

# The Beacon

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## *Hello from Mr West*

### **Teacher Recruitment**

Getting recruitment right is a vital component for every organisation - finding people who share your values, ethos and passion is the challenge embraced when embarking on a recruitment process, but one that I can say we have successfully met. As Mrs Hunter shared in the last edition of the Beacon, recruitment was on our agenda this week as we looked to fill the one permanent and two temporary teaching vacancies' at our school. I am delighted to share that from a field of 98 we were successful in our mission. We have appointed to the three positions that we had advertised. It is with great pleasure that we welcome Miss Gabrielle Chafer, Miss Chloe Honey and Mr Lewis Guest – who I've just found out is a Chelsea fan - to the Montpelier family. I have no doubt they will be fantastic additions to the team.

### **Project Playground**

Where do I start! I will start with thank you! I am absolutely blown away. It is moments like this that I know I am fortunate - fortunate to be part of such a special place. On Wednesday March 24<sup>th</sup> we launched 'Project Playground' and at Montpelier we are definitely dreaming big! But never did I think we would surpass our target so quickly. In fact as of Thursday April 29<sup>th</sup> we had surpassed the target by 43%, with the total at an impressive £2,872.00 (£3,415.00 including Gift Aid) with no sign of it slowing.

We have seen a wide and wonderful array of fundraising events including sponsored walks, runs, car washes, bike rides and beach cleans. Children completing a daily mile, litter picking, jokeathons, orange juice sales among a few. In addition, generous donations from families have contributed to this total, with one such donation from a child's birthday money. We are so proud of the love and support our local community has shown us and we look forward to putting our plans into action.

To follow the progress of our Virgin Giving Page please click on the link below.

<https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/charity-web/charity/displayCharityCampaignPage.action?charityCampaignUrl=projectplayground>

Have a great Bank Holiday weekend and we will see you on Tuesday.

## *School Term Dates for 2020/2021*

**Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> May** – Bank holiday

**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

**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

## Maths News

Exciting news! If you have a child in Foundation, Year 1 or 2, they should have brought home their log in details for Numbots- a great way of practicing and improving number fluency in the style of a game where the children move through levels, collect coins and spend them on improving their robot! Numbots can be played via the app which is free to download for phones and tablets or at [play.numbots.com](http://play.numbots.com)

Children in Years 3-6 have been using TT Rockstars (which is the follow on from Numbots) for a number of years now and it has been hugely successful so I'm sure Numbots will be too!

If you have any issues, please let your child's teacher know.

## Railway Beacon Youth Football Club

Railway Beacon Youth football club are looking for new, keen and enthusiastic young players who may be interested in joining their youth football teams. These are "mixed" teams so this opportunity is open to boys and girls equally. The club emphasis is on player inclusion and allowing the players to enjoy themselves in a safe and friendly environment, regardless of their levels of ability.

For the 2021 – 2022 season we have availability in the following age groups:

- U9 – Going into Yr 4 in Sept 2021 (new team)
- U10 - Going into Yr 5 in Sept 2021
- U11 – Going into Yr 6 in Sept 2021
- U12 – Going into Yr 7 in Sept 2021

If interested or if you have any questions in the first instance, please call Jim Lucas (club secretary) for an informal chat on 07948722926.

## Montpelier starts off with a win!!!

On Wednesday two teams year 6 (green) and year 5 (whites) competed in a Quad Events held at Brickfields. This is the first sporting event in over a year; I was as excited as the children were. The afternoon was split into 2 heats, the year 6 team in the first heat, started off with a bang!!! First was the sprint, the vortex throw, standing long jump then the dreaded 600m run and finish off the session with a relay. The second heat the year 5 also started strong, completing in the same format with an incredible relay sprint to finish off the whole day. Looking at our squads, you wouldn't think that they have been out of action for such a long time. Due to restrictions we had to wait until the following day to announce the final positions. I am pleased to say that the year 5 team finished in 5<sup>th</sup> with 1032 points with the year 6 team winning the event with 1250 points. We have started where we left off. Congratulations to all athletics you were amazing.

Please have a look at our Facebook page for video clips.





# EMOTIONAL LOGIC PARENT INTRODUCTION

Do you want to:



- Know how to help your children build their inner strength to adapt to the changes and challenges in life?
- Explore new ways for your family to communicate and talk about tricky emotional issues?
- Find new ways to deal with others when they feel angry, anxious or stuck?

If so, you are invited to attend a free 60 minute online session. During the session, you will be introduced to the Emotional Logic technique and shown how the resources can be used at home.

You will also be able to hear how your child's school plans to use the materials with all children.



There are only 100 places available for the session. If you would like to book on the session, please email [admin@mpsplymouth.net](mailto:admin@mpsplymouth.net). You will be sent an invite on the day of the session.

Monday 24th May

6pm - 7pm