

The Beacon

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Hello from Mr West

Competency in English and Maths is essential for pupils to be able to learn well across a range of subjects, and for success in life beyond education - we all know this to be true. Nevertheless, education is more than just English and Maths. Yes, they are key drivers, but you cannot build a child on this alone. A diverse variety of subjects and opportunities helps pupils acquire knowledge, understanding and skills in all aspects of their education, and helps prepare them for life after school. It is our responsibility to offer a broad range of educational experiences that build both life skills and memories. This week it was an honour to watch one such opportunity that has been afforded to the children in Year 3, 4 and 5. An energetic, musical adaptation of the Jungle Book (sorry The Book of the Jungle for fear of being in breach of copyright) was certainly a remarkable sight. I was confronted with leading characters played with enthusiasm and passion, witnessed choreographed dance routines and was blown away by the volume that the songs reverberated around the hall. Seeing the children embracing what was in front of them, taking it on with gusto and smiling every step of the way only served to remind what a fantastic place our school is. With daylight saving beginning on Sunday, it means we will be one hour closer to the Easter holiday when we return to school for the last week of term. I do hope you have a great weekend, see you on Monday.

Big Pedal

Next week is the start of our Big Pedal. This has been a very successful initiative that the children have loved over the past 5 years! Over the week, we would like you try come to school on either a bike or a scooter. Even if it means driving to the Park 'n' Ride and scooting to school from there, for parents that live far away. The children will be able to access an obstacle course throughout the week and hopefully we can win the Plymouth Challenge by recording the most journeys in a week (we came 3rd last year). We always encourage children to be safe when riding or scooting so when taking part in the obstacle course a helmet must be worn. The infamous Big Pedal Big Breakfast will be held on Thursday 4th April and everybody is invited for a special fruit and pancake breakfast. These have been incredible over the years and we look forward to seeing you all.



School Term Dates for 2018/2019

1st April to 5th April - The Big Pedal

Fri 5th April – Last Day of Spring Term 2019.

Mon 8th to Mon 22nd April – Easter Holiday 2019.

Tues 23rd April – Non-Pupil Day.

Wed 24th April – Summer Term 2019 begins.

Thurs 2nd May – PTFA Quiz Night

Mon 6th May – Bank Holiday.

Mon 27th to Fri 31st May – Summer Half Term Break 2019.

Wed 12th June – Tempest Class photos & Year 6 individuals

Mon 1st July – KS1 (Foundation, Year 1 and Year 2) Sports Day starts at 10am

Tues 2nd July – 9:30am Years 3 and 4 / 1:15pm Years 5 and 6

Wed 24th July – 2:30pm end of term finish (**Yr6 finish at 1.30pm**)

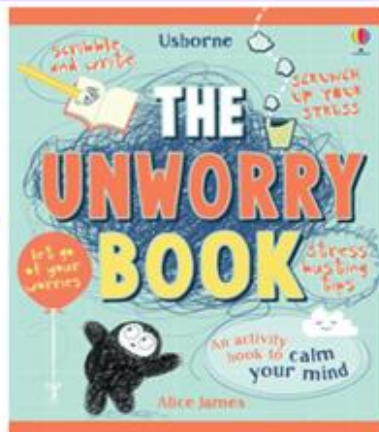
Thurs 25th July 2019 – Non-Pupil Day.

Tues 3rd Sept – First day of term

Year 2 News

In year two, we have been encouraging safe play and reminding the children to follow the school rules by keeping their hands and feet to themselves. Please help us to reinforce this message when children are playing before and after school. Many thanks for your support – The Year Two Team

**BOOK
OF
THE
WEEK**



This inspiring write-in book is an unworry toolkit, full of things to calm you down and places to put your worries – and we all worry!

Activities include creating a worry box, making a mood grid and mindfulness activities such as colouring, doodling and mazes.

Written with the help of a psychologist, there are links to websites for tips, advice and support too.

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

Year 1 Invite

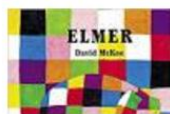
Dear Parents/Carers,

This term Year 1 have thoroughly enjoyed the topic of 'Into the Wild.' To celebrate the wonderful array of work we would like to invite you into school on Tuesday 2nd April at 2.30pm to view a display of this. The children are particularly excited to share with you their learning alongside the loveable character of Elmer where you will be able to take home a keepsake. We will ensure that refreshments are available for this lovely opportunity with your child.

We hope to see you next week!

Many thanks,

Year 1 Team



China Topic!

On the first week back after Easter Montpelier will be exploring China. The children will be taking part in many activities to develop their knowledge and understanding of this country. On Friday 26th April, we would like to invite you in at 2.30pm, where all the children will be taking part in a parade around the school grounds. This will be a great opportunity to celebrate all the wonderful work which they have completed during our China topic.

Please note - we will NOT be asking children to dress up for this event.

We look forward to sharing this parade with you. - Mrs Start

Year 2/3 choir

Year 2/3 choir is now finished for this term. Thank you to everyone who came along. We start again on Tuesday 30th April. Thursday Choir will be on as usual on Thursday 4th April. After the holidays we restart on Thursday 25th April.

Thank you.

Miss JR

Y 3/4 girls Argyle after school club

There are a few places still available for the Y 3/4 girls Argyle after school club, beginning on the Friday after Easter. If interested, please see Mr Robinson for a form or complete the one attached and send it in to him as soon as possible. Plymouth Argyle Football in the Community Trust is delighted to be holding an After School Club at Montpelier Primary School (3.15pm-4.15pm) for Year 3/4 Girls on Fridays, After Easter. The course will run for 6 weeks commencing on Friday 26th April and will finish on Friday 7th June (Friday after half-term). The cost would usually be £21, however, the school are requesting a contribution of £5 for the entire 6 week block of sessions. Forms must be completed and handed to Mr Robinson in 4P. No money is required yet, as this letter is just an expression of interest. Children will be informed if they have been successful in obtaining a place on the course after Wednesday, 27th March, which is the deadline for handing in this letter. A random draw will be made to decide; however, if interest is high, the school may run another 3/4 girls club in June-July. All of the children who attend the course should have a parent/guardian collect them after each session. Children will need to bring with them trainers, shin pads, and a drink. They are allowed to wear proper football kit (such as a team) if they wish, or alternatively normal school PE kit. Our coaches are CRB checked, hold a UEFA coaching qualification and have Emergency First Aid Training. If you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to contact me at the ground on 01752 562561 Ex 4 or E-mail: stewart.walbridge@paafc.co.uk, or Mr Robinson in school: class4p@mpsplymouth.net.



CONSENT FORM FOR PLYMOUTH ARGYLE FOOTBALL IN THE COMMUNITY TRUST AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS PROGRAMME

Please complete this form, which relates to the forthcoming programme for which you have received details. The form gives your consent for your child to take part in this programme & all medical fields for our staff.

School Attending: Montpelier	Dates: Friday 26 th April- Friday 6 th June	Amount: £5.00
NAME OF PLAYER:		DATE OF BIRTH:
ADDRESS:		POSTCODE:
HOME/EMERGENCY CONTACT NUMBER:		Email:
MOBILE:		
SPECIAL DETAILS Any relevant information concerning your child's health requiring special attention but which does not prevent him or her taking part should be noted below. For example does your child: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have any allergies? • Take medication and if so what is the dosage required? • Have diabetes, asthma or epilepsy? 		
Does your son/daughter have any disabilities that the Community Trust should be made aware of? If so please specify		
Is your son/daughter taking any medication that the Community Trust should be made aware of? If so please specify		
Doctors Name and Address:		
PLEASE READ AND TICK THE APPROPRIATE BOXES: <input type="checkbox"/> I AGREE TO COLLECT MY CHILD AT 4.15 FROM MONTEPIER, ONCE THE CLUB HAS FINISHED. <input type="checkbox"/> I AGREE FOR MY CHILD (UNDER 16 YEARS OF AGE) TO PARTICIPATE IN THE ABOVE COURSE <input type="checkbox"/> I AGREE THAT A PLYMOUTH ARGYLE COACH MAY TREAT ANY INJURY WHICH MY CHILD MAY SUSTAIN WHILST ON THE COURSE <input type="checkbox"/> I AGREE TO MY CHILD HAVING HIS/HER PHOTO BEING TAKEN OR VIDEO RECORDED FOR OUR WEBSITE/PROGRAMME/LOCAL NEWSPAPER <input type="checkbox"/> I AGREE TO RELEVANT INFORMATION SUCH AS SOCCER SCHOOLS BEING SENT TO BY PLYMOUTH ARGYLE FOOTBALL IN THE COMMUNITY TRUST <input type="checkbox"/> I AGREE TO ARGYLE COMMUNITY TRUST SHARING THE ABOVE INFORMATION WITH YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOL WHERE RELEVANT		

SIGNATURE OF PARENT/GUARDIAN.....DATE.....

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Montpelier's Got Talent!

Here are the audition dates for 2019. Sing, dance, act, joke, do magic, gymnastics, show off sporting skills - the list is endless. Videos welcome of children who can't perform their act in school eg diving, skateboarding, tricks with pets etc. Each class in KS2 will have its own audition during Music, with voting taking place to determine a winning act. This act, plus a handful of wildcards awarded by Miss JR will be invited to perform in our Showcase on Thursday 16 May at 6pm. It can be a solo or group act and children from different classes can take part together.

Due to various school events and timetabling, the auditions are pretty spread out this year!

Tues 2nd April 6P and 6X

Wed 24th April 4S

Thurs 25th April 3S

Tues 30th April 6S 6M

Wed 1st May 4P 4M

Thurs 2nd May 3P 3M

Friday 3rd May 5M 5S

Friday 10th May 5P

Good Luck everyone! Don't be shy! Give it a try!

Foundation - The Gruffalo

The Foundation Team could not have been prouder of all children for their effort and enthusiasm when performing our play 'The Gruffalo'. Their acting, singing, dancing and instrument playing was superb - we had a lot of fun! Thank you everyone for coming to support.



Peer Mediators

Look how smart our Peer Mediators look in their new red caps!





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Thursday 28th March 2019

Big Pedal 2019 (1st April – 5th April 2019)

Dear Parents/Carers,

Get set... we're taking part in the **Big Pedal 2019**, the UK's largest inter-school cycling and scooting challenge that inspires pupils, staff and parents to choose two wheels for their journey to school. It's free to enter and we would love everyone to be involved.

The details

On each day of the challenge schools compete to see who can record the greatest number of pupils, staff and parents cycling or scooting to school. Our **score from the five days** will determine our final position in the challenge. We'll be competing against other schools right across the UK. If we clock up the most bike and scooter journeys we'll win! We are also going to have an in school competition, with a great prize for the class with the highest number of active journeys. Teachers, parents, siblings and pupils scores all count so find your bikes and scooters!

Big Pedal Breakfast

To reward active travellers there will be a special Big Pedal breakfast of pancakes, waffles and fruit for anyone that travels actively to school on a bike or scooter on **Thursday 4th April between 8-8:30 am**. The breakfast will take place in the KS1 playground. **All bikes and scooters will need to be left in the KS1 playground everyday!** There will be signed areas to use. It is important bikes are stored at these specific points so children can quickly access their bikes/scooters throughout the week, as they will all have the chance to take part in skills challenges. When children are taking part in the obstacle course a bicycle helmet **MUST** be worn even if the children are on scooters! It is important that the correct message is given to children that helmets save lives and it only takes a second for an accident to happen however big or small. (We do have some in school but not enough for everyone). Children without bikes or scooters will be able to take part on foot.

Obstacle Course

Throughout the week, the children will be able to take part in the famous Montpelier obstacle course. On Wednesday, the Sustrans team will be in to organise a special course for everybody and throughout the week the will be course set up for classes to use!

What's next?


All you need to do is encourage your child or children to cycle or scoot to school every day during the event, and join them on their way. If you live far away, you could always park close to school and actively travel in from there. **Please make sure that your child's bike or scooter is clearly labelled!** If any bikes/scooters are left behind in the playground the school will not be responsible for any loss or damage.

For more information about the event and to check scores go to www.bigpedal.org.uk


Any questions please come and ask.

Many thanks for your support,
Mr Carhart

Please cut off and attach this slip to your child's bike/scooter to make sure children can find them easily and do not confuse them with others.



Big Pedal 2019



Name- _____

Class- _____



Info sheet

Sustrans Big Pedal is the UK's largest inter-school cycling, walking and scooting challenge that inspires pupils, staff and parents to choose 'human power' for their journey to school.

Lead sponsor



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The 2019 challenge

Travel around the body, learning, exploring and getting active for Sustrans Big Pedal. For the first time, **walking will be counted** alongside cycling and scooting.

This year the challenge will run from **25 March - 5 April**. Register for the challenge from January 2019 at www.bigpedal.org.uk.

86%

of participating schools surveyed said it raised awareness of cycling and scooting in their school

82%

of schools surveyed said that pupils continued to cycle or scoot to school following the event

How it works

On each day of the challenge schools compete to see who can record the greatest number of pupils, staff and parents cycling, walking, scooting or using a wheelchair to school.

A school's best five days will determine their final position and schools at the top of their leaderboards will receive an exclusive Sustrans Big Pedal Trophy.

2018 was an amazing year

A staggering **1,179 kg of nitrogen oxide was avoided** as a result of the 10-day challenge. Almost **46 million calories were burned** from participants cycling and scooting to school.

If the journeys logged had been made by car, we saved over 576 tonnes of CO2 and over 60,000 gallons of fuel, costing over £330,000.

In 2018, over

1,200

schools made

989,414

journeys to school by bike and scooter



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We connect people and places, create liveable neighbourhoods, transform the school run and deliver a happier, healthier commute. Join us on our journey. www.sustrans.org.uk

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Prizes

All schools will be entered into daily prize draws for rewards if over 15% of your school cycle, walk or scoot on each day of the challenge. Prizes up for grabs include accessories and equipment to help your school travel actively.



School Resources

We provide a suite of fun and interactive resources to help make your challenge a success. These free resources include:

- A school account on the Big Pedal website
- A human body wallchart with curriculum-based fact cards
- Daily classroom activities
- Posters
- Top Tips
- Leaderboards



FAQs

Who can take part in the Big Pedal 2019?

All schools and classes in the UK can take part in the Big Pedal.

How do I register?

A school must register online on the Big Pedal website. You will need your school identification number (DfE/SEED/Inst Ref Number) and the details of a staff representative who will be responsible for entering journeys throughout the challenge. Schools can register any time ahead of the challenge.

Can I see which schools in my area are taking part?

Yes. There is a list of schools that have registered on the website which you can search for alphabetically, by school name or Local Authority. You can also view a map of schools taking part.

We can't commit to the full challenge, can we still take part?

For schools unable to record five days worth of journeys over the challenge weeks, we also have a one-day version, which can include cycling, walking and scooting activities in the school day as well as on the journey to school.

We are a Special Educational Needs (SEN), can we compete?

Yes, SEN schools can compete too. If your pupils are able to cycle, walk, scoot or use a wheelchair to school then you may enter the Sustrans Big Pedal just like any other school and count your journeys.

There is no separate category for SEN schools. However, SEN schools with pupils who are unable to scoot/cycle to school may use school/static/ adapted bikes and count journeys made at school, e.g. during school break times, in the playground.

Be part of something BIG

- 1) Keep up to date, check out the Sustrans Big Pedal website and register for the newsletter at www.sustrans.org.uk/bigpedal
- 2) Put the date in your diaries
- 3) Register for the challenge in January 2019 at www.bigpedal.org.uk
- 4) Email the Big Pedal team if you have any questions at bigpedal@sustrans.org.uk