



Deputy Headteacher News

This week I experienced my first World Book Day at Montpelier and I have to say it was a great success. It was lovely to see the children dressed in such a colourful variety of book character costumes. The children and Staff really embraced the day, making it an occasion that I am sure they will never forget. Much to the delight of parents and pupils who saw him, Mr Bennetts (our Year 1 leader) dressed as Giant's Wife, from Jack and the Beanstalk and stayed in character for the entire day. The bedtime stories in the evening also went extremely well. It was fantastic to see so many children return to school to take part. All in all we had a great day celebrating books and reading. I would ask every parent to encourage and nurture this love of reading as it truly makes an enormous difference to the potential for children to achieve well at school.

Earlier in the term, and as part of our build-up to the World Book Day celebrations, we invited author and storyteller Clive Pig into school. He led a number of extremely entertaining story telling sessions and workshops that truly inspired some of our children in Year 4.

My thanks go out to all our staff who go the extra mile to organise these events and then to throw themselves into each occasion to make them so much fun. It makes for a great atmosphere in school and really helps to inspire children in their learning. I'd also like to thank members of the PTFA who joined us yesterday evening to provide refreshments for the children. It all helped to make it such a wonderful event.

Foundation News

The children had a super time at the Aquarium and have made sea creatures out of clay and talked about the fascinating facts that they learnt. We also had a lot of fun on World Book Day, dressing up as characters and sharing our work on 'The Three Little Pigs' with the classes in Year 3 and 6. Next week we will continue with our under the sea adventures.

Year 1 News

"Fe fi fo fum!" Wow what a week in Year 1. We would like to say a big thank you for all your efforts during World Book Day and Bedtime Stories. The children had a fantastic day dressed as their characters although we think Mr Bennetts enjoyed being Mrs Giant a bit too much! The children amazed Year 4 when they visited our classes to share their learning about Jack and the Beanstalk. Next week as part of our History learning we will be looking at changes to ourselves so please could you send/email a named baby photograph to your class teacher.

Year 2 News

Another exciting week in Year Two. Thank you so much for your help with the children's Eden Project homework. The pieces, returned so far, have been brilliant. The children have been enjoying using scales to measure mass this week. If you're reading any scales at home, why not ask your child to give you a hand? Our World Book Day celebrations have been well under way. The children have written fantastic 'Wanted' posters to help them track down Little Red Riding Hood. Can they tell you the four sentence types they used? The dressing up on Thursday really helped the children to understand the characters we've been reading about - Thank you! It was a pleasure sharing some bedtime stories with your children too, their enthusiasm for books and reading is incredible. Don't forget to return your maths workshop slips.

Year 3 News

We have had a fantastic week working on the story of the Three Little Pigs and really enjoyed sharing our story writing with Foundation and Year 6. We have also continued to develop our fraction skills by finding fractions of an amount of objects. Thank you to all those who have paid for the canoeing trip and sent in cakes to help raise the remaining 50%. Our next fundraising effort will take place on this coming Monday when you need to send in your unwanted clothes. For those parents who wish to know more about the canoeing trip a meeting will take place after school on Monday. Finally we would appreciate donations of recycling items and newspaper for design and technology lessons next week.

Diary Dates

Thursday 24th Mar 2016.

- 'Wear a Hat' Mufti

Fri 25th Mar – Fri 8th Apr

- Easter holidays

Mon 11th Apr 2016

- Non pupil day

Mon 2nd May 2016

- Bank holiday

Mon 30th May 2016

- Bank holiday

Tues 31st May - Fri 3rd June Inc.

- Half term

Mon 6th June 2016

- Non pupil day

Fri 22nd July 2016

- Last day of term

Wed 7th Sept 2016

- First day of term

Year 4 News

Wow! what a lovely week it has been... so many wonderful things have happened. The children have really enjoyed writing their innovated stories for the Year 1 children. It was great to have the opportunity to share them and to see them with the 'little ones' during World Book Day. In Maths this week, the children have been consolidating their understanding of decimals, making giant worms to estimate and measure. Lots of fun was had. A big thanks for the support with the World book day dressing up, so many wonderful costumes. Have a great weekend!

Year 5 News

The children enjoyed sharing their tales of Little Red Riding Hood with Year 2 this week. We were impressed with the variety of tales and the changes which the children used, to adapt the original story. Well done to the children of both year 2 and year 5 for the work they put into producing such excellent writing. It was great to see so many year 5 children attending the 'Bedtime Stories' session after school on Thursday, we hope you enjoyed the stories and poems along with the juice and biscuits!

Year 6 News

On Wednesday the children had a visit from a project manager who works for one of the biggest building companies in the country. He talked to the children about the process of developing new sights, the people involved and other aspects that needed consideration. This was in preparation for the children's DT unit this term where they will be designing and building their own model village. The children have really enjoyed dressing up and getting stuck into world book day today. It was a real pleasure to watch the children in year 3 /Foundation and 6 share their work with each other. Keep reading everyone!

World Book Day

Thank you to everybody for getting involved in this year's World Book Day celebrations - we've had an exciting week!

Thank you for your support at last week's book fair - we are now able to buy £500 worth of new books due to the amount raised. We're hoping to add to this total with the addition of the sponsored read money which has been raised this week - watch this space! Book orders placed at the fair will be delivered to your child's class next week.

Year 3 and Year 4 have been lucky enough to work with students/ graduates from the Plymouth College of Art this week where they enjoyed taking part in illustration workshops. The children were taught some of the skills of illustration and designed characters to accompany their writing they produced for World Book Day.

What a fantastic effort by all in dressing up yesterday - it was super to see the year groups working together and sharing their learning at different parts of the day. It was also lovely to see so many children returning to school last night to take part in bedtime stories. Great fun had by all!

All the KS1 classes have had special visitors as well! Spiderman, Rapunzel and Snow White have all been in to meet the children this morning - lots of stunts, singing and story sharing took place.

Photos on our school website to follow...

Garden Club

Thank you for some fantastic scarecrow pictures I have received so far. Remember that all entries need to be in school by Friday 11th March. Get drawing.

Please vote for Mr Fielding



Does Mr Fielding have what it takes to train like a pro with a top diving coach for Plymouth's version of TV show Splash?

The Herald has teamed up with Team GB diving coach Andy Banks to host the first ever Plymouth version of ITV show Splash!— but with a twist.

Instead of celebrities making a splash, the competition will see city teachers attempt to master the diving boards at Plymouth Life Centre before going head to head with each other in front of a live audience this summer.

You can vote by purchasing the Herald and filling in the voting form, from now until 12th March. The top 15 teachers with the most votes will have the opportunity to train, with only the best 10 making it through to the live finals.

You can bring the forms into school where they can posted altogether.

No netball next week due to another competition.

Please remember to send in your Sainsbury vouchers.

Lost Property

If parents could check for any items accidentally taken home by the wrong child.

- Boys Black Trespass Coat Age 4, Lost in school just before February Half Term, named. Please hand to Class S.
- Girls Pink + Black Nike Trainers & PE Kit. Please hand to 4S.

Please ensure that all items of clothing brought to school are clearly labelled, as the amount of unnamed lost property in school is mounting up.

Parent View

Thank you for those parents that have taken the time to complete the Ofsted Parent View survey. If you have not yet completed the survey, you can do so by visiting: <http://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk>

The process only takes around 5 minutes and your feedback is greatly appreciated.

Parent View gives you the chance to tell Ofsted what you think about your child's school, from the quality of teaching to dealing with bullying and poor behaviour. The survey can be completed at any time; you don't have to wait until the school is being inspected.