

# The Beacon

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## The Beacon at a Glance

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## Deputy Headteacher's News

The week of the 13<sup>th</sup> November saw our school support the national anti-bullying week. As part of this national initiative the ITV day time show This Morning launched their #BeKind wristbands and banding together to stop bullying.

The bands (if they are still available) can be picked up for FREE from high street stationery store Smiggle and can be worn with pride to show support for the campaign.

The #BeKind campaign was inspired by two mums whose children took their own lives as a result of the bullying they experienced. I am raising this today as it is my wish that the Montpelier family come together to spread the word about the campaign and encourage everyone to #BeKind. A small act of kindness can change the lives of many and if we all play our part we can begin to change the world and the experience of the people that are in it for the better. Have a wonderful weekend and please #BeKind.

## Foundation News

We are all very excited about Balanceability next week- take a look at the section in this newsletter for more info. A separate letter about our Foundation Sing-a-Long in a couple of weeks has also been sent home.

## Year 1 News

It has been an eventful week as the children have shown off their amazing reading and maths knowledge for George the Smartest Giant in Town and The BFG.

All children have now received their Christmas play information. Please could all parents help the children to learn their lines. We look forward to seeing you all at one of the performances of 'The Jolly Christmas Postman'.

## Year 2 News

Year 2 absolutely loved their trip to Eden this week! From walking along the wobbly bridge at the height of humidity in the Rainforest Biome, to proudly receiving our 'Rainforest Ranger' certificates after our 'Ranger Training' - it really was a brilliant day. Thank you for your support as always and please check out E-Schools for photos.

## Year 3 News

We have had a great week in year 3 this week. The children have been working hard learning about a range of poetry in English and the wonder of magnets in Science. There has been a great response to the Topic homework so far and we look forward to seeing more this week. Many Thanks Year 3 team

## Year 4 News

Year 4 enjoyed boogieing on down at the 'Egyptian disco' this week. Thank you so much to all of the contributions made! Next week, we are looking forward to continuing to learn about the properties of shapes, writing mummification instructions and making our pyramid gift boxes to sell at the Christmas fair! Have a great weekend!

## Balanceability

Foundation children will participate in next week Balanceability programme, please wear appropriate footwear to school e.g. trainers/plimsolls, these can be worn for the rest of the day. If your child owns a bike helmet please bring into school.

## Key Diary Dates

**Thurs 7<sup>th</sup> Dec** – Trutex pop-up shop 3pm

**Fri 8<sup>th</sup> Dec** – PTFA Christmas Fair

**Mon 11<sup>th</sup> Dec** – Carol Service, Mutley Baptist Church

**Tues 12<sup>th</sup> Dec** – 2pm Foundation Christmas Sing-along, mince pies and a cuppa.

**Wed 13<sup>th</sup> Dec** – Christmas Lunch

**Wed 13<sup>th</sup> Dec** – Service family Christmas event

**Wed 20<sup>th</sup> Dec 2017 – Tues 02<sup>nd</sup> Jan 2018 incl.** - Christmas holidays

**Wed 03<sup>rd</sup> Jan 2018 – Non-pupil day**

**Mon 12<sup>th</sup> – Fri 16<sup>th</sup> Feb Inc.** – Half term

**Fri 16<sup>th</sup> March – Non-pupil day**

**Fri 30<sup>th</sup> Mar – 16<sup>th</sup> Apr Inc.** – Easter holidays

**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** – End of term - 2:30pm finish (**Yr6 finish at 1.30pm**)

**Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> July** – First day of the summer holidays

## Year 5 News

The Bikeability badges and certificates have been issued this week and once again congratulations to everyone. We are aware that some certificates are missing and there seems to have been a miscount on badges, but we have informed the Bikeability staff and everyone should have their badges and certificates very soon.

Meanwhile, we have introduced our new English unit on 'Moz the Monster' this week during our assessment cycles in reading and maths.

## Year 6 News

On Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December at 5:30pm, we will be holding a meeting to discuss the 2018 Key Stage 2 assessments for parents of children in year 6. Please can you return the slip on the letter to indicate if you will be attending.

## TTRockstars Battle of the Bands

Calling all Key Stage 2 children! Help your class to win the battle of the bands by building up points on TTRockstars. The competition begins on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November at 4pm and ends on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December. Get your maths brains working to win!

## Maths Fun Day

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December is Maths Fun Day! You are all invited in at the start of the school day to find out more about the way in which we teach maths at Montpelier and see your child in a maths lesson. At the start of the school day drop your child off as normal and then make your way to reception to sign in. After a short introduction to AET maths in the Key Stage Two hall, you can then go to see your child in their class. If you have more than one child in the school, you will be able to move around the classes to see all your children. We ask you to leave the school by 10am, when the children will continue with a range of fun maths activities throughout the day. We look forward to seeing you in school on Maths Fun Day.

## Dogs

May we remind parents that dogs are not permitted on the school grounds – even those being carried in your arms.

Friday, 8th December

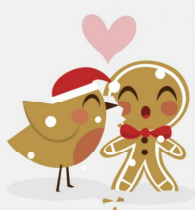


Montpelier Primary School's

# Christmas Fair

3:15pm - 5:15pm

- \* Crafts & Stalls
- \* Santa's Grotto
- \* Festive Games
- \* Face Painting
- \* Hot Dogs
- \* Refreshments
- \* Chocolate Tombola
- \* Christmas Raffle



*A free event organised by your PTFA  
for all the family to enjoy!*

