

The Beacon

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Hello from Mr West

Armistice Day, held on November 11th every year, commemorates the signing of the armistice between the Allies and Germany at 11am on 11th November 1918. Although hostilities continued in some areas, the armistice essentially brought an end to four years of fighting in the First World War.

On Thursday, as I am sure many of you did, the children and staff of Montpelier Primary School respected the tradition to pause for a two minute silence at 11am to remember those who gave their lives in the two world wars and those British servicemen and women killed or injured since 1945 - it was heartening to see so many families join us at this time.

The act of Remembrance rightly has a place in and impact on our lives, no matter which day of the week it might fall upon. The most important thing from our school perspective is that the memory of those who have given their lives and continue to serve our country to preserve the free world that we live in are remembered for many generations to come. The sight of the poppy and the reason we wear it will hopefully be something the children of Montpelier Primary School understand, have respect for and will honour for many years to come. 2021 also marks the 100th year anniversary of the poppy as a symbol of remembrance, for more information on this please visit: <https://www.britishlegion.org.uk/about-us/our-centenary>

Have a great weekend.

School Term Dates for 2021/2022

Fri 19th Nov – Children in Need mufti

Tues 23rd Nov – Toy and gift assemblies

Fri 26th Nov – Mufti (Dress to impress)

WB Mon 6th December – Christmas lunch week 7th – 10th more info to follow

Mon 6th Dec – Christmas Tree Festival

Tues 7th Dec – Year 1 Nativity

Wed 8th Dec – Year 2 sleepover

Thurs 9th Dec – Year 1 Nativity

Fri 10th Dec - Foundation sing-a-long

Mon 13th Dec – Carols around the tree

Wed 15th Dec – Christmas Carol Service

Thurs 16th Dec – Wishes around the tree *more info to follow*

Fri 17th Dec – Christmas jumper day

Fri 17th Dec - Wishes around the tree

Mon 20th Dec 2021 – Mon 3rd Jan 2022 Inc. – Christmas holidays

Tues 4th Jan 2022 - non-pupil day

Mon 21st – Fri 25th Feb – half term

Mon 11th – Fri 22nd Apr Inc. – Easter holidays

Mon 2nd May – Bank holiday

Monday 30th May – Bank holiday

Tues 31 May – Fri 3rd June Inc. - Half term

Mon 6th June - non-pupil day

25th & 26th July - non-pupil days

27th July – start of the summer holidays



Covid Reminders

The information below is a few COVID reminders from us at Montpelier:

If your child has symptoms of COVID-19 (**a continuous cough, a high temperature or loss of taste/smell**), **they must have a PCR test and NOT a LFT test**. An LFT test is designed to identify cases of COVID in asymptomatic cases.

When reporting an absence and leaving a message, please state the reason for absence. For example, sickness, cold, chickenpox etc.

Please note that if you report one of the main COVID-19 symptoms on a message, our Admin Team will call back and ask that you get your child a PCR test.

Thanks for your continuing support with this,

Mr Thomson Associate Headteacher

Book of the Week



This week's recommendation is from Ruby and her family. It is called 'What is Racism?' and is part of Usborne's popular lift-the-flap series.

This book gives both children and adults the language and sensitivity they need to talk about racism. It gently explains what racism is, how it happens, why it is NEVER acceptable and what each and every one of us can do to eradicate it.

Thanks Ruby.

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

ROAD SAFETY 4SCHOOLS

Dear Plymouth Primary Schools!

Next week (week commencing November 15th), Brake, the road safety charity, launches its annual Road Safety Week. It is a perfect opportunity for schools to organise a variety of activities aiming at increasing children's road safety awareness, knowledge and skills.

Is your school planning to get involved?

The Road Safety Team at Plymouth City Council would like to support you by sharing links to useful resources and information that teachers might want to use during the week.

1/ Free lesson plans and resources on the Brake website

The theme of Road Safety Week 2021 is **ROAD SAFETY HEROES**, celebrating the heroic work of road safety professionals, and explaining how we can all play a part in making journeys safer for everyone. You can access and download free [lesson plans and resources](#), or watch [Our Road Safety Heroes video](#).



2/ Free lesson plans and resources on the Think! website

[For children aged 3-6](#)
[For children aged 7-12](#)

3/ Safer Steps, an online programme for KS2

In July, we purchased an annual subscription to Safer Steps, a road safety online programme designed by Agilysis. The programme is accessible, free of charge, to all primary schools in the city. There is a unique username and password that you can share with teachers, children and parents.

<https://safersteps.co.uk/>

Username: **plymouthcc**

Password: **21plymouth22cc**

The programme is an online story book, followed with activities, divided into 6 chapters that cover: safest places to walk and play, the Green Cross Code, safest places to cross, crossing types, staying visible and active travel. It is most appropriate for children in year 3 and 4.

Road Safety Education

www.plymouth.gov.uk/parkingandtravel/roadsafety/roadsafetyschools
roadsafetyeducation@plymouth.gov.uk



ROAD SAFETY 4SCHOOLS

4/ Be Safe, Be Seen!

Now we are in the autumn term, with the clocks changing we will see less daylight hours. Children will be walking, scooting or cycling when it is more likely dusk/dark outside. It is therefore essential to reinforce the importance of always being visible to traffic, even in daylight. Wearing anything bright and reflective will help other road users see pedestrians when visibility is reduced. The Road Safety Team have prepared a presentation that your school might want to use next week, in tutor time or as an assembly.

Email: roadsafetyeducation@plymouth.co.uk if you wish to receive our KS1 and KS2 *Be Safe, Be Seen* presentation.

Win fluorescent and reflective accessories for your Y5/6 pupils!

Send us an email with photos and details of the activities you have done to celebrate Road Safety Week.

We will include all entries into a lucky draw! The winning school will receive a pack including:



Send your email to roadsafetyeducation@plymouth.gov.uk by Wednesday 26th November.

The lucky draw will take place on Friday 28th November.

The Road Safety Team:



Suzanne Keith
Highway Safety Technician



Angélique Kergosien
Road Safety Officer

Road Safety Education

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disappointment



**Week
Pass**

Access as many
courses as you like for
£70 per participant

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS 2021

Book our courses online

www.argylecommunitytrust.co.uk



	NO.	VENUE	THEME	COST	DATE / TIME
PLYMOUTH	P1	Manadon Sports and Community Hub Limited to 200 spaces	Christmas Cracker	£25	16 Dec 16:30 - 19:00
	P2	Manadon Sports and Community Hub	Christmas Special	£18	20 December
	P3	Manadon Sports and Community Hub	Christmas Special	£18	21 December
	P4	Plympton Academy	Christmas Special	£18	21 December
	P5	Manadon Sports and Community Hub	Christmas Special	£18	22 December
	P6	Manadon Sports and Community Hub	Christmas Special	£18	23 December
	P7	Manadon Sports and Community Hub	Festive Football	£18	29 December
	P8	Manadon Sports and Community Hub	Festive Football	£18	30 December
EAST CORNWALL & NORTH DEVON	ECND1	Lanivet Community Hub	Christmas Special	£18	20 December
	ECND2	Bude Football Club	Christmas Special	£18	21 December
	ECND3	Duchy College, Stoke Climsland	Festive Football	£18	29 December
	ECND4	St Teath Football Club	Festive Football	£18	30 December
	ECND5	St Joseph's School, Launceston	Festive Football	£18	30 December
WEST CORNWALL	WCC1	Falmouth Sports Club	Christmas Special	£18	20 December
	WCC2	Penrice Academy	Christmas Special	£18	21 December
	WCC3	Carn Brea Leisure Centre	Festive Football	£18	29 December
	WCC4	Falmouth Sports Club	Festive Football	£18	30 December
DISABILITY	D1	Manadon Sports and Community Hub Limited to 20 spaces	Christmas Cracker	£25	16 Dec 16:30 - 19:00
	D2	Manadon Sports and Community Hub	Disability Short Breaks	£8	20 Dec 10:00 - 13:00
	D3	Manadon Sports and Community Hub	Disability Christmas Roadshow	£16	23 Dec 10:00 - 15:00

**LEARN.
PLAY.
SUCCEED.**

Prices from £8 - £25 Registration opens at 9am

All courses for boys and girls of all abilities aged 5 - 15 years

Course times 9.30am-3.30pm

T 01752 562561 ext 4 www.argylecommunitytrust.co.uk

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

Half Price Sibling Discount Available



Everyone leaves with a medal on each day!!

CHRISTMAS SPECIAL

The course will give all young people who attend the opportunity to undertake a fun-filled training session. Each child in attendance will be awarded with a Christmas goody bag. Pilgrim Pete will be in attendance and there will be a chance to win lots of prizes. The day will be extended to 9:30am-3:30pm.

CHRISTMAS CRACKER

The course will give all young people who attend the opportunity to undertake a training session at Manadon with the Plymouth Argyle FC first-team squad in the evening. This will be followed by a meet and greet with the team where young people can collect autographs, photos and chat to the team. Pilgrim Pete and Father Christmas will also be in attendance and each person will receive a goody bag, a Christmas card and the chance to win lots of prizes.

FESTIVE FOOTBALL

Join us for an action-packed day of football activities; from shooting sessions to World Cup tournaments and each participant will receive a goody bag, which includes an Argyle medal.

PAN DISABILITY AGES 5 - 16

Football/activity day: 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.

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www.argylecommunitytrust.co.uk

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Courses run from 9:30am to 3:30pm with exception of Christmas Cracker 4.30pm-7pm

Additional activities are available

