

The Beacon

Academic Year 2020/21

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Hello from Mr West

Every now and again, it is important that we take a step back to appreciate what we have. Throughout the past 15 months I have found myself doing that a little more often. Life in school is relentless, always asking what next. We find ourselves planning for the future alongside the here and now. However, this week I paused, deliberately I may add, to take stock of what I am fortunate enough to be a part of.

Montpelier is a unique place. I appreciate I will have a biased view due to the role that I hold, but this week I took the time to reflect and value what the team and children have achieved throughout my time. There have been incredible achievements, discoveries of hidden talents, times of challenge and emotional turmoil. We have faced struggles, risen in the face of adversity and have done so with a fighting spirit – always with a smile and the determination to succeed.

We (collectively) should be proud. We should reflect (more often) on our achievements, celebrate our successes and remember the true reason we are all here – the children. They are a real inspiration and no matter what the date or time, they remind us of the privileged role that we have – we are shaping the lives of the future generations, the generations that will go on to make a difference.

As another week comes to an end, I would like to express my thanks for your support and understanding when supporting our school throughout recent times, have a great weekend.

School Term Dates for 2020/2021

Fri 28th May – Tempest Class Photos

Mon 31st May – Bank holiday

Tues 1st – Fri 4th June Inc. – Half term

Fri 25th June – non-pupil day

Thurs 29th June – Sports Day for Foundation & KS1, 10am start

Fri 30th June - Sports Day 9:30am for Years 3 & 4, and 1:15pm start for Years 5 & 6

Fri 2nd July – PTFA Summer Fair

Fri 23rd July – Last day of term (**1:30pm finish for Year 6 / 2:15pm finish for Foundation through to Year 5**)

Mon 26th July – start of the summer holidays

Mon 6th Sept - non-pupil day

Tues 7th Sept – first day of term

Mon 25th – Fri 29th Oct Inc. – half term

Mon 20th Dec 2021 – Mon 3rd Jan 2022 Inc. – Christmas holidays

School Term Dates for 2021/2022

Tues 4th Jan - non-pupil day

Mon 21st – Fri 25th Feb – half term

Mon 11th – Fri 22nd Apr Inc. – Easter holidays

Mon 2nd May 2022 – Bank holiday

Monday 30th May 2022 – Bank holiday

Tues 31 May – Fri 3rd June Inc. - Half term

Mon 6th June - non-pupil day

25th & 26th July - non-pupil days

27th July – start of the summer holidays

Book of the Week

BOOK OF THE WEEK



A huge thank you to Jude and his mum for recommending this week's book and sharing their special and personal story. It definitely highlights the power of a great book and the importance of sharing stories with our children.

Jude and his mum shared *The Boy, the mole, the fox and the horse* by Charlie Mackesy. They looked at the wonderful illustrations and discussed what the quotes meant to them personally. Jude began to cry but explained that they were happy tears because he felt so loved. After a cuddle from mum, Jude began to talk about something that had been worrying him. He said the book had made him brave enough to share how he was feeling. What a superstar!

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

Quads

Congratulations to the year 3 Quad team that competed on Wednesday at Brickfields. The squad of 8 took part in the 50m sprint, 400m run, standing long jump and the vortex throw, gaining points for the team. Excellence performance from all athletes, considering this team had very little training they finished in 4th position overall. Excellent effort, well done!

Please have a look at our Facebook page for videos and photos.





YMCA PLYMOUTH

HALF-TERM Holiday Club

1st – 4th June

For Ages 8 - 16s

**Only
£15
PER DAY***

YMCA's holiday club is back for young people to once again get out and get active so they make the most out of the school holiday. Holiday Club is open to all young people aged 8-16.

Book Today:

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*For a standard
multi-activity session

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Holiday Club

YMCA's holiday club gives young people the opportunity to get active and have fun through a structured date of activities including; team games, arts & crafts, quidditch, Street Surfing (in the Sports Hall), competitions and lots more! Activities do vary for different clubs and day-to-day so please contact us if you want more specific details on activities that will be running.

Sessions

Our main Multi-Activity session runs each day apart from special trip days where specified. After booking a main Multi-Activity session you can also extend this by booking early and late add-on sessions for £3 each.

Children can bring a packed lunch or purchase food from our canteen - see more details online.



Early Add-on

£3 per session

8am – 9:30am

Multi-Activity Club

£15 per session

9:30am – 3:30pm

Late Add-on

£3 per session

3:30pm – 5:30pm

Please note: YMCA Charity Membership required: Either +£1 daily or £5 for an annual membership per child.

Booking

Follow the link below to complete our provisional booking form online. Once complete, we will contact you as soon as possible to confirm your place and take a 10% deposit. Your booking is not complete until we have confirmed the place and received your deposit. The remainder of the payment can then be made at our reception desk on first arrival at the beginning of the club. Please book in advance as possible as spaces are limited and will go fast!



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APPROVED**

Book Online: ymcaplymouth.org.uk/HolidayClub

30+ SPORTS ON OFFER & MUCH MORE!
£33
PER DAY

MONSTER MAY-HEM SPRING HALFTERM 2021

TUESDAY JUNE 1ST - FRIDAY 4TH 8.30AM - 4.30PM

AGES
5-14

ALL SITES
HAVE...

WILD TRIBE BUSHCRAFT
TEAM PROBLEM SOLVING
EURO FOOTBALL
COMPETITIONS
BUCKET DRUMMING
MONSTER SHOE GOLF
FRISBEE GOLF
MONSTER ART ACTIVITIES

PLUS THEY ENJOY
A SELECTION OF...

BUBBLE FOOTBALL
MONSTER NERF BATTLES
BUNGEE RUN
CIRCUS SKILLS
HUMAN TABLE FOOTBALL
SOFT ARCHERY
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