

The Beacon

Academic Year 2019/20

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Hello from Mrs Hunter

Hello and welcome back! I hope that you were all able to make the most of the summer and to enjoy the change of routine that the holiday gives us. Whether we are home or away the break gives us the chance to try something new, have a bit of thinking time, make plans and recharge our batteries. Although I loved the summer holiday I was so excited to be coming back and have just loved being here again this week. Bess has settled in really well – everyone is being super supportive by ignoring her which is really hard as we are a super friendly bunch! We walk round the school each day so the children have lots of opportunities to see her, even if she isn't stopping to meet them yet. She had a training day with the charity last week and they thought she was a super dog who loves to learn – she is clearly in the right place then!

At the end of last year we were talking about changing our school 'strap line' from *Learning Together, Achieving Success* to something that is a better reflection of where we are now. All staff, pupils, parents and governors that we worked with agreed. We had a parent forum to discuss ideas along with a pupil group and discussions in staff meetings and at governors. The staff and pupils then voted on the one that excited us the most and so our new line is 'Curious, Creative, Confident' as we believe that this is what all members of the school family need to be to help us succeed in life; that includes us adults! We will not be changing our logo or school uniform but we will start to replace the wording as and when we can.

I would like to welcome Sam Tucker to our team – she is our new school librarian and is working hard with Mrs Jones to get our new library up and running. We are also delighted to have Jayne Hayes joining our amazing office team. She has certainly hit the ground running!

Have a great weekend and for my fellow Strictly fans, start dancing!

Sam Hunter ☺

Calling Montpelier's Army of Readers

Hopefully a letter has come home with your child today about a Reading Army meeting. If you read with children last year and have not received one, please contact reception or email me. daniellejones@mpsplymouth.net

Please note, this meeting is for anybody who attended the training, had their DBS returned and came in and worked with children last year.

I will send out more information soon, for anybody wanting to join our Army of Readers this year.

School Term Dates for 2019/2020

Fri 27th Sept - MacMillan Coffee afternoon

Wed 9th Oct – Harvest Festival

Thurs 17th Oct – Tempest Individual & Family Group photos for Foundation & KS1

Mon 21st to Fri 25th Oct – Half term

Mon 28th Oct – Tempest Individual & Family Group photos for KS2

Thurs 31st Oct – Parent Forum, 9.00am

Fri 29th Nov – Non-Pupil Day

Fri 20th Dec – Fri 3rd Jan 2020 Inc. – Christmas Holidays

Mon 6th Jan – Non-Pupil Day

Mon 17th – Fri 21st Feb Inc. - Half term

Mon 30th March – Mon 13th April Inc. – Easter holidays

Tues 14th April – Non-Pupil Day

Fri 8th May – Bank Holiday – ***please note the change of date***

Mon 11th May – Yr6 SATs

Sun 17th May – Yr 6 Bude

Mon 25th – Fri 29th May - Half term

Fri 26th June – Non-Pupil Day

Wed 22nd July – end of term

Thurs 23rd July – First day of summer holidays

BOOK OF THE WEEK



A little girl sails her raft across a sea of words, arriving at the house of a small boy and calling him away on an adventure. Through forests of fairy tales and across mountains of make-believe, the two travel together on a fantastical journey that unlocks the boy's imagination.

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

A Plea from Foundation

If anyone is getting rid of any superhero/action figures, cars, garages etc? Foundation are in desperate need! Please send any donations into the school office. Many thanks.

Childrens' University Graduation

This year childrens' University graduation will take place on 11th and 12th October. we are not sure of which slot we will be allocated until we know how many families will be attending. To help me know who will qualify to attend please pass your CU passports to Jane Gilbert by Monday 9th September. I will then validate your learning and issue any certificates to you. To graduate you must have reached either your first 100 hours or the next gold level since your last graduation.

Jane Gilbert, Parent Support Advisor

DHSG Open Evening and Afternoon

DHSG are holding an Open Evening and Afternoon on Tuesday 10th September 6 – 8pm and Wednesday 11th September 2:15 – 3:30pm.

'Free School Meals' students are eligible for a free 11+ Practice Examination

SDCC Open Evening

SDCC will be holding an Open Evening for Year 6 students, on Wednesday 11th September from 6.30 pm. All welcome.

Music News

Welcome back everyone!

Singing lessons with Clare Lash-Williams start on Monday afternoon.

Violin/ukulele lessons start on Monday. If your child already has an instrument/music, please bring it along.

Guitar,keyboard,piano, and clarinet lessons with Mrs Berna start on Tuesday 9th or Wednesday 10th September.

Flute lessons with Mr Pettit start on Wednesday 10th September.

Brass lessons will start on Friday 20th September. We are still awaiting confirmed start dates for drums, ukulele and violin.

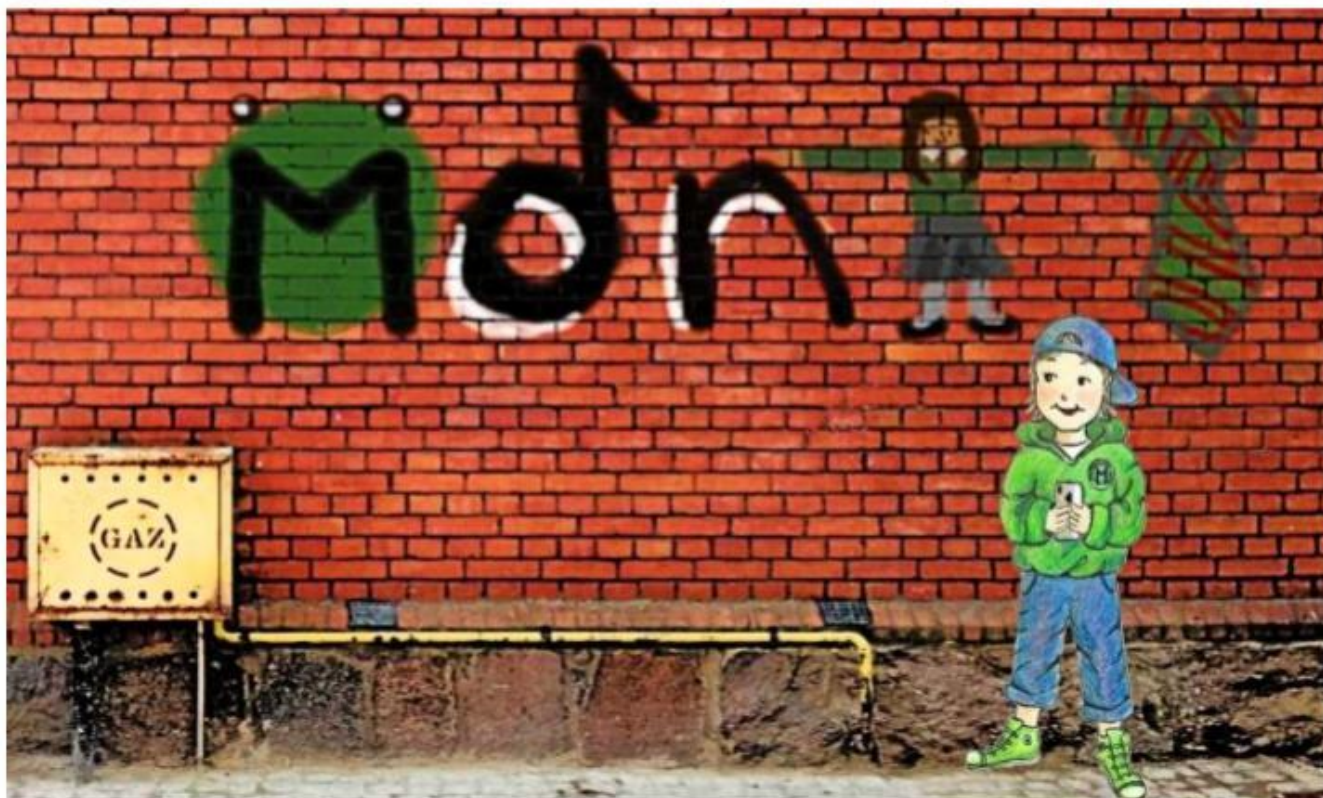
There is a space in beginner drums 30 minute lesson at a cost of £75 per 10 lesson block. Please contact Miss JR- jessrowe@mpsplymouth.net if you are interested.

Thursday Choir for Y4/5/6 starts on Thursday 19th September.

Steel Pan for Y5 and 6 starts on Monday 23rd September

Year 2 and 3 choir starts on Tuesday 1st October

For all the after school clubs, letters will be given out in class music lessons.



Welcome to 'A Message From Monty'!

Following the feedback you gave us in our recent e-safety questionnaire, we are starting fortnightly e-safety bulletins to help MPS parents and carers stay up-to-date with the latest e-safety news and advice. These will be shared through both the Beacon and our school's parental communication channels. We hope that the information we send out will help ensure that you have the knowledge and understanding you need to help your child make positive decisions online.

This first message is to introduce you to our school's new e-safety mascot called Monty (that's him in the picture above!) Monty loves street art, rapping and using his phone and tablet. The letters of his name help the children remember five important rules to follow in order to keep them safe online. During the coming school year all of the children will be learning more about Monty and these rules. Hopefully they will even be able to share with you Monty's special e-safety rap!

We would like to thank two members of our Montpelier family who helped bring Monty to life. Elsie in Year 6 designed the Monty street art and Mrs Massey drew Monty. Look out for the next 'Message from Monty' in two weeks time.

Lunch time *Language Clubs*

Spanish Club

Thursdays lunch time
Starting 19th of September

French Club

Fridays lunch time
Starting 20th of September

£30 per block of 12 sessions
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