

The Beacon

Academic Year 2017/18

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The Beacon at a Glance

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Headteacher's News

This week, we were involved in a Teaching & Learning Review. This process is conducted by the Multi Academy Trust (MAT) and mirrors a full Ofsted Inspection. Its purpose is to provide the MAT with an accurate predication of the potential outcome of our next Ofsted inspection in order that they can support the school in its ongoing improvement efforts. The school review was conducted by the MAT Regional Director, an External Advisor and a local Headteacher. They closely scrutinised all of the areas ordinarily focussed on by an inspection team: this includes the quality & standards of education, effectiveness of leadership & management, the quality of teaching & learning, the personal development, behaviour & welfare of pupils, the outcomes for pupils, and the effectiveness of our early years provision (our reception classes). We're very proud to say that they judged us to be GOOD across the board. They were very impressed with the staff, pupils and governors and we received some extremely positive feedback from the team. I hope to share extracts with you once we have been provided with the report.

Foundation News

We had a fabulous time when the Space Lab visited us, the children loved sitting beneath the stars and learning about space. Next week we will be doing space activities including writing in space sand, counting aliens and making rockets. We would appreciate any junk modelling materials that you could send in. Thank you.

Foundation News

Wow! What an amazing week it has been in Year 1! The children loved trying out some Frobscottle and travelling to the dream tree. We loved writing our poems and using our senses to help with our imagination. What a fantastic week it has been!

Year 2 News

This week we thoroughly enjoyed our trip to the woods to hunt for human and physical features. We also received an unusual invitation from the 'Lord of the Forest' to step directly into the rainforest and describe what we could see! What a great week!

Music News

Here is the link for Thursday Choir singers to access the lyric and dance videos for the songs we are currently learning. Singers were given the words yesterday.

<https://www.youngvoices.co.uk/childrens-music-room>

The code is YVConcerts2018

Jam Band visit the Poppy Wave

Families and Jam Band members braved the wet conditions on Wednesday to visit the Naval War Memorial on Plymouth Hoe to see the Poppy Wave. Despite the rainy conditions, everyone listened attentively and represented our school well. Thank you to everyone who attended.

The Poppy Wave remains in Plymouth until November so if you haven't had chance to view it yet there is still time left to visit.

Tempest Photographer – individual photographs

The photographer will be in school on Thursday 19th October to take photographs of all children in Foundation & KS1 and again on Monday 30th October to take individual photographs of all children in KS2.

For family/group photographs please come into school as near to 8am on either day – KS1 Hall.

Key Diary Dates

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

Fri 20th Oct – PTFA AGM 1:30pm in the School Cafe

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

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

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

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

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

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

Fri 30th Mar – 16th Apr 2018 Inc. – Easter holidays

Mon 7th May – Bank holiday

Mon 28th May – Bank holiday

Tues 29th May – Fri 1st June Inc. – Half term

Fri 20th July 2018 - Last day of term 2:30pm finish (**Yr6 finish at 1.30pm**)

Mon 23rd July – First day of the summer holidays

Year 3 News

Year 3 have continued their ancient adventurer's topic this week by taking a fantastic trip to Kents Cavern. They created Stone Age art in the caves, became archaeologists digging for artefacts and bravely experienced the darkness in cavern. The children learnt many interesting facts which I'm sure they will be able to share with you. The Year 3 team look forward to meeting adults next week for parents evening- remember you can book an appointment online.

Year 4 News

Another exciting week in Year 4 this week absorbing lots of Ancient Egyptian information. Thank you to all of those parents who contributed to our Spacelab visit, all children had a great time and found out lots of interesting facts. Have a great weekend!

Year 5 News

An event filled week this week for year 5. The classes had a great visit to Brixham to visit the Golden Hind. They also enjoyed a theme day investigating life on board a Tudor ship and making Hard Tack biscuits. Well done to everyone for being a credit to the school on your day out.

Bikeability information should have been returned this week, please may we request any outstanding letters are returned by Monday.

Year 6 News

Year 6 had a great time on their trip! The children enjoyed visiting the synagogue and finding out what a Jewish place of worship is like. They also visited sites in Plymouth that are linked to slavery for our topic 'Fight for Freedom.'

Climbing Trees

and now for a moan... Climbing Trees! Following an accident this week (after school) may we remind parents that they are responsible for the supervision of their children, before and after school. Children **should not** be climbing trees, pulling out play equipment from storage cupboards or walking along the top of the climbing frame etc.

Children's Spooky Trail

Children's Spooky Trail, Mount Edgcumbe on Sunday 29th October. Register to take part 12 noon – 2:30pm at the Orangery. £2.50 per child. Fancy dress. Treat at the end for all registered. The event goes ahead whatever the weather. www.mountedgcumbe.gov.uk

Parents Evening

Reminder - Parents Evenings are on Tuesday 17th and Thursday 19th October – book your slot now on eSchools if you haven't already

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