

# The Beacon

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## **Deputy Headteacher News**

Tuesday evening was the live performance of Montpelier's Got Talent. As the anticipation built I found myself asking the question, does Montpelier really have talent? After over 60 minutes of action packed entertainment I can most definitely say yes, it really does. The performances were breath-taking. The energy displayed, the enthusiasm shown and the variety of acts would have made the judges of Britain's Got Talent proud.

The evening began with a pulsating drum solo, this was quickly followed by hand springing, cartwheeling, and forward rolling action packed gymnastic routine. David Walliams would surely have been on his feet as the opening two acts came to a close. The evening continued with a rendition of Rachel Platten's 'fight song', the confidence shown by one so young was extraordinary. Next came the street dancing, as the sound of Pitbull's voice filled the room, out came the chest pops, arm Krumps and hand illusions. The talent displayed continued with an acapella version of Emeli sande's 'read all about it'. Will.i.am's 'it's my birthday' was the backing track for the next act, a pulsating street dance, with high energy moves. The talent on display showed no sign of slowing. A rhythmic gymnastics routine was beautifully executed, followed by a homage to the Star Wars franchise, a beat boxing masterclass and a fine impersonation of the 'Go Compare' opera singer-other price comparison sites are available.

Montpelier's very own close up magic specialist followed with an array of jaw dropping card tricks, the performance was flawless. Tap dancing to 'hit the road Jack' was effortlessly performed under the bright lights. The entertainment was in full swing, Shawn Mendes 'stitches' was brilliantly performed, followed by a graceful tap routine to the lyrics 'always better when we're together'. The sound of Adele's 'make you feel my love' accompanied by an elegant dance routine followed before John Legends 'all of me' filled the room.

The penultimate act was astounding, a rewritten version of the 90's Vanilla Ice classic Ice Ice Baby. The evening came to a close with cream pies and silly string and a little clowning around.

A great evening was had by all and I'm pretty sure if Simon Cowell had seen the variety on display, he would have had no choice but to put all the acts through to the live shows.

### **Foundation News**

The children have really enjoyed finding out about 'Jack and the Beanstalk' this week; discovering giant footprints, golden eggs, fantastic story maps and retelling the story. Since designing and writing to Mr Morgan about our pond, we now have new plants, fish and tadpoles to observe. Thank you to Mr Morgan and Mrs Frost for all of the time and effort that they have put into this. Please could you send a carrier bag in with your child next week so we can make class Ghanaian footballs!

## Year 1 News

Year 1 have been busy learning all about partitioning 2 digit numbers, looking at 10's and 1's! We have some magical mathematicians who worked out a range of word problem challenges. We will be looking at the historical changes of some famous seaside resorts and if you have not sent a picture of your child on holiday somewhere please could you send them in to your class teacher or by email- nathanbennetts@mpsplymouth.net. Next week we will be learning a new sun-cream poem in English so let's hope for some sunshine!

Wow! Yet another fantastic week where the children have demonstrated determination, enthusiasm and dedication, to help them through some tricky challenges - Well done Year 2! As always, we are very proud of you. Also this week, we have been getting extremely creative by producing our very own Brian Pollard landscapes. In addition the homework we have received has also been of a very high quality and reflected the talented designers we have in year 2 - thanks for your help. Letters have been sent out this week about our exciting trip to Wembury on the 4th of July along with a packed lunch form. Please can these be returned at your earliest convenience. We hope you enjoy the weekend.

## Year 2 News



### **Diary Dates**

## Sun 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2016

Bude residential

#### Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2016

Activity Week

# Mon 30<sup>th</sup> May 2016

Bank holiday

# Tues 31st May - Fri 3rd June Inc.

Half term

## Mon 6th June 2016

Non pupil day

# Thurs 14th July 2016

Year Six Production

## Wed 20th July 2016

Leaver's Celebration Disco

#### Thurs 21<sup>st</sup> July 2016

Year 6 Leavers Lunch

# Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2016

- Leavers' assembly
- Last day of term 2:30pm finish (Year 6 finish at 1.30pm)

# Wed 7<sup>th</sup> Sept 2016

First day of term



#### **Year 3 News**

Another amazing week in year 3. The children have been planning their new Madagascar stories ready for their grand unveiling at Peverell Library next Thursday, where they will be left for everybody to enjoy over the half term. In Maths, the children have been working hard on money problems and have shown a great maturity at tackling very difficult problems all week. We thank you all for your ongoing hard work.

#### **Year 4 News**

Year 4 have been working hard on their dilemma stories in English, remembering to include expanded noun phrases, fronted adverbials and a range of powerful words... we are all very proud of their work so far. In Maths the children have been solving 2-step word problems involving money and measure, using a variety of taught strategies. Please can I remind you all for payment and permission slips for the Clive Pig experience, also permission slips for Ham Woods next week. Have a fantastic weekend and thank you all for your continued support.

## **Year 5 News**

It has been another busy week for the year 5 children. We have been planning and writing our Greek myth in English and in Maths have been looking at an assortment of word problems.

Next week, as part of our Science curriculum, we will be looking at changes in the body and puberty. We will be viewing a film and discussing in separate boy and girl groups.

## **Year 6 News**

The standard of the children's mystery stories has completely blown us away. The year 2's and Year 5's enjoyed listening to their work. On Wednesday year 6 had a science lesson taught to them live from the Aquarium. The lesson was magically beamed into the three classrooms (with a little help from Mr Farr and technology) and they learnt all about various sea habitats. The children are all very excited about residential and activity week. We are sure they will have a fabulous time. Bude children -please arrive Central Park at Park from 2.30pm.

Parents - enjoy a peaceful week!

#### **Music News**

Thanks to everyone who performed in Montpelier's Got Talent this year! Such a hard choice to pick acts to go through to the showcase. It was great to see so many people having a go. Well done to all those chosen to perform in the showcase; it was a great show!

### **Instrumental Lessons**

There are a few changes next week. Mrs Berna will be doing her Wednesday lessons on Monday.

As Year 4 and Year 6 are out on Tuesday morning, drum lessons will restart on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June.

Everything else is as normal.

It was lovely to receive a cheque for £250 from the Rotary Club of St Austell in gratitude for the steel pan group playing at their charity event last July. The event itself raised over £10,000 for local hospices. It is great to know our playing is appreciated and for our pupils to get involved in community events.

## **Free Family Fun Day**

Plymouth City Council's Short Breaks Service and its Sports Development Unit will be running another free Family Fun Day on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June 1pm - 5pm. The four activities on offer between 1pm and 4pm will include climbing, volleyball, dodgeball sitting trampolining followed by a family swim from 4pm-5pm. Events are for families with children with additional needs (aged 6-18) living in Plymouth. Places are limited and are allocated on a first come basis. To book call 307008 or email ashley.piggott@plymouth.gov.uk

# Can You Help?

We are looking for a plasterer who is willing to give us some free advice and / or help out with some plastering (labour only) — the old KS1 office. Please inform the school office asap if you are able to help, or email our Site Manager

sitemanager@mpsplymouth.net



# Railway Beacon Youth Football Club

Railway Beacon Youth Football Club require players to form new U9 team for next season 2016/2017

Age qualification must be school year 4, starting September 2016 respectively.

Contact Manager Barry Rodgers on 07490183004 for training details.

#### Street Jazz - Year 2 & 3

Sessions start again after half term on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2016. Cost £15.00. Sign up letters available from the school website or the school office. Please return your slip asap as this club is very popular and places are limited.

# Outstanding Payments School Lunch and Breakfast Club

Despite our reminder a few weeks ago the number and amount of outstanding payments is still very high. May we once more appeal to those of you who don't already pay in advance, as per school policy, to please settle any outstanding debts and please consider keeping your account in credit to avoid any further texts chasing payment. As ever, if you are experiencing difficulty please do keep us in the picture and contact the school office.

**Free School Meals** are available to some and if you feel you may qualify please obtain a form from the school office.

# Plymouth Phoenix Girls Football Club

Plymouth's only all-female Youth football club for girls only offers FREE coaching for all players 9yrs and under by FA Qualified Coaches. All are fully FA Enhanced CRB checked and Child Safety and Emergency Aid Certified.

When: Thursday Evenings from 6pm.

Details: www.plymouthphoenixgirl sfc.co.uk Email:info@plymouthphoenixgirlsfc.co.uk

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