



Deputy Headteacher News

Montpelier Respect Festival

Respect by definition is a feeling of deep admiration for someone or something elicited by their abilities, qualities, or achievements or due regard for the feelings, wishes, or rights of others. As we celebrated dressed in red, white and blue there was a common purpose, a coming together to show respect. Celebrating the 90th Birthday of the longest-reigning British monarch, together with the promotion of values that civilised society chooses to live by, there was a sense of belonging to something that is beyond explanation.

The promotion of these values is part of what we do here at Montpelier, educating children and developing an awareness of other cultures, feelings and beliefs. The children will be able to share that respect is a way of treating or thinking about something or someone. Treating people how you would want to be treated. They are able to recognise that every individual is a person of worth and have the ability to accept others without judgment, valuing the unique backgrounds, talents and abilities every person has.

We have had a wonderful day, working collaboratively to celebrate and recognise that we live in world of diversity, which is something to be celebrated and embraced. The world is so accessible and to live with respect for others will allow children the chance to embrace it for all it has to offer. I would like to thank all the staff, parents and children for making today a time we will remember for many years to come.

Little Princess Trust.

It is with pride that I bring you the next piece of news, I have no doubt that many of you will already be aware that two of our children, Nuala Eyres in Class 1S and Amy Weaver in class 2S (and forgive me if there are others that I am not aware of), have selflessly donated their hair in recent weeks to The Little Princess Charity. The charity provide real hair wigs, free of charge, to boys and girls across the UK and Ireland that have lost their own hair through cancer treatment. Their mission is to supply real hair wigs to children suffering with cancer, for the duration of their treatment. However, in addition they assist children with other conditions which also result in hair loss, the most common being alopecia. They work with specialist suppliers and experienced hairdressers who offer wigs tailored to the individual child's needs to give the most realistic look and feel, as close as possible to their original hair. The girls raised an incredible amount of money for this amazing charity.

Nuala has raised over £500 and that total will only rise as her sponsorship continues to come in. When a close family friend was diagnosed with Leukaemia, Amy wanted to help and that is exactly what she has done, having raised over £1,050, cutting off over 10 inches of her hair.

Both families are extremely proud of the selfless act and determination of both girls to help others and that pride, I am sure, will be shared by many others. I would like to take this opportunity, on behalf of both families, to say thank you so much to everyone who supported and donated to this fantastic cause. For more information please visit <http://www.littleprincesses.org.uk/>.

Foundation News

The children have been creating their own Gingerbread men and making story maps of 'The Gingerbread Man' traditional tale. Ask them if they can retell the story - they have been fantastic in class. Next week we will begin to practice Sports Day events - if your child does not have their PE kit in school including plimsolls then could we please ask that you send it on Monday. Thank you.



Year 1 News

Welcome back from a glorious sunny half term. We hope that you enjoyed the outdoors as much as we all did. We have been introducing our new story Starlight to the children and we have started learning to tell the time! We had a fun packed day celebrating Great Britain and our Queen. Thank you for the snacks and thank you to those who attended the phonics briefing. We will upload the presentation onto Eschools and the school website, so those who could not make it can have access to the information.

Year 2 News

We've enjoyed hearing what a fantastic half term the children had. Thanks for all your help in completing the orienteering 50 Things homework. We're glad you were able to get out and about in the sunshine. The children have been busy planning their Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch setting descriptions, answering probing questions about place value and investigating human life-cycles. Excitingly, we released some of our frogs into the wild too! We rounded off the week with our amazing Montpelier Respect Festival. Pictures on eSchools soon. Have a great weekend.

SPLASH - DIVING COMPETITION Mr Fielding 4P



The Plymouth Herald and School teachers from across Plymouth have come together to raise money for the Devon and Cornwall branch of the Lady Taversners. The Lord's Taversners is the UK's leading youth cricket and disability sports charity.

Please support Mr Fielding by clicking on the link below and donating as much, or as little, as you can afford.

<https://mydonate.bt.com/fundraisers/liamfielding1>

Year 4 News

Year 4 have had an action packed week learning recount texts in English, spelling patterns in SPAG and problem solving in Maths. During RE this week, the children worked in trios to come up with questions for our Muslim visitor as part of our Respect day activities. Payments for the Clive Pig day on Monday 13th June is still open for those of you that have not paid.

Year 5 News

The start of the final term has got off to a busy start. Each class has been working hard and preparing themselves for the Respect Day and the various activities. In addition, the children have been impressing with their writing skills.

On Wednesday, we had a live webcam link with a school from Greece. Some children were able to exchange questions with the Greek children and read some of their Greek Myths and sonnet poems to them. It was such a success that we are planning a further opportunity so the Greek children can share some of their English work with us.

Euro 2016 Sticker Trading Club

I am running a club for children in Foundation, Year 1 and Year 2 who would like some help trading their Euro 2016 stickers. The club will be held on Tuesday lunchtimes in 2P, between 12.30 - 1.00. Children will have their lunch as usual, before attending. Please ensure any stickers, brought in to trade, are in a labelled container.

Mrs D Jones



Ivybridge Community College Open Mornings

Tuesday 14th & Wed 15th June 2016
9.30-10.40am in the Dining Hall. Please contact the college to book.

School Summer Fair

Friday 1st July 2016

The PTFA are appealing for helpers in order to run this event. If you can spare some time please email them in the first instance at ptfa@mpsplymouth.net

Sweet Mufti - Friday 24th June 2016

There will be a sweet Mufti in aid of the School Summer Fair.

Donations of sweets for the tombola stall would be greatly received.

Sports Days 2016

Sports Day will be held at Devonport High School for Girls on their playing field - details as follows

KS2 Mon 4th July 2016

am Yr3/4 and pm Yr5/6

Foundation & KS1 Tues 5th July 2016

am Foundation/Yr1/Yr2

Mad Hatters Tea Party

Sponsored by the Law Society in aid of the **Snow Drop Appeal**. Sunday 10th July 2016 11am – 3pm at Plymouth Albion. £2 children, adults free. Fancy dress competition, Face painting, Theatre performances from Young Stages Theatre Group. A bouncy castle for the children. Games, stalls and fun races. A BBQand much more!

Diary Dates

Friday 24th June 2016

Mufti –donations of sweets

Friday 1st July 2016

- School Summer Fair

Monday 4th July 2016

- School Sports Day - KS2
- Yr 3/4 – am
- Year 5/6 – pm

Tuesday 5th July 2016

- School Sports Day - KS1 only -am

Thurs 14th July 2016

- Year Six Production

Wed 20th July 2016

- Leaver's Celebration Disco

Thurs 21st July 2016

- Year 6 Leavers Lunch

Fri 22nd July 2016

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

Wed 7th Sept 2016

- First day of term

08 June 2016

Dear Pupils, Parent and Carers,

Following a number of hoax bomb calls to schools across the UK this letter provides an update to pupils, their parents and carers. Each call has caused significant disruption to school life, upset to school staff and concern to pupils, their parents and carers.

The police treat calls threatening bomb attacks very seriously and are committed to working with schools to ensure the safety of all students and to minimise disruption to their learning. The following action is or is being taken:

- Every bomb threat will be assessed. Highly experienced officers review intelligence and work with counter-terrorism experts, who have an in depth knowledge of incidents of this nature, to assess whether a threat is real or not. So far, there has been no credible threat posed to pupil safety and all the calls have been malicious designed to cause fear and disruption.
- Police are conducting a major criminal investigation. Making a hoax bomb threat is a serious crime punishable by up to seven years imprisonment. Police forces across the country are working together to find those responsible and a number of arrests have already been made.
- Police have refreshed guidance with the Department for Education to share with leaders of schools, other education establishments, and authorities. This guidance also signposts to advice on wider security reviews and supports existing safeguarding plans. Public guidance on how you, schools and the council can prepare for emergencies can be found at: www.gov.uk/local-planning-emergency-major-incident.

There is a real threat from terrorism and it is important that we are alert but not alarmed. Schools remain some of the safest and most secure public spaces; the wellbeing of pupils is the top priority of staff.

To help us we ask the following of you:-

- If the school makes a decision to temporarily suspend lessons while safety checks are carried out, do not attend to remove your child unless asked to do so. Schools will keep you informed and always arrange care for pupils unable to return home or whose parents/carers are unable to collect them. Do not phone the emergency services to ask for updates on your child as it delays genuine people in need from getting help.
- If you have any information about those responsible for the security alerts call police on 101 (999 in an emergency) or the independent charity Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.