

# The Beacon

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## *Hello from Mr West*

Every now and again, it is important that we take a step back to appreciate what we have. Throughout the past 15 months I have found myself doing that a little more often. Life in school is relentless, always asking what next. We find ourselves planning for the future alongside the here and now. However, this week I paused, deliberately I may add, to take stock of what I am fortunate enough to be a part of.

Montpelier is a unique place. I appreciate I will have a biased view due to the role that I hold, but this week I took the time to reflect and value what the team and children have achieved throughout my time. There have been incredible achievements, discoveries of hidden talents, times of challenge and emotional turmoil. We have faced struggles, risen in the face of adversity and have done so with a fighting spirit – always with a smile and the determination to succeed.

We (collectively) should be proud. We should reflect (more often) on our achievements, celebrate our successes and remember the true reason we are all here – the children. They are a real inspiration and no matter what the date or time, they remind us of the privileged role that we have – we are shaping the lives of the future generations, the generations that will go on to make a difference.

As another week comes to an end, I would like to express my thanks for your support and understanding when supporting our school throughout recent times, have a great weekend.

## *School Term Dates for 2020/2021*

**Fri 28<sup>th</sup> May** – Tempest Class Photos

**Mon 31<sup>st</sup> May** – Bank holiday

**Tues 1<sup>st</sup> – Fri 4<sup>th</sup> June Inc.** – Half term

**Fri 25<sup>th</sup> June** – non-pupil day

**Thurs 29<sup>th</sup> June** – Sports Day for Foundation & KS1, 10am start

**Fri 30<sup>th</sup> June** - Sports Day 9:30am for Years 3 & 4, and 1:15pm start for Years 5 & 6

**Fri 2<sup>nd</sup> July** – PTFA Summer Fair

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

**Mon 26<sup>th</sup> July** – start of the summer holidays

**Mon 6<sup>th</sup> Sept** - non-pupil day

**Tues 7<sup>th</sup> Sept** – first day of term

**Mon 25<sup>th</sup> – Fri 29<sup>th</sup> Oct Inc.** – half term

**Mon 20<sup>th</sup> Dec 2021 – Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan 2022 Inc.** – Christmas holidays

## *School Term Dates for 2021/2022*

**Tues 4<sup>th</sup> Jan** - non-pupil day

**Mon 21<sup>st</sup> – Fri 25<sup>th</sup> Feb** – half term

**Mon 11<sup>th</sup> – Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> Apr Inc.** – Easter holidays

**Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2022** – Bank holiday

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May 2022** – Bank holiday

**Tues 31 May – Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> June Inc.** - Half term

**Mon 6<sup>th</sup> June** - non-pupil day

**25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> July** - non-pupil days

**27<sup>th</sup> July** – start of the summer holidays

## Book of the Week

# BOOK OF THE WEEK



A huge thank you to Jude and his mum for recommending this week's book and sharing their special and personal story. It definitely highlights the power of a great book and the importance of sharing stories with our children.

Jude and his mum shared *The Boy, the mole, the fox and the horse* by Charlie Mackesy. They looked at the wonderful illustrations and discussed what the quotes meant to them personally. Jude began to cry but explained that they were happy tears because he felt so loved. After a cuddle from mum, Jude began to talk about something that had been worrying him. He said the book had made him brave enough to share how he was feeling. What a superstar!

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

## Quads

Congratulations to the year 3 Quad team that competed on Wednesday at Brickfields. The squad of 8 took part in the 50m sprint, 400m run, standing long jump and the vortex throw, gaining points for the team. Excellence performance from all athletes, considering this team had very little training they finished in 4<sup>th</sup> position overall. Excellent effort, well done!

Please have a look at our Facebook page for videos and photos.





YMCA PLYMOUTH

# HALF-TERM Holiday Club

1<sup>st</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> June

For Ages 8 - 16s

Only  
**£15**  
PER DAY\*

YMCA's holiday club is back for young people to once again get out and get active so they make the most out of the school holiday. Holiday Club is open to all young people aged 8-16.

**Book Today:**

[ymcaplymouth.org.uk/HolidayClub](http://ymcaplymouth.org.uk/HolidayClub)



\*For a standard multi-activity session

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# Holiday Club

YMCA's holiday club gives young people the opportunity to get active and have fun through a structured date of activities including; team games, arts & crafts, quidditch, Street Surfing (in the Sports Hall), competitions and lots more! Activities do vary for different clubs and day-to-day so please contact us if you want more specific details on activities that will be running.

## Sessions

Our main Multi-Activity session runs each day apart from special trip days where specified. After booking a main Multi-Activity session you can also extend this by booking early and late add-on sessions for £3 each.

Children can bring a packed lunch or purchase food from our canteen - see more details online.



### Early Add-on

£3 per session  
8am – 9:30am

### Multi-Activity Club

£15 per session  
9:30am – 3:30pm

### Late Add-on

£3 per session  
3:30pm – 5:30pm

**Please note:** YMCA Charity Membership required: Either +£1 daily or £5 for an annual membership per child.

## Booking

Follow the link below to complete our provisional booking form online. Once complete, we will contact you as soon as possible to confirm your place and take a 10% deposit. Your booking is not complete until we have confirmed the place and received your deposit. The remainder of the payment can then be made at our reception desk on first arrival at the beginning of the club. Please book in advance as possible as spaces are limited and will go fast!



**Book Online:** [ymcaplymouth.org.uk/HolidayClub](https://ymcaplymouth.org.uk/HolidayClub)

30+ SPORTS ON OFFER & MUCH MORE!  
**£33**  
PER DAY



# MONSTER MAY-HEM SPRINGHALF TERM 2021

TUESDAY JUNE 1<sup>ST</sup> - FRIDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> 8.30AM - 4.30PM

AGES  
**5-14**



## ALL SITES HAVE...

WILD TRIBE BUSHCRAFT  
TEAM PROBLEM SOLVING  
EURO FOOTBALL  
COMPETITIONS  
BUCKET DRUMMING  
MONSTER SHOE GOLF  
FRISBEE GOLF  
MONSTER ART ACTIVITIES

## PLUS THEY ENJOY A SELECTION OF...

BUBBLE FOOTBALL  
MONSTER NERF BATTLES  
BUNGEE RUN  
CIRCUS SKILLS  
HUMAN TABLE FOOTBALL  
SOFT ARCHERY  
DISCO DOME  
SLIDE CASTLE  
SLIP N SLIDE  
ZORB WARS  
SUMO SUITS



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