

# The Beacon

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## The Beacon at a Glance

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## Deputy Headteacher's News

In an age where we never stop, where each minute is accounted for, the pressure on all of us to be the best version of ourselves is consistently being pushed to the limit. Wellbeing is often discussed, but the question I ask is, what impact will this discussion have? For me personally the wellbeing of our children and the school team is of paramount importance. Everyone needs time to think, breathe, re-centre and be mindful. I would like to point you in the direction of an app that promotes this – Stop, Breathe & Think – there is also a child centred version (other applications are available, but this one works for me – and I will add that I do not have any vested interest in promoting this). If you get the chance, I would encourage you to take a look and take a small proportion of the day just for yourself.

## E-Safety

Concerns have been raised by Safebook, an independent safeguarding organisation based in the UK about a website/app named BIGO as being prolific for grooming and sexual predators. They have advised that the children's parent/guardians are informed of the dangers of this app and are encouraged to check their child's device for any unwanted messages.

## Foundation News

What another busy week! We have started to learn about Spring and enjoyed a wonderful walk around our school to see what we could find. After talking about buds and flowers, we have labelled pictures and written sentences about our adventure. Can you see any new life where you live? We have written letters to Superworm to help us save Len and in Maths we have been learning to add and count on - can you add together any flowers or birds you may see?

## Year 1 News

On Thursday a few of the Montpelier Primary School councillors visited the construction site of Central Park. They can't wait to work on the 'Enchanted Log Project' with Year 1 children.

## Year 2 News

This week Year 2 had great fun becoming measuring masters in maths! The children had the opportunity to measure liquid to find out how much water each dinosaur drank in a day, as well as measuring their lengths and even weighing the dinosaurs' poo!! Yuck! Have a great long weekend!

## School Kit Amnesty!

At present, there is a shortage of school team kit which has come about by children using it for a match or a festival but not returning it to school. If your child has been in a sports team this school year, please check at home and bring in any school kit. In particular, the 'green and white football shirts' with white shorts and green socks are very low in number; as well as the new grey 'Nike Premier League shirts', with Black Nike shorts and black Nike socks which was new this year and already is missing 5 whole kits,. Nobody will be told off- the school just wants the kit back!

Please return any school kit to either Mr Robinson or Mrs Pearce in 4S.

## Girl's Football

On Monday 12<sup>th</sup> March, the Girls' football team played at Chaddlewood in a Plymouth Schools Knockout Cup match. On a very boggy pitch, the team showed marvellous determination and skill to win 5-3, with four goals scored by Amelia K. and the other by Kayleigh T. These two sharp-shooters were ably supported by Sofia L., Abby B., 'Long Throw' Lucy P., Olivia W., Darcy G., Lily V. and Amelie U. Good luck in the next round girls!

## School Term Dates for 2017/2018

**Fri 30<sup>th</sup> Mar – 16<sup>th</sup> Apr Inc.** – Easter holidays  
**Tues 24<sup>th</sup> April** – Foundation trip - Rare Breed Farm/Steam Train  
**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** – 2:30pm end of term finish (**Yr6 finish at 1.30pm**)  
**Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> July** – First day of the summer holidays

## School Term Dates for 2018/2019

**Tues 4<sup>th</sup> Sept** – Non-Pupil Days.  
**Wed 5<sup>th</sup> Sept** – Non-Pupil Days.  
**Thurs 6<sup>th</sup> Sept** – Autumn Term 2018 begins.  
**Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> to Fri 26<sup>th</sup> Oct** – Autumn Half Term Break 2018.  
**Thurs 20<sup>th</sup> Dec** – Last Day of Autumn Term 2018.  
**Fri 21<sup>st</sup> Dec 2018 to Fri 4<sup>th</sup> Jan 2019** – Christmas Holiday 2018.  
**Mon 7<sup>th</sup> Jan 2019** – Non-Pupil Day.  
**Tues 8<sup>th</sup> Jan** – Spring Term 2019 Begins.  
**Mon 18<sup>th</sup> Feb to Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb** – Spring Half Term Break 2019.  
**Fri 5<sup>th</sup> April** – Last Day of Spring Term 2019.  
**Mon 8<sup>th</sup> to Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> April** – Easter Holiday 2019.  
**Tues 23<sup>rd</sup> April** – Non-Pupil Day.  
**Wed 24<sup>th</sup> April** – Summer Term 2019 Begins.  
**Mon 6<sup>th</sup> May** – Bank Holiday.  
**Mon 27<sup>th</sup> to Fri 31<sup>st</sup> May** – Summer Half Term Break 2019.  
**Wed 24<sup>th</sup> July** – 2:30pm end of term finish (**Yr6 finish at 1.30pm**)  
**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> July** – Non-Pupil Day.

## Year 3 News

The children started the week with a plea from the 3 little pigs to save them from the Big Bad Wolf. They have been working hard to help them and have been looking up recipes to assist them with this. Next week, is our fundraising week towards our Mount Batten trip. Monday 19<sup>th</sup> - Clothes for Canoes - Can all bags of clothes be brought to the Year 3 classrooms in the morning (the rest of the school will be taking them to the KS2 hall). There will be a chance to meet the people from Mount Batten straight after school if you have any queries about the trip. Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> - Cakes for Canoes - This week's homework is to make some cupcakes, cookies or flapjacks to sell for the cake sale. These will need to be brought into class on Wednesday morning. Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> - Cycle for Canoes - Year 3 children will be able to bring in a bike or scooter and there will be an obstacle track that the children will spend time going around. A small donation will be requested for this.

Many Thanks for your ongoing support! Year 3 Team.

## Year 4 News

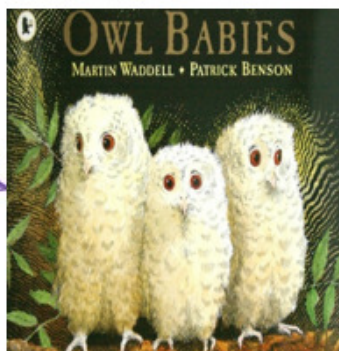
Year 4 have had a fantastic week! As well as multiplying and dividing in Maths and drafting our Roman soldier diary entries in English, some children have also attended a 'Mathematics with bubbles' lecture at Plymouth University, whilst others have created their very own Roman God Top Trump cards. A polite reminder that it is parents evening next week, don't forget to book an appointment using e-schools if you haven't already. Have a great weekend!

## Year 6 News

If your child is attending the residential trip to Bude, they will have received a letter this week that informing them of an upcoming meeting. This will take place on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> March at 5:30pm in the KS2 hall. During this meeting, you will be given further information about the trip and the opportunity to ask any questions.

Information about activity week will be available shortly.

# BOOK OF THE WEEK



This charming tale starring some very cute baby owls is perfect for sharing with any youngster.

Beautifully illustrated, this book will warm the heart of any grown-up enjoying it with a child.

Thanks to Harvey and Scarlett Slade for recommending this story.

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



The trading name of The Mount Batten Centre Charity Trust - Charity Registration Number 1,159,633

If you are a School or Business in the Plymouth area then **Mount Batten Watersports and Activities Centre** wants to recycle your old clothes and accessories in exchange for credit to spend on activities at the Centre.

**For every 30kg of items collected you will receive £18 to exchange for activities at the centre**

You will need to register your details with [enquiries@mount-batten-centre.com](mailto:enquiries@mount-batten-centre.com) and we will arrange collection bags and the recycling process

Check out the list below of the items that we can and can't recycle

## WE DO ACCEPT:

**ALL CLOTHING MUST BE CLEAN & IN GOOD CONDITION!**

BRAS/UNDERWEAR	SWIMWEAR
LINGERIE	BABYWEAR
VEST TOPS	CHILDRENSWEAR
T-SHIRTS	TEENWEAR
SHIRTS	NIGHTWEAR
SWEATSHIRTS	SPORTSWEAR
JUMPERS	SHOES (PAIRS)
JACKETS	SPORTS SHOES (PAIRS)
COATS	BOOTS (PAIRS)
DRESSES	HIGH HEELS (PAIRS)
LEATHER TOPS	SANDALS (PAIRS)
LEATHER TROUSERS	BELTS
TROUSERS	HATS/SCARVES
SHORTS/SKIRTS	HANDBAGS
JEANS	PURSES
DENIM TOPS/SKIRTS	WATCHES
	JEWELLERY/BRACELETS

## WE DO NOT ACCEPT

DAMAGED  
STAINED  
DAMP/WET  
HEAVY BOBBLING  
SMOKE/ODOUR  
ANIMAL HAIR  
TIED/AGED CLOTHING  
BEDDING/QUILTS/PILLOWS  
CUSHIONS  
CURTAINS  
TOWELS/RUGS  
TOYS/GAMES/TEDDIES  
BOOKS/CD'S/DVD'S  
PERSONALIZED CLOTHING (E.G. STAG T-SHIRTS)  
WORK UNIFORMS  
SCHOOL UNIFORMS  
SPORTS UNIFORMS (E.G. JUDO SUIT)  
HOME MADE KNITWEAR  
DRESSING GOWNS  
ETHNIC CLOTHING  
WEDDING DRESSES  
CAMOUFLAGE/ARMY CLOTHING  
WELLINGTON BOOTS  
SLIPPERS  
ELECTRICAL ITEMS  
FANCY DRESS  
SOCKS (PAIRS)

[www.mount-batten-centre.com/about/recycle-for-rewards.php](http://www.mount-batten-centre.com/about/recycle-for-rewards.php)

Are you looking to spring clean your wardrobes ready for the spectacular summer that we all hope and pray that we are going to get? If so, Year 3 would love to receive your unwanted items. This will all contribute to helping us hit our fundraising target for our Mount Batten trip. If you wish to donate, please could you drop off your bags of clothes to the specified area in the Key Stage 2 hall. There are some restrictions to this and attached to The Beacon is a permitted and non-permitted list.

Many Thanks  
Year 3 Team

## Bin It – Can you afford not to?

Environmental enforcement officers will soon be patrolling outside Plymouth's schools From Monday 19<sup>th</sup> March, you may start to see extra environmental enforcement officers patrolling the streets outside Plymouth's schools to help crackdown on things like dog fouling, littering, fly-posting and fly-tipping. Plymouth City Council has teamed up with specialist company Kingdom Services, to help ensure that Plymouth is a green and pleasant city. The officers will be able to issue fixed penalty notices to offenders. Littering and fly-posting both carry an £80 penalty while dog fouling costs offenders £100. Meanwhile, fly-tipping is punishable by a £400 fine. Council leader Ian Bowyer said: "We know that people are fed up with issues like littering, dog fouling, and fly tipping, particularly around our schools, and by introducing extra enforcement officers we can now deal with these anti-social activities more effectively."