

The Beacon

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Headteacher's Comment

So, next week, our Year 6 pupils will be taking their national tests (often referred to as SATs). Whatever your views on formal testing, this is an important time in their schooling as, in many ways, it represents the culmination of their past seven years of primary education. These tests are harder now than they've ever been and undoubtedly cause varying degrees of apprehension for children. We always try to minimise this as much as possible but it's a real credit to them that they're extremely committed to achieving their very best in these SATs. We always wish to remind the children, as well as their parents, that it's just their skills in English and maths that's being tested here – very necessary skills for life but, equally, a very narrow focus. They do not assess all of what makes each child individual, special and unique, nor the plethora of other skills they have developed and honed throughout their time here. They will all leave Montpelier as extremely well-rounded individuals who have made us proud no matter how next week goes. We wish them the best of luck (although they've worked so very hard for this that luck is not something they'll need). Just do your very best – that's all we can ask of any of you.

Foundation News

Our class author Nick Sharratt has written some wonderful books where the children can choose and make up their own stories. We have been reading 'Once Upon a Time...' and have started to write our own stories in class to link with Prince and Princesses - we are very excited about the Royal Wedding next week. Please sign up at the classroom door as to which food you are kindly able to bring. We would also appreciate any family Wedding photos to share in class to show the children, past and present.

Year 1 News

What an exciting fortnight it has been in Year 1. The visit to St Bartholomew Church was eventful from start to finish. The teddy bear couple, 'Lola & Dave' helped the children to learn from a hands-on experience what a wedding is like. Thanks to all parents who helped with the children's wonderful wedding attire! This week the children have been writing our own superhero adventure stories whilst trying to conquer telling the time to o'clock and half past the hour.

Year 2 News

We were wowed by Year 2's fantastic focus when beginning their challenge books this week! We also made the most of the dry weather and ventured outside to practise our super sporting skills. Have a great weekend!

Year 3 News

This week we continued our Time Travellers topic and ventured back to 1945 to commemorate V.E day, which was celebrated earlier this week. We started to learn about the different countries involved in WW2 and the children asked lots of questions about life during the war. Due to Year 3's TTRockstars battle of the bands victory against Year 4, the children have now been challenged by the Year 3 teachers. Who will come out victorious? In English we have continued working on character and setting to prepare for our Plymouth Zoo escape story that will be shared with Plymouth library. Have a great weekend!

Alert

We do not wish to alarm anyone but we would like parents to be vigilant. Apparently, a man approached a young girl near a Plymouth play park in Leigham, on Tuesday evening [8th May]. He was possibly driving a white van. A reminder at home regarding 'Stranger Danger' wouldn't be a bad idea.

School Term Dates for 2017/2018

Fri 18th May - red, white and blue mufti / class party afternoon
Mon 28th May – Bank holiday
Tues 29th May – Fri 1st June Inc. – Half term
Tues 5th June – Class Photos & Yr6 Individuals
Thurs 14th June - Proms in the Playground 6-7pm
Mon 18th June - Schools race for life
Fri 20th July – 2:30pm end of term finish (**Yr6 finish at 1.30pm**)
Mon 23rd July – First day of the summer holidays

School Term Dates for 2018/2019

Tues 4th Sept – Non-Pupil Days.
Wed 5th Sept – Non-Pupil Days.
Thurs 6th Sept – Autumn Term 2018 begins.
Mon 22nd to Fri 26th Oct – Autumn Half Term Break 2018.
Thurs 20th Dec – Last Day of Autumn Term 2018.
Fri 21st Dec 2018 to Fri 4th Jan 2019 – Christmas Holiday 2018.
Mon 7th Jan 2019 – Non-Pupil Day.
Tues 8th Jan – Spring Term 2019 Begins.
Mon 18th Feb to Fri 22nd Feb – Spring Half Term Break 2019.
Fri 5th April – Last Day of Spring Term 2019.
Mon 8th to Mon 22nd April – Easter Holiday 2019.
Tues 23rd April – Non-Pupil Day.
Wed 24th April – Summer Term 2019 Begins.
Mon 6th May – Bank Holiday.
Mon 27th to Fri 31st May – Summer Half Term Break 2019.
Wed 24th July – 2:30pm end of term finish (**Yr6 finish at 1.30pm**)
Thursday 25th July – Non-Pupil Day.

Year 4 News

Another action packed week in Year 4 with lots of our children getting through to the final for 'Montpelier's Got Talent'. We have also taken part in a 'changing states experiment' during science and have written our very own chapter of the Twit's in English. We are very proud of all the children who performed at 'Montpelier's Got Talent' and were stunned by the amount of talent these children have! Just a polite reminder about our Morwellham Quay trip. If any more donations can be made, that would be greatly appreciated. The trip is due to be on the first day back during Summer Term 2 (5th June). Have a good weekend!



Year 5 News

What a busy week in Year 5! In English the children have started their new topic - Fantastic Beasts. They have been discussing and evaluating how authors use language to impact the reader, with a focus on character description. In Maths, the children have been investigating number, learning new methods for division. It's been a real challenge, but the children's enthusiasm has really shone through. In Science the children are continuing to learn all about the cycle of life. Have an enjoyable weekend!

Year 6 News

As you are aware, next week the children will be completing the KS2 statutory assessments (commonly known as SATs). A letter has been sent home with your child detailing the timetable for the tests. The tests will take place in the mornings of Monday to Thursday. Please make sure that your child arrives promptly at 8:35 each day. We will be providing a free breakfast to help the children to focus. I am sure you will agree that the children have worked very hard and feel prepared to take on the challenge of SATs. We would like to thank you for all your support!

Book of the Week



One of the new books we purchased for Y6 with your sponsorship money. Marinka dreams of a normal life, where her house stays in one place long enough for her to make friends. But her house has chicken legs and moves on without warning.

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

Hockey

Yesterday the year 5 & 6 Hockey team completed in another competition, this time held at SDCC, playing each match for 30 minutes was its own challenge. First up Montpelier were playing against Kings, winning this 4-0, next was St Peters this match was rather one sided MPS played with 6 players to their 8, again winning this match 8-0. The final was going to tough against St Andrews the only other school that had won all their matches. Fantastic team work with another win for MPS 4-1. Superb effort team, you were all amazing.

Virtual Challenge

Congratulations to the following children who finished in the top 3 of their class participating in the Spring School Virtual Challenge. Each child had to compete in 4 disciplines – Standing Long Jump, 5 Meter Shuttle Run, Tennis Ball Throw and the dreaded 1KM Run. The further the throw, longer the jump and quickest they ran the more points awarded. Please practise these events at home ready for the Summer Challenge.

- 3M - 1st Blake Z 274 point, 2nd Fletcher C 273 point, 3rd William K 264 point
3P - 1st Finlay F 272 points, 2nd Ewan B 271 points, 3rd Jack P 263 points
3S - 1st Byron G 286 points, 2nd Dylan P 266 points, 3rd Isaac S 265 points
4M - 1st Jack C 286 points, 2nd Ciaran S 278 points, 3rd Bradley B 276 points
4P - 1st Michael C 282 points, 2nd Elliot D 280 points, 3rd Hayden W 272 points
4S - 1st Noah U 275 points, 2nd Olivia C 269 points, 3rd Henry W 268 points
5M - 1st Tilly R 288 points, 2nd Carter K 283 points, 3rd Thomas H 279 points
5P - 1st Oisin S 298 points, 2nd Charlie K 291 points, 3rd Harry S 287 points
5S - 1st Amelie U 296 points, 2nd Ethan S 287 points, 3rd Jacob W 279 points
5X - 1st Archie P 290 points, 2nd Dylan L 287 points, 3rd Harrison K 281 points
6M - 1st Samuel H 296 points, 2nd Cole F 295 points, 3rd Finley T 291 points
6P - 1st Harrison M 330 points, 2nd Brody P 307 points, 3rd Dan C 304 points
6S - 1st Ashton F 294 points, 2nd Lily V 292 points, 3rd Aiden W 291 points

Music News

Well Done to everyone who took part in the showcase for Montpelier's Got Talent on Tuesday night. Great performances all round! Thank you to our very supportive audience too. Over 200 children auditioned this year! We'll be showing KS2 on Thursday 17th and KS1 on Monday 21st, so please remember to send in costumes/props on those days.

Due to SATS there will be no violin, ukelele, drum or morning brass lessons next week. Mrs Berna will be teaching on Tuesday as normal, but only Wednesday afternoon. Afternoon brass lessons and flute lessons will take place as normal.

All Miss JR's clubs will go ahead as normal.

Proms in the Playground featuring all our choirs will take place on Thursday 14th June. Letters to get tickets will be sent home next week.

Lost Property

The Lost Property bins are filling up again. There are several pairs of trainers and a size 3 pair of girl's sketchers shoes. Please do come in and look for anything that belongs to you, as always we have to dispose of any unclaimed items.

If you chose to buy labels from label planet please use our unique number **13668** as our PTFA will benefit from a generous commission. Jane Gilbert, Parent Support Advisor

Royal Wedding Buffet Lunch – Friday 18th May

Cook is serving a special packed lunch on Friday 18th May to celebrate the Royal Wedding consisting of:-

Either a meat wrap or a cheese wrap.

A dinosaur shaped cheese, cucumber & carrot sticks, a bag of Burt's Waves Crisps.

A blueberry or chocolate muffin

A choice of drink.

All served in a Union Jack box. Normal charges apply.

Please be aware this will be the **ONLY** option available that day so children will need to bring their own packed lunch if they do not wish to have the school one.

Competition to Win Playground Equipment

Just a reminder that the Tokens to win £9,500 of play equipment will be printed in The Herald from Monday 8th to 26th May 2018. Esme C (2S) has beautifully decorated a box, which is now in reception for you to pop your tokens in. Let's start collecting!

Devonport Services Rugby Club U11's.

Finley T (6M) along with Corradi C (6M) and Cameron H (6S) all play rugby for Devonport Services Rugby Club U11's. The team was selected to play in the U11's Youth Festival held at Twickenham before and during the Army vs Navy match that was held on Saturday 5th May. The team played United Services Portsmouth and two Army teams based in Germany - Ridgebacks and Mastiffs. They won all three matches and progressed into the final, which they won 6-4. Well done boys.



CRICKET

NEW YOUTH TEAMS AT PCSR CC

Plymouth Civil Service & Roborough CC have started a NEW colts section at the club. Be part of this fantastic opportunity by getting your children involved!!!

If your children are between the ages of 5 and 12 then don't hesitate to get in touch.

To find out more please contact pcsrclub@gmail.com

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Drop-in sessions with professionals and stalls

Booking is essential - please see facebook **Plymouthpcv**
for details or use the qr code below

There is a fully refundable booking deposit

