

## Headteacher News

You may recall that in the Beacon dated 5<sup>th</sup> May Mr Holland made reference to the Learning Behaviours that form the fabric of daily life here at our school. For your reference the piece is below:

### Golden Learning Behaviours

You will hopefully remember that we introduced the idea of Golden Learning Behaviours (GLB) back in the spring term of 2016. GLB grew from our 'Going for Gold' initiative that began in the summer of 2014. Going for Gold recognises children who are always good and, particularly, those who go 'above and beyond' in terms of their behaviour. Since we began celebrating outstanding behaviour in this way, it has improved even further right across the school, despite already being a great strength of ours. Pupils demonstrate lovely behaviour and also encourage and expect it of each other. Golden Learning Behaviours followed on from this. It aimed to recognise, celebrate and encourage excellent learning behaviours and to openly teach children to become better learners. This isn't about studying new facts or building on knowledge so that the children know more 'stuff'. It's about techniques, skills and abilities the children need and (most importantly) can develop further, in order to become better at learning new things. What we've done now is simplify the model we were using. Previously, we'd closely followed a nationally recognised initiative called Building Learning Power. However, in using it, we found that it was very complex; having four main learning dispositions and then 17 'learning muscles' within these dispositions. It was all a little too complicated. So, what we've done is to strip it back a bit and personalise it for Montpelier and the children we have here. We now have just 7 broad golden learning behaviours that we develop in school. These are: love learning, love a challenge, persevere, believe in ourselves, value teamwork, focus, and develop self-help strategies. There's lots of key language and skills that sit behind these learning behaviours and I encourage you to visit our website to find out a little more about this: ([www.montpelierprimary.co.uk/website/golden\\_learning\\_behaviour](http://www.montpelierprimary.co.uk/website/golden_learning_behaviour)).

It's much simpler for the children to understand this way and it is also much more pertinent to the approach to learning that we value at Montpelier.

What we have at Montpelier is a notion that children will understand and immerse themselves in the culture that is being promoted. A direct consequence of building an understanding of the learning behaviours is to ultimately create lifelong learners that make a positive contribution to the world - thus enabling children to respond with confidence and conviction to the question 'what makes a good learner'?

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> June saw our children take full part in the first (and I hope of many) Golden Learning Behaviour Day. The children worked in collaboration with children across the whole school, building new relationships and enhancing existing ones. Hopefully you will have heard all about it by the time you read this week's Beacon, but what I can add is that it was a privilege to have been part of such a wonderful event. My thanks go out to the team at Montpelier for going above and beyond, once again, for our children. The time, thought and preparation that went into organising the day was incredible and contributed to the success of the whole occasion. I had a fantastic day and I am sure the children did too – it will most definitely be one they remember for many years to come.

## Diary Dates

### Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2017

- 9:45am for 10am start. Foundation & KS1 Sports Day held at DHSG

### Tues 4<sup>th</sup> July 2017

- KS2 Sports Day held at DHSG

Yrs 3 & 4, 9.30am for 9.45am start.

Yrs 5 & 6, 1pm for 1.15pm start.

### Wed 5<sup>th</sup> July 2017

- Reserve Sports Day

### Tues 25<sup>th</sup> July 2017

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

### Wed 26<sup>th</sup> July 2017

- Start of the summer holidays

### Mon 4<sup>th</sup> Sept 2017

- Non-pupil day

### Tues 5<sup>th</sup> Sept 2017

- First day of term

### Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> Oct Inc.

- Half term

### Wed 20<sup>th</sup> Dec – 2<sup>nd</sup> Jan Inc.

- Christmas holiday

### Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan 2018

- Non pupil day

## Monty's Den

Monty's Den is our on-site after school care. Call on 07522 429599 for more information or to book a session. Flexible booking available.

[www.thedens.co.uk](http://www.thedens.co.uk)



## E-safety drop-in's

We would like to invite you to our E-safety Drop-in's on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2017, in Café Connect from 8:30 to 9:30 am and 2:30 to 3:30 pm. Our neighbourhood PCSO Chris Pooley will be joining us for the drop-in's, during the Drop-in's Chris will be able to answer any of your e-safety concerns. We look forward to seeing you on Tuesday.

The E-safety Team

### **Foundation News**

The children have had a great time on minibeast hunts this week and are fascinated by how quickly our caterpillars have grown and changed. We all had a super day on Thursday reinforcing our Golden Learning Behaviours with fun outdoor activities. Next week we look forward to another special day with British Values Day on Wednesday.

### **Year 1 News**

The highlight for Year 1 this week was certainly GLB day! It was a brilliant day full of awesome experiences including squelching through mud, making fires and building the tallest tower possible -and these were only few of the fun activities we took part in! We had a fantastic time learning more about each Golden Learning Behaviour and know that we will think back on the experience and use it to become an even better learner! Have a great weekend!

### **Year 2 News**

What an action packed week we've had in Year 2! Thanks to your contributions and the support from parent helpers, we were able to have a fantastic time at Wembury beach - thank you. We loved rockpooling and finding the 'Big 5' creatures. Perhaps you could ask your child what they discovered? Yesterday was another great day, the children thoroughly enjoyed learning the skills needed to be a good learner - apologies for any muddy feet! Have a fantastic weekend.

### **Year 3 News**

Where did that week go?!! In English this week, the children have been planning and writing their non-fiction texts about evacuees. They have been able to confidently apply all their knowledge from the topic so far, into some fantastic information texts. In Maths the children have been revisiting the four operations, applying them to a variety of contexts. Towards the end of the week, as you know, the children took part in GLB day. The children had a thoroughly enjoyable day and were all able to demonstrate the 7 key skills confidently. What a fantastic week... Well done all.

### **Tempest Collection**

Please ensure all orders are passed in to the school office by Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June. After this time all orders will be returned to you.

### **Year 4 News**

Another busy week in Year 4 this week! The children have been working extremely hard creating their own invention machines and putting together their explanation texts. We have been impressed with many of their ideas so far and are looking forward to reading the final pieces. Golden Learning Behaviour Day has proven a huge success in Year 4 and many of the children enjoyed all of the activities, particularly the barefoot mud walk! Looking ahead to next week, we are already looking forward to 'The Art and British Values Day', where we will be focusing on our British Value of 'Mutual Respect'. Have a great weekend.

### **Year 5 News**

Another busy week in year 5. We have begun new units in both Maths and English this week. Our Maths unit is about reflection, translation and co-ordinates, while in our English unit we are immersing ourselves in Pandora's box.

A great day was had yesterday during the 'Golden Learning Behaviour' Day. Well done to all the children for committing themselves to the various tasks and the year 5 children for looking after those children from years 1 and 3.

### **Year 6 News**

What a fantastic week with such glorious weather! There have been lots of fun things going on in year 6. We enjoyed taking part in the Race for Life. Even though it was very hot, we all persevered and completed the route. We also had fun taking part in the activities and supporting younger children during Golden Learning Behaviour Day.

In class, we are continuing to write an information text, A Guide to Year 6. We are practising using shifts in formality, trying to sound factual and formal, while also using informality to get the reader on side.

In maths, we have started to design our own theme park. We'll keep you updated as these develop!

If your child has a performance role in the school production, letters have been sent out with information about costumes. The dates for the shows are Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July at 1.30pm and Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July at 6pm. You will be informed when tickets are on sale.

### **Children's University Passports / Armed Forces Day**

If you are going to the Hoe on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> June for the Armed forces day you can take your passports to the Military Kids Club Heroes and they will stamp your passport.

### **School Games Golf**

Congratulations to the year 5 golf team that competed yesterday at Brickfields, you were all amazing, well done.

### **Quad Kids**

Wow!!! What a team, having finished 2nd in the competition a few months ago the Quad Team were selected to represent Plymouth in this year Devon Summer Games. Up against 11 schools across Devon the team knew that they all had to put in 110% in all 4 events. First was the boys 75m, with all boys finishing in the top 3 of their heat, the girls continued with very strong performances. Second and third events was the field, standing long jump and vortex. The last race was the one all athletics were dreading, the 600m. Girls turn to race first with 2 of our runners in each heat, Montpelier finished in 1st and 2nd position. Last event of the day was the boys, up against some very strong runners the boys pulled it out of the bag to produce fantastic times. Waiting for the presentation and for our school to be announced was nerve racking, finally Montpelier was called, as overall winners by 50 points. What an achievement. Team you were all amazing I am very proud of you all, you worked together, supported each other and a marvellous group of young adults. Thank you for making this last year very successful. We have ended on a massive win, congratulations.

Mrs Pearce

## Quad Kids



### Our School's Race For Life

Thank you to all the families who attended Our School's Race For Life event at Central Park Monday.

It was an amazing day, despite the heat.

Throughout the day 900 runners took part in the organised running activities in school and over at Central Park. A super effort and achievement by all.

It was lovely to see so many children involved and to see them receiving their medals with such a sense of achievement on their faces. The event attracted 60 families, with 170 runners. It was heart-warming to see so many people running on behalf or in memory of a loved family member or friend. Coming together in support of such a worthwhile charity is what makes our school community so strong.

Cancer Research UK hopes that Race for Life will continue to raise millions in order that they can keep on fighting towards their pledge to find cures for all 200 types of cancer.

Sponsorship monies and donations are coming in, which is greatly appreciated.

Can we please have all monies in by 14<sup>th</sup> July, as we are hoping to present a cheque to Cancer Research UK shortly after that date.

Can we remind you if you are a tax payer please tick the Gift Aid box, as Cancer Research UK can claim an extra 25% of the sponsorship money from the Government.

Alternatively, friends and family may wish to sponsor you, by donating at our Justgiving page. [www.justgiving.com/MPSPlymouth](http://www.justgiving.com/MPSPlymouth) where you can also Gift Aid.

Many thanks for your continued support in making this another successful Montpelier occasion.

Race for Life Team