

Headteacher News

Sports Days

Thanks to everyone who attended the sports day events this week – the crowds made them all very special occasions. Apologies again to Key Stage 1 parents for postponing theirs on Monday. It's always a really difficult decision when it's a "will it – won't it?" uncertainty regarding the rain. The forecasts we checked actually turned out to be correct though with some heavier rain arriving during the morning. Wednesday turned out to be a real winner though with some absolutely delightful weather – lots of sun with a cooling breeze. The children had a super fun time with plenty of activities to keep them all involved. Thanks to all the staff for making it all work so well. Despite having to switch days, the turnout was still amazing – the field seemed packed with eager parents and other family members. I even spotted a couple of people utilising Facetime to ensure that absent parents could see the event in real time, as well as lots of others filming and photographing. As always, we just ask that everyone remains respectful regarding the sharing of images and that these are not published on open access social media sites. The Key Stage 2 sports events were equally successful. The weather was slightly less kind. It started almost dry, turned a little damp but just about kept away enough to ensure spectators didn't get too wet and the running remained safe. Well done to all the children who took part with such enthusiasm.

The overall scores were very close and, incredibly, only one point eventually separated first and second place. Congratulations to the yellow team though, who just managed to pluck victory away from the green team. But well done to everyone for their participation and the lovely way in which they competed.

| Team | Position | Overall | KS1 | Yr 3/4 | Yr 5/6 |
|--------|-----------------|---------|-----|--------|--------|
| Yellow | 1 st | 338 | 87 | 130 | 121 |
| Green | 2 nd | 337 | 86 | 146 | 105 |
| Red | 3 rd | 314 | 86 | 113 | 115 |
| Blue | 4 th | 306 | 83 | 134 | 89 |

SATs Results

You'll probably be aware, from the media, that the Key Stage Two SATs results have been published this week. I'd just like to say a very proud "WELL DONE" to all of our Year 6 children and our Year 6 team of teachers and teaching assistants for a super effort (although, to be fair, these outcomes are in fact seven years in the making so I would like to thank all of our team who have been involved with these children throughout their time here – including the parents for their ongoing support). As you'll know, these are extremely challenging new tests – much tougher and also testing them on a new knowledge-based curriculum which they've not fully covered. When these were introduced last year, we were caught off-guard with just how difficult they were. The team were undoubtedly better prepared this year, partly due to spending more time in preparation for taking the tests. Anyway, you'll know that I'm not a great fan of the disproportionate emphasis placed on the SATs but it is nice to know that our scores compare favourably against outcomes nationally:

| Subject | Montpelier | National |
|----------------------------------|------------|----------|
| Reading | 75% | 71% |
| Writing | 81% | 76% |
| Mathematics | 77% | 75% |
| Grammar, Punctuation & Spelling | 77% | 77% |
| Combined (reading/writing/maths) | 63% | 61% |

To be in-line or above national data across the board is great news and to be a couple of percent above on the combined figure (a key performance indicator) is great news. And now Year 6 are working on something completely different; their end-of-year performance 'Shreek the Musical' which parents will be able to enjoy during the week beginning 17th July. It really does look as though it'll raise a good many laughs. They've also got their leavers assembly and leavers ball to look forward to as a way of celebrating their time here and creating some final fond memories to take with them as they move on to their respective secondary schools. We sincerely wish them all the very best as they head towards this new chapter in their lives. They've made us proud.

Diary Dates

Wed 13th July

- Yr 4 trip to Morwellham

Tues 18th July 2017

- Yr2 performance 'The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch' 1.45pm & 6pm

Tues 25th July 2017

- Leavers' assembly
- Last day of term 2:30pm finish (Yr6 finish at 1.30pm)

Wed 26th July 2017

- Start of the summer holidays

Mon 4th Sept 2017

- Non-pupil day

Tues 5th Sept 2017

- First day of term

Mon 23rd – 27th Oct Inc.

- Half term

Wed 20th Dec – 2nd Jan Inc.

- Christmas holiday

Wed 3rd Jan 2018

- Non pupil day

Monty's Den

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www.thedens.co.uk



Playground Equipment

Please refrain from using the equipment in the playground storage units before and after school.

Foundation News

Well done to our super 'Sports Stars', they all did so well and we were very proud of their efforts and teamwork. You have probably been told but our caterpillars emerged from their cocoons and have now been released into the Foundation garden. Next week the children will be visiting their new classrooms and we will be talking about people who help us and going on a search for them!

Football at Montpelier

This year has been a very successful year of football for Montpelier Primary. At the start of the year, the Year 5 boys became the Plymouth Schools Futsal champions and that set the tone for the rest of year. The boy's team have had some remarkable results, coming runners-up in the schools cup, losing to the team that haven't been beaten in it for 3 years. They have had some great cup runs in other tournaments and unfortunately always losing out to the same team. The girls have also had a great year, getting to semi-finals of the Plymouth Schools Futsal finals. I would like to say a huge thank you to all the boys who have played this year and to the boys who have been to all the football sessions on a Monday after-school. We have some incredible footballing talents at Montpelier and recently I sent 8 boys to try out for the Plymouth Schools Representatives Team. With over 200 children taking part we had 4 children make it through to the 2nd stage and 3 boys who made it through to the final selection. Amazingly, 2 boys from the school have been selected to represent Plymouth Schools this year which is a remarkable achievement! A huge congratulations to Sam Hengle and Cole Fisher, you have done brilliantly, I wish you all the best. I would also like to give a special mention to Aaron Barrett, Lucas Phillips, Liam Carr, Corradi Crosfield, Charlie King and Finley Smith, a fantastic effort on the trials! I look forward to next year!!

Mr Carhart

Final Note: If anybody has any football kit from this year, please bring it to the hut ASAP. I am missing quite a lot!

Year 1 News

It's been another brilliant but busy week in Year 1. We're sure that you'll agree the children were amazing on sports day. It was lovely to hear them cheering on their team mates and see them running, bouncing and throwing with confidence! We are eagerly looking forward to our Superhero Party on July 19th. The children can wear superhero outfits/accessories to school on this day- let us know if you need any help with this. Have a lovely weekend!

Year 4 News

What a busy week Year 4 have had! On Tuesday, we enjoyed our sports day taking part in different events collecting points for our house team. Then, on Thursday we held Our Great Exhibition where we dressed up as a famous Victorian, discovered about Brunel and created structures in his style that could hold a 500g weight. We then invited the parents in to share our fantastic work we have created over this term. As well as this, we received a postcard from our new Year 5 teachers asking about our successes from Year 4 and what we are looking forward to in Year 5. Great work this week Year 4! Keep up the hard work, not long left! Have a lovely weekend.

Year 5 News

It has been a sporting time in year 5 this week. An excellent sports day took place on Tuesday afternoon and it was pleasing to see so many parents attending the event. On Wednesday a number of the children attended the Festival of Sport at Plymouth College and had a great time taking part in a selection of games and impressed with their sporting prowess. Meanwhile, those who remained at school, assisted in the rearranged KS1 sports day. We were very impressed with the conduct of the children and how they assisted the teachers and children through the various events. Well done to all the year 5 children.

Year 6 News

There has been lots of things going on this week!

Most children have been out this week visiting their new secondary schools. They have reported back about all the wonderful activities they have done and are looking forward to moving on to secondary school.

Sports Day was great! As always, the children threw themselves in to the challenges, tried their best and were gracious in response to the results. The Tug of War was a highlight!

Next week, on Wednesday, as part of the science curriculum, we will be delivering sex education. If you wish to ask questions about the content or view the material, please contact your child's class teacher.

Tickets are now on sale for the year 6 production: Shreek!

Please be aware that tickets will only be allocated when the slip has been returned and the tickets paid for online.

School Footwear

Here at Montpelier we have high expectations around the behaviour, attitude and attainment of all pupils. These expectations are essential to give every child the opportunity to fulfil their potential and strive to be the best that they can. They are ingrained in the culture and ethos of our school and it is something that as parents you buy into when you choose our school for your child. It is at this point that I would like to remind you all about our expectation with regards to the children's footwear. As the end of term comes ever closer with thoughts turning to the summer break, I know being a parent of three school aged children myself, that at some point - if you haven't already, that you will partake in the glorious event that is shopping for school shoes. I am all too aware that in certain outlets the school shoe section offers a range of all black trainers as a viable option of everyday school wear. Before you consider and take the step to purchase footwear for your child I wish to remind you all that trainers; even if they are black, are not school uniform. The expectation is that children wear black shoes. It is our intention that from September any child wearing trainers will be asked to return home to change into the appropriate footwear. Further reminders will be sent out before the end of the summer term.