

The Beacon

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Deputy Heads News

I am certain that you are familiar with the concept of the seven learning behaviours we are promoting at Montpelier: Believing in Yourself, Focusing, Loving a Challenge, Loving Learning, Self-Helping, Persevering, and Teamwork. At this time, the learning dialogue throughout the school provides a sense of excitement and optimism. This drive to build independent learners is one that we are truly passionate about; it is part of our culture, our ethos and our aim to make learning visible. To build on this we have been talking to the children about being ready to learn. Encouraging them to take every opportunity to be independent, organised, prepared and ready to meet the challenges that are in front of them. If you get the opportunity, please ask your children all about it. Have a great weekend.

Foundation News

Thank you to all parents who attended our curriculum evening, we hope you found it informative and helpful. The children have been very busy all week with activities based on Jack and the Beanstalk and next week we are very excited about the Space Lab visiting and beginning some spacey fun.

Year 1 News

Another fantastic week in Year 1. In Maths we have been 'sniffing patterns' counting in 2's and 5's. In English the children have been meeting a new giant... the BFG. They have been using adjectives to write some amazing sentences about him. Ask your child to tell you all about their learning. Have a fantastic weekend!

Year 2 News

There was chaos in Year 2 this week as we heard a terrifying roar and were summoned to the forest area... luckily, the 'Lord of the Forest' only left behind footprints, fur and an incredible book which we enjoyed reviewing on Friday. We look forward to exploring the book further next week. Have a great weekend!

Music News

No Year 2 and 3 Choir or Year 5 steel pan next week. All other music clubs as normal.

No Wednesday instrumental lessons with Mrs Berna next week. All other instrumental lessons as normal.

Football Club

Thank you for the great response to the Year 5/6 boy's football club. This will start on Monday 9th October and will run every Monday from 3:15pm to 4:15pm up until Easter Holidays.

Many thanks Mr Carhart and Mr Robinson

Year 6 Secondary School Transfer

It is essential that parents submit their preference forms by the deadline of 31st October 2017. Wherever possible apply online, it is quick and easy.

Lost Property

Lost - Debenhams black hooded coat, age 10. Reflector on back. Please inform the school office if you know of its whereabouts.

Monty's Den

Monty's Den is our on-site after school care. Call on 07522 429599 for more information or to book a session. www.thedens.co.uk

Key Diary Dates

Thurs 19th Oct 2017 - Individual & family group photos FS & KS1

Mon 23rd to 27th Oct 2017 incl. - Half term

Mon 30th Oct 2017 - Individual & family group photos KS2

Thursday 23rd Nov 2017 - **Non-pupil day**

Wed 20th Dec 2017 – Tues 02nd Jan 2018 incl. - Christmas holiday

Wednesday 03rd Jan 2018 - **Non-pupil day**

Friday 16th March 2018 - **Non-pupil day**

Year 3 News

The children have had a great week learning about Stone Age animals and finding out some fascinating facts. In Maths, they have learnt how to add using formal columnar and were amazed that it is the same method that everybody was taught at school. Test them out on it! Thank you for the great response to adult helpers for the Kents Cavern trip, it's always great knowing we have so much support from parents for these events. A great week, the Year 3 team.

Year 4 News

Another busy week in Year 4! We have been working on our multiplication tables in Maths, creating fact families and looking at factors of a number. In English, we have been investigating Flat Stanley's characteristics to figure out whether he would make a good guard. Thank you to all parents who have contributed towards the Spacelab, we are very much looking forward to our visit next Wednesday. Have a great weekend!

Year 5 News

Well done to everyone for such a fantastic array of Tudor homework projects, they are amazing! There has been a lot of time and effort put into so many of them.

Just a reminder about the Golden Hind trip next week, 5M/5S will visit on Wednesday and 5P/5X on Thursday. We hope the weather will be dry! There are some permission slips outstanding, so if they could be returned by Monday that would be helpful.

Don't forget to return the Bikeability information too.

Year 6 News

In Science, Year 6's topic is 'Healthy Humans.' Next week one of our partner secondary schools, Lipson, are going to be visiting, bringing with them some things for us to dissect!

Year 5 Author Visit

If you like Wimpy Kid and Tom Gates you'll love this. You can meet Simon Mayle the author of the Shouty Kid books when he visits Year 5 next Tuesday (10th October). Experience the trials and tribulations of Harry Riddles, told in letters, emails and illustrations.

You can buy your own copy of How Harry Riddles made a Mega Amount of Money and have it signed. Ideal for Christmas presents! Bargain price of £5 instead of £6.99

Macmillan Coffee Afternoon

Many thanks to all of you who helped and supported by attending this event last Friday. It was a huge success. In one hour, we raised £475.81.

Special thanks to PTFA members and school staff who gave their time to help and to "Cakes by Kate"; you can find her on Facebook, for the Malteser cake which was won by the Ellis family. There were 127 Maltesers used.