

The Beacon

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Headteacher's Comment

This week, senior staff in school have been spending time in classes observing the teaching and learning going on and looking through the children's books to see what they've been doing. What has struck us in every class – all the way from the Foundation stage through to Year 6 – is the incredible way children talk about, and support each other in, their learning. GLB – the Golden Learning Behaviours we've been encouraging – have really started to pay off in terms of children's focus, perseverance and self-help strategies. Getting stuck and making mistakes is not something to become upset about; they truly seem to realise that this is often part of the learning process. They look forward to these sorts of challenges more than ever now and their love of learning has shone through.

Foundation News

We are so proud of all children this week for their fantastic behaviour on our school trip. On Tuesday we went to the Totnes Rare Breeds Farm on the steam train and enjoyed feeding and holding animals, plus learning about different modes of transport. We have carried that theme on in class by reading non-fiction transport books, making clay model animals and using instruments to make transport noises - what a busy week!

Staff have noticed that some children have been bringing juice to school in their water bottles. Please can we remind that all children must bring water unless they have medical reasons.

Year 1 News

What a week we've had! Nat Fantastic and other superheroes have been helping us to complete lots of challenges in our learning this week. From writing super sentences with words containing suffixes to exploring 2D & 3D shapes focusing on their properties. We also learned about the real life superhero, 'Florence Nightingale.'

Reminder - Year 1 Church Visit to aid learning about Christian Weddings - Thursday 3rd May - Children can wear formal/party clothes into school. The children will be walking to St Bartholomew so please only sensible shoes should be worn.

Year 2 News

This week we've been busy learning about the features of poetry in English, fractions in maths and life cycles in science. We finished the week with an awesome challenge day. Can your child tell you which part was most challenging for them and why it feels great to take on a challenge?! Have a super weekend!

Year 3 News

Year 3 have had another action packed week. Excitingly, in English we have been writing creative character descriptions for our wanted posters in hope we catch the criminal that broke into our classrooms last week. Ask your children to describe who they think it was so that you can keep your eyes peeled. In maths we have had fun exploring 3D shapes and their properties. A huge thank you to everyone who has taken part in the big pedal this week. The big breakfast and course will take place next Tuesday. The Year 3 team wish you an amazing weekend!

Year 4 News

A very exciting week in Year 4! The children have been extremely busy finding out all about 'The Twits' for our new English unit. We have been asked by Chantal Sophie Dahl to write a special edition chapter for Roald Dahl's 'The Twits'. Today has been our whole school 'Challenge Day' and the children have been taking part in many challenges whilst thinking about the emotions these challenges encourage. Have a fabulous weekend!

Plymouth Argyle

Plymouth Argyle are looking for good young players to join their junior system. If your child plays football outside of school for club, please email Mr Robinson at class4S@mpsplymouth.net stating your child's name, class, out of school club and preferred position.

School Term Dates for 2017/2018

Mon 7th May – Bank holiday

Mon 28th May – Bank holiday

Tues 29th May – Fri 1st June Inc. – Half term

Thurs 14th June - Proms in the Playground 6-7pm

Mon 18th June - Schools race for life

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 5 News

Another busy week for Year 5 that has been filled with many of our learning behaviours. 'Perseverance' has been shown with multiplying fractions in Maths, 'Loving Learning' has been experienced in English as we have become Sport's Journalists and of course we have embraced 'Loving a Challenge' for our Challenge Day today with various different mind-boggling and teamwork problems to solve! A reminder that reading records are being regularly checked and need to be in every Monday morning please for our Reading sessions, as well as a reading book to enjoy, whether that's from home or the library. Also, ahead of next Thursday's Science lesson, we would like to kindly request if the children could bring in a photo of themselves as a baby with details of when they reached various milestones, e.g. when they first sat up, grew a tooth, crawled, ate solid food, etc. Many thanks! Have a great weekend.

Year 6 News

We had such fun completing our challenge day. The children learnt all about growth mindset, in particular, persevering through challenges. Ask your child what the pit is and how they applied what they had learnt to complete a challenge.

Plymouth Schools' Knockout Cup

On Tuesday, the girls played the next round of the Plymouth Schools' Knockout Cup. Having vanquished Chaddlewood in the previous round, this time Montpelier faced a sterner test away to Whitleigh Primary.

The girls battled not only the wind and the rain, but also a physical and skilful side, yet despite all this, the girls triumphed 8-6, with 5 goals from Kayleigh T, a double from Abby B and a neat finish from Amelia K rounded off the scoring.

At the start, the girls raced into a 5-1 lead, but they were pegged back to 5-5 as Whitleigh mounted a charge. Showing great resilience, the team bounced back to get back in front and stay there. Other team members included Sofia L, Darcy C, Lilly V, Amelie U and Lucy P. Good luck in the next round girls!

School Timings – a polite reminder

A reminder of the start times for children at Montpelier. Being on time is vital. Arriving late at school can be very disruptive for your child, the teacher, and the other children in the class. Children arriving in their classroom after the close of registration (after 8:50am for Foundation and KS1, and 8:45am for KS2) will be marked as late.

After 30 minutes children will be marked as 'late after registration' – this is an unauthorised absence on your child's records.

Children are welcome to come onto the school playgrounds from 8.30am onwards, doors will open at 8:35 for KS2 and 8:40am for Foundation and KS1.

Foundation	KS1	KS2
8:40 – 8:50am Doors open & registration	8:40 – 8:50am Doors open & registration	8:40 – 8:50am Doors open & registration
10:30 – 10:45 am Break	10:30 – 10:45 am Break	10:30 – 10:45 am Break
12:00 – 1:00pm Lunch	12:10 – 1:10pm Lunch	12:15 – 1:15pm Lunch
3:10pm Finish	3:10pm Finish	3:15pm Finish

Illness

The school should be notified on the first day of absence, for whatever reason, for a child's absence. All absences must be accounted for by letter, telephone or in person. Please expect a call/text from one of our Administrators if we do not receive a call explaining the absence first thing on that first day. There is a dedicated absence answer-phone so messages can be left 24 hours a day.

If your child has had diarrhoea or has been vomiting, please keep him/her at home until symptom-free for 48 hours.

If your child is experiencing itchy, watery eyes (often symptoms of conjunctivitis), please keep your child home until the condition has improved (no pus or crusting) and treatment has begun.

If your child exhibits an unexplained skin rash, again please keep your child home until the condition has been evaluated and treated. E.g. impetigo - lesions must be crusted or healed, no wetness or pus. For chickenpox – all blisters must be crusted; period of exclusion from school is a minimum of 5 days from the onset of the rash.

Dentist & Doctor's Appointments

Can we ask parents that, except in an emergency, all doctor and dentist appointments are made outside of school hours. In the event that this is not possible, then children should be collected from school as near to the appointment time as possible and then returned back to school straight afterwards. If the medical appointment is during the school day, evidence must be provided. A whole days absence is not deemed necessary for a medical appointment that occurs in the morning – the child would be expected to return to school in the afternoon, and vice versa.

Staff Car Park

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.

Book of the Week

BOOK OF THE WEEK



Perfect for fans of the Harry Potter series and His Dark Materials, this story takes readers into an extraordinary world, a place of magic and mystery that sets hope and imagination alive.

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

Competition to Win Playground Equipment

This week I have registered our school for the Herald's new playground competition. The prize is £9,500 of new playground equipment. We need your help to collect as many tokens as possible. Tokens will be printed in The Herald from Monday 8th to 26th May 2018. A box will be placed in reception so please pop them in the box or pass to your child's class teacher.

When The Herald receive all of the tokens, they will work out a raw score for our school based on the children-to-token ration. For further information please click on the link below.

<https://www.plymouthherald.co.uk/special-features/win-playground-competition-back-its-1445432>

Let's start collecting! Mrs Start

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SEPTEMBER

MARINE ACADEMY FOOTBALL CLUB

SUMMER OF SOCCER

COMMUNITY FOOTBALL PROGRAMME

Sessions

£2

TOTAL FOOTBALL

Ages 7-11 Thursdays 5:30-6:30

Sessions with age specific games & matches on our grass pitches

SOCCER TOTS

Ages 4-5 & 5-6

Fridays 4:30-5:30 & 5:30-6:30

MARINE ACADEMY PLYMOUTH

E: darren.stewart@marineacademy.org.uk

T: 01752 213951

All sessions taken by MAP coaches & community sports staff with relevant qualifications. CRB & age appropriate teaching & coaching module awards

Sporting News

What a busy sporty week, on Wednesday 8 year 6 children took part in the Quads event held at Brickfields, each child had to complete a 600m run, 75m sprint, long jump and a vortex throw. All children showing determination and skill winning their running events in style. Competing against 15 other primary schools across Plymouth MPS finished in second position overall and through to the Devon finals. Congratulations!!

Thursday saw our school take part in the first Kwik Cricket event at SDCC, 4 girls and 4 boys from year 5 put their batting and bowling skills into good use, again winning this competition. Fantastic teamwork and encouragement from each of you. Well done team!

Thursday afternoon was the Lipson hockey festival, winning all our games in the pool rounds very comfortably easing into the semi-final, winning this match 4-0 and into the final. Knowing the final was going to be difficult, the team pulled off a fantastic goal in the last 3 minutes winning 1-0. What an absolutely incredible performance.

