** – Carol Service, Mutley Baptist Church

**Tues 12<sup>th</sup> Dec 2017** – 2:30 Foundation Christmas Sing-along

**Wed 13<sup>th</sup> Dec 2017** – Christmas Lunch

**Wed 13<sup>th</sup> Dec 2017** – Service family Christmas event, **more details to follow**

**Wed 20<sup>th</sup> Dec 2017** – **Tues 02<sup>nd</sup> Jan 2018 incl.** - Christmas hols

**Wed 03<sup>rd</sup> Jan 2018** – **Non-pupil day**

**Fri 16<sup>th</sup> March 2018** – **Non-pupil day**

**Fri 30<sup>th</sup> Mar – 16<sup>th</sup> Apr 2018 Inc.** – Easter holidays

**Mon 7<sup>th</sup> May** – Bank holiday

**Mon 28<sup>th</sup> May** – Bank holiday

**Tues 29<sup>th</sup> May – Fri 1<sup>st</sup> June Inc.** – Half term

**Fri 20<sup>th</sup> July** – End of term - 2:30pm finish (**Yr6 finish at 1.30pm**)

**Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> July** – First day of the summer holidays

## Year 4 News

Another great week in Year 4! We have been busy learning how to accurately punctuate inverted commas and planning our Egyptian creation myths in English, using the formal method for multiplication in Maths and creating a presentation about endangered species in Science. A reminder that now the cold weather has started to hit us, children are allowed to wear dark tracksuit bottoms for our outdoor P.E. sessions. As you will already know, our Egyptian disco will be held 5-6pm on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November and contributions should be made to School Money. Have a lovely weekend.

## Year 5 News

Next week the children of year 5 will be having their 'Bikeability' experience. Your child should have come home with a letter, stating which group they have been allocated, along with the time, necessary clothing and drink requirements. Information was included regarding bicycles and helmets. If you need any further information, contact your class teacher or Mrs. Pearce.

## Year 6 News

In English, Year 6 have started to read the text 'Journey to Jo'burg.' When reading, they are showing empathy for the character as they learn about apartheid in South Africa. This is producing great writing in the form of a letter and a diary.

## Rowing

Congratulations to those children who took part in the Rowing activity on Tuesday.

## Indoor Athletics

Wow!! What a group of talented children we have, 2 teams Green and White took part in the first Indoor Athletics event held at the life centre on Wednesday. The white team won all track events, even lapping some of the other teams while the greens came a close 2<sup>nd</sup> in 7 out of 10 races. Both teams again dominated in the field finishing in the top 4 in all events. There was a mix up at the end with the overall results, mixing our teams up and announcing the incorrect winners. Congratulations to the White team who did win, with 408 points and the Greens that came 2nd with 350 points. Thanks to the parents for your support. Well done, you should be proud of your achievements.

## Children in Need

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November is Spotty mufti day for Children in Need. All donations greatly welcome.

There will also be Pudsey bear biscuits for sale at break time on that day, cost 50p, in the canteen. Proceeds to Children in Need