

## Deputy Head teacher News

### SATs

As I am sure you will all be aware, this week our Year Six children sat their National Tests. Regardless of what we feel about testing and primary children, what I do know is that our children were ready. They have been taught really well, they knew the expectations and they had nothing to fear. For Montpelier children it is not a question of achieving the national standard (we know what our children are capable of), it is a question that they understand that their dedication, drive and determination has been appreciated. Each and every one of them has played their part, given their best and acquitted themselves impeccably. It was not about fear; it was about relishing and seizing the opportunity. We did not need to wish the children luck because they did not need it. All they need to know is that we are all really proud of them. And it is a pleasure to say that we most definitely are.

### British Values.

Under the current framework the promotion of British values is a key driver in our everyday curriculum and it is important to remember that British values essentially are the cornerstones that individuals who live in Britain adhere too. The language we hear from government is of 'promoting fundamental British values' and of young people 'accepting', 'respecting' and 'tolerating'. These are values that we have and will continue to promote and encourage at Montpelier. It is also important to remember that at this time these values are shared with many other countries across our world.

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.

Every week at Montpelier we share a picture with the children. The idea behind this is to promote conversation, generate questions, engage children in debate, but most importantly highlight a value that we wish to share with the children. This picture will now be shared through the Beacon every week. Friendship and respect have been focus throughout this past five days. 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 and discussed friendship and what it means to be a good friend there was a sense of belonging to something that is beyond explanation.

I do hope you have a wonderful weekend, I know that I will.

### Monty's Den

Monty's Den is our onsite after school care. Call on 07522 429599 for more information or to book a session. Flexible booking available [www.thedens.co.uk](http://www.thedens.co.uk)



## Diary Dates

### Thurs 18<sup>th</sup> May 2017

- Trutex Schoolwear Pop-up Shop 2:45pm - 4:30pm.

### Sun 21<sup>st</sup> – Fri 26<sup>th</sup> May 2017

- Bude Residential (Yr 6)

### Wed 24<sup>th</sup> May 2017

- Tempest Photos – Class groups

### Mon 29<sup>th</sup> May – Fri 2<sup>nd</sup> June '17

- Half term

### Mon 19<sup>th</sup> June 2017

- Our Schools Race for life event

### Tues 25<sup>th</sup> July 2017

- Leavers' assembly
- Last day of term 2:30pm finish (Yr6 finish at 1.30pm)

### Wed 26<sup>th</sup> July 2017

- Start of the summer holidays

### Mon 4<sup>th</sup> Sept 2017

- Non pupil day

### Tues 5<sup>th</sup> Sept 2017

- First day of term

### Our School's Race for Life assembly - Cancer research UK

On Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May, both Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 will have an assembly about our forthcoming Race for Life event on June 19<sup>th</sup>.

A representative from Cancer research UK will be attending the assembly. The assembly will include how fundraising for Cancer Research helps the fight against cancer; what the money is used for and the impact and progress.

During the assembly, the children will have the opportunity to ask questions. These will be answered sensitively.

If you have any questions about the assembly, please contact Jane Gilbert or Julie Spencer



### Foundation News

Thank you for the fantastic dioramas that have been sent in so far. The children have loved telling us about them and have obviously enjoyed making them. Remember, if you have not yet sent them in, completed dioramas need to be in school by Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May, if not before - thank you! Next week will be Balanceability so could you please ensure your child wears trainers or has plimsolls in school to change into.

We are now on the lookout for any wooden pallets or plastic tubes and pipes to make a new water feature in the garden. Please pass any of these items, plus anything else you might like to donate for this area, to any of the Foundation team! Thank you for your support.

### Year 1 News

This week we were surprised to receive an email from Nat Fantastic challenging us to transform into heroes and write a superhero story! We have also had fun measuring time in Maths. We estimated and then checked with stopwatches how long it would take to complete a variety of challenges! The week was topped off by testing many materials to see which would make a fantastic superhero cape. Have a great weekend!

### Year 2 News

Wow! Another super week in year 2. This week we have faced some tricky challenge booklets, watched our caterpillars grow, presented the life cycle of a butterfly and finished writing our fact files about our very own sea creatures. As you maybe aware, children in year 2 across the country are undertaking their SAT's this month. We urge you not to worry, we treat them as normal classroom practice. As always, the children have been superstars - persevering and showing determination. This is both a credit to them and you. Thank you for your continuing support.



### Year 3 News

We have had a great week in Year 3. We all went over to Central Park to learn about our new project in English. The children were amazed that Dreamworks have asked them to re-write a new version of Madagascar set in Plymouth. We're sure the children will look forward to the project and all the exciting opportunities that they will get to learn about. Many Thanks Year 3 team

### Year 4 News

This week in Year 4, the children have enjoyed writing their own stories set in a magical setting. The language they have used has been fantastic and the teachers are impressed with how they have also applied their golden learning behaviours to their work. We have seen super focus, perseverance and a love of learning from all the children.

In Maths, we have been learning about time and specifically converting between 12 hour and 24 hour. We kindly ask that this is something they can continue to practise at home.

As always, thank you for your continued support. Enjoy your weekend!

### Year 5 News

It has been a return to the normal routine this week after our swimming exploits of the last three weeks. In English we have continued our preparations for the Dragon Slayer story and in Maths we have been learning how to measure and draw angles using a protractor.

Thank you for all the baby photos for our science lessons, we have enjoyed looking at them and seeing how the children have changed over the years. Next week in science we will be discussing puberty as part of the National Curriculum, so be prepared for some interesting questions. If you have any concerns please speak with your child's teacher.

### Year 6 News

Woah! What a week! The children have faced the tests with drive and determination; we are so proud. Now on to the next challenge: the performance. On Friday, we had so much fun finding out what our performance will be, watching it and beginning to practise for auditions. We are looking forward to next week when we start rehearsals!

### Outdoor Lawn Green Bowls

Connor Fielder 5M will be taking part in Devon County under 25's outdoor lawn green bowls trials on Sunday at Topsham. He will be the youngest person at the trials. This is his first season playing outdoors and within two weeks has already been entered into County trials. He has just joined Sir Francis Drake outdoor club along with his brother Tyler, who is a former Montpelier pupil. They have previously played at County level for indoors.

We wish him well on behalf of everyone at Montpelier, as this is a great achievement being put forward so quickly for County for outdoors.



### Calling all Super Walkers

A children's sponsored walk/run at Brickfields Sport Centre, in aid of brain tumour research. On Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> June 10:30am for 11am start. £3 entry. Run, walk, jog or skip around the track. Fancy dress optional - everyone's a hero!

A completed registration form is required, before Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2017.

For further details, and a registration form, contact Mrs Teresa Brookshaw on 07900 882129



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