

The Beacon

Academic Year 2020/21

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Hello from Mr West

According to Google, I have spent September and October in two places, one is my home, the other is Montpelier - which I know is most definitely a reflection of the times, but is also a reminder of how much COVID-19 has impacted on our everyday lives. Whilst I do love the job that I do I am very much looking forward to spending the next nine days in one place, spending time with my family making memories. With our ability to go on adventures limited, one such way we can is through story. This can take many forms; role play, films, songs, books. You will have heard our message that reading is the key to success in learning. I know that you know this but it's always helpful to remind ourselves of the importance of it.

When just a few months old, a child can look at pictures, listen to voices, and point to things in the pages of a book. They learn to love the sound of language before they even notice the existence of printed words on a page. Reading books aloud stimulates their imagination and expands their understanding of the world. It helps them develop language and listening skills and prepares them to understand the written word. By reading stories that are on their interest level, but beyond their reading level, you can stretch their understanding and motivate them to improve their skills.

Whilst we will do all that we can to teach them this crucial skill in school, continuous exposure to books at home makes all the difference. It's one of the biggest boosts you can give your child academically. So please join with us in continuing to encourage a love of reading at Montpelier.

Have a great half term, I know I will.

School Term Dates for 2020/2021

(In light of the current situation dates might be subject to change)

Mon 26th Oct - Non-Pupil Day

Tues 27th – Fri 30th Oct - Half term

Mon 2nd Nov – KS2 individual photos (Yr3 to Yr6 Inc.) – no family groups at this time

Fri 27th Nov - Non-Pupil Day

Fri 18th Dec – last day of term

Mon 21st Dec – Thurs 31st Dec – Christmas Holidays

Fri 1st Jan 2020 – Bank holiday

Mon 4th Jan – Non-pupil day

Mon 15 – Fri 19th Feb Inc. – Half term

Fri 2nd Apr – Bank holiday

Mon 5th Apr – Bank holiday

Tues 6th – Fri 16th Apr – Easter holidays

Mon 3rd May – Bank holiday

Fri 31st May – Bank holiday

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

Fri 25th June – non-pupil day

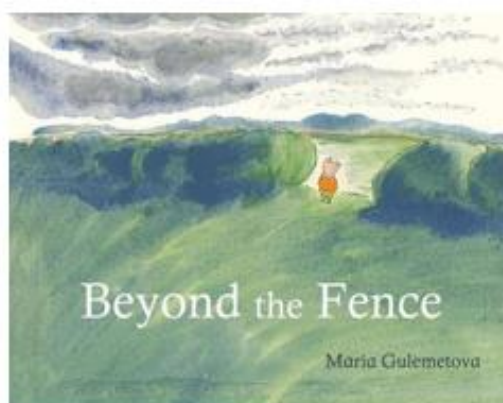
Fri 23rd July – Last day of term (**1:30pm finish for Year 6 / 2:15pm finish for Foundation through to Year 5**)

Mon 26th July – start of the summer holidays



Book of the week

BOOK OF THE WEEK



Piggy lives in a large house with Thomas. Thomas knows exactly what Piggy needs. But a chance meeting with a wild pig changes everything, and Piggy finds out what lies outside the four walls, beyond the fence.

A gentle book about freedom and friendship.

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

Music News

Last remaining spaces available for group instrumental lessons - £40 for 5 lessons:

Check out the videos of our pupils and tutors on the school Facebook page! So impressive!

Availability:

Drums: 1 space for Y4, 2 spaces for Y5 and 2 spaces for Y6

Piano: 2 spaces for Y5, 1 space for Y3

Keyboard: 1 space for Y4

Ukulele: 2 spaces for Y4

Violin 2 Spaces for Y4, 2 spaces for Y5

Individual lessons are available for Y3-Y6 £58.50 for 5 x 20 minute individual and £87.50 for 5 x 30 min lessons.

Contact Miss JR: jessrowe@mpsplymouth.net stating which instrument and group or individual lessons.

Flute, guitar and brass lessons have spaces across Y3-Y6. Please contact Ian Pettit- pettitmusic@hotmail.com

For parents who have signed up already, organising the lessons is a little more complicated this year, so payment requests have not yet been issued. They will be sent on Monday 2nd November to give us time to fill the last few spaces and liaise with you if some groups are not able to run and discuss alternatives with you.

Thank you for your understanding.

Anti-Bullying Week 2020

'The message of Anti-Bullying Week 2020 is all about being 'United Against Bullying'. Here at Montpelier Primary School, we want to help children to understand how important it is that every child feels valued and included in school, able to be themselves, without fear of bullying. During the week (16.11.20 - 20.11.20) it would be great if your child could wear odd socks for the entire week to promote and share the important message of being 'United against Bullying'. We cannot wait to see the children wearing their odd socks! Thank you for your cooperation!'



PLYMOUTH MARJON HOCKEY DEVELOPMENT



**HIGH QUALITY
COACHING**



**ALL ABILITIES
INCLUDED**



**SKILLS
MASTERCLASSES**



**GOALKEEPER
WORKSHOPS**



**TOP PRIZES TO
BE WON**

OCTOBER 2020 HALF-TERM HOCKEY CAMPS

This camp will be run in compliance with the latest Covid guidelines provided by the Government and England Hockey.

ONE DAY CAMP ▶ £35

TWO DAY CAMP ▶ £60

- ▶ **26TH & 28TH OCTOBER**
PLYMOUTH MARJON HOCKEY CENTRE
- ▶ **10AM - 4PM - PL6 8BH**
- ▶ **BOOK ONLINE**
hockeydynamics.clubbuzz.co.uk
- ▶ **EMAIL US**
john.hockeydevelopment@gmail.com

Restricted places available due to COVID 19 - please book early to avoid disappointment



Prizes and medals to be won every day!!

ARGYLE SOCCER ROADSHOW

Our Soccer Roadshows are age and football specific with the emphasis on fun, enjoyment and development. Sessions include skills, technique, competitions and small sided games.

ARGYLE HALLOWEEN SPECIAL

Finish the October half term with an action packed day of football activities from shooting to world cup tournament. Added incentive all participants will walk away with a prize and be involved in a prize draw at the end of the day.

GIRLS ONLY ROADSHOW

Girls of all abilities have the chance to learn new skills, make new friends and really feel part of the football community. These sessions are in place to shatter any lingering pre-conceptions about women's and girls' football and boost participation whilst learning skills and technique and playing small sided games.

MINI PILGRIMS

Mini Pilgrim football sessions are for children from 18 months to 5 year olds, who are experiencing their first taste of structured coaching sessions. The emphasis is to improve the children's listening and concentration skills whilst working on balance and co ordination within a social environment. The children can develop in a safe and fun environment over the duration of the sessions.

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All courses for boys and girls of all abilities aged 5 - 15 years. Courses run from 10am to 3pm with the exception of Mini Pilgrims 10am to 12pm

For our cancellation policy please visit <https://argylecommunitytrust.co.uk/terms>

DISABILITY SOCCER ROADSHOW

A fun-filled day packed with football games in an inclusive and comfortable environment. The day is tailored for children with a physical impairment, learning disability or mental health condition.

PRIMARY STARS DAY

Premier League Futura Stars offers multi-sports activities that include football, handball and dodgeball. From learning the sports to engaging within competitions we focus on the core PL Stars values - Be Connected, Be Ambitious, Be Fair, Be Inspiring. Can you be the next future star?

MULTI SPORTS

Chance for participants to undertake a wide range of sports throughout the day. Sports will vary from football, handball, tag rugby plus many more. Each venue and area will offer different sports.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSIONS

Saturday Morning football sessions are aimed at children 4 -11 years old. The sessions are staffed by qualified & full time members of staff. The emphasis is to improve the children's football skills and confidence, whilst working on balance and co ordination. The children can develop in a safe and fun environment over the duration of the sessions. This is open to players of all experience and ability.

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OCTOBER HALF TERM 2020

Book our courses online

www.argylecommunitytrust.co.uk



Prices from £5 to £30
Registration opens at 9.40am

LEARN.
PLAY.
SUCCEED.

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Additional activities are available

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PLYMOUTH

NO.	VENUE	DATE	THEME
P01	Manadon Sports and Community Hub	26 October	PL Primary Stars Days
P02	Lipson Vale Primary	26 October	Multi-Sports Day
P03	Lipson Vale Primary	27 October	Multi-Sports Day
P04	Manadon Sports and Community Hub	27 October	Strikers & Goalkeepers
P05	Manadon Sports and Community Hub	27 October	Girls Only Football Roadshow
P06	Newton Ferrers Primary	27 October	Multi-Sports Day
P07	Manadon Sports and Community Hub	28 October	Argyle Football Roadshow
P08	Manadon Sports and Community Hub	28 October	Mini Pilgrims (10am-12pm)
P09	Newton Ferrers Primary	28 October	Argyle Football Roadshow
P10	Wembury Primary	28 October	Argyle Football Roadshow
P11	Newton Ferrers Primary	29 October	Multi-Sports Day
P12	Wembury Primary	29 October	Multi-Sports Day
P13	Plymouth Argyle FC, Home Park	30 October	Argyle Halloween Special
P14	Plympton Academy	30 October	Argyle Halloween Special
P15	Lipson Vale Primary	30 October	Multi-Sports Day

EAST CORNWALL & NORTH DEVON

NO.	VENUE	DATE	THEME
EC01	St Joseph's School, Launceston	28 October	Argyle Football Roadshow
EC02	Lanivet Community Hub	28 October	Argyle Match Day Special
EC03	Wadebridge Football Club	27 October	Argyle Football Roadshow
EC04	Dobwalls Football Club	27 October	Argyle Football Roadshow
EC05	Saltmill 3G Saltash	28 October	Argyle Football Roadshow
EC06	Budehaven Leisure Centre All Weather Pitch	28 & 29 October	2 Day Argyle Football Roadshows
EC07	St Teath Football Club	29 October	Argyle Match Day Special
EC08	St Joseph's School, Launceston	30 October	Argyle Halloween Special
EC09	Lanivet Community Hub	30 October	Argyle Halloween Special

DISABILITY

NO.	VENUE	DATE	THEME
D01	Manadon Sports and Community Hub	26 October	Short Breaks (10am-1pm)
D02	Manadon Sports and Community Hub	27 October	Short Breaks (10am-1pm)
D03	Manadon Sports and Community Hub	29 October	PAN Disability Soccer Roadshow

MID & WEST CORNWALL

NO.	VENUE	DATE	THEME
MC01	Penair School, Truro	26 October	Argyle Football Roadshow
MC02	Treviglas School, Newquay	27 October	Argyle Football Roadshow
MC03	Carn Brea Leisure Centre, Pool	28 October	Argyle Football Roadshow
MC04	Helston Football Club	29 October	Argyle Football Roadshow
MC05	Falmouth School	30 October	Argyle Halloween Special

All courses
£16 for 1 day,
£30 for 2 days.
Halloween Special
Just £18

SATURDAY MORNING CENTRES

VENUE	TIME	THEME
Manadon Sports and Community Hub	9am -10am	Saturday Morning Centre
Manadon Sports and Community Hub	9am -10am	Mini Pilgrims
Lanivet Community Hub	9am -10am	Ability Counts Centre
Lanivet Community Hub	10:15-11:15am	Lanivet Saturday Morning Centre
Dobwalls Football Club	9am -10am	Dobwalls Saturday Morning Centre
Launceston College 3G	9am -10am	Southgate Saturday Morning Centre
Falmouth School	9am -10.30am	Saturday Morning Centre
Carn Brea	9am -10.30am	Saturday Morning Centre

Every Saturday
till Christmas!
Only £3 a session