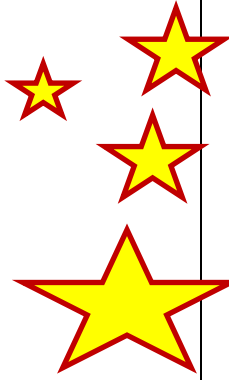




Stars of the week... Making the right choice: Listen carefully and know how to use our voice.

Railway: AM: Kara Forrest **PM:** Charlie Wootton
Clipper: Ryan Massey-Moy
Routemaster: Cale Ismail
Thames: Beau Tabor
Maritime: Betty Fisher
Golden Hinde: Adam Taylor
Cutty Sark: Angelina Ma
Henry VIII: Eva Hewitt
Nelson: Ruby Cross
Sir Francis Drake: Chloe Bennett
Sir Walter Rayleigh: Isabelle Tang
Planetarium: Karlotte Den Baes
Royal Observatory: Navaeah Hoath
Royal Greenwich: Lily Gibbs
Greenwich Meridian: Sofia Fischer
Office: Summer Owen



ATTENDANCE OF THE WEEK

The winners this week are
Maritime Class and Cutty Sark Class with 100% FANTASTIC, WELL DONE!!
 The overall school total for the week was: **96.5%**

Our school target is 97% we are almost there!

PARENT WORKSHOPS

All parents and carers are invited to look more in-depth at the teaching and learning in each year group. Questions etc. must be emailed in advance to admin@montbelle.org.uk **2.30pm – 3.20pm**

Monday 20th March EYFS

Calling all cake lovers Friday 24th March 2017

It's treat Friday!
 Year 6 will be selling at break time.
 Cakes will be sold between 20p and £1.



Enterprise Group

In the Autumn Term, the Enterprise Group were given a £20.00 note and asked to 'grow' it. They have so far had a stall at the Christmas Fayre and are about to embark on their next project to raise money for the school. On **Friday, 24th of March**, children may wear their own clothes to school (no football kits please) in exchange for bringing some chocolate, preferably Easter related! Please do make sure that your child's donation does not include nuts. On **Friday, 31st of March**, the Enterprise Group will run their **Easter Tombola** where children may bring up to £1.00 to spend to try and win some chocolate (20p per ticket). Thank you for supporting the Enterprise Group as they help the school through their fundraising.

Children's belongings...a plea

Please make sure that all uniform and coats are labelled clearly with children's names, using name tags or permanent laundry pen (ballpoint pen quickly washes off!). We also ask that children are only bringing school equipment, or PE kits/ sports club equipment, into school in their bags. The school supply children with everything they need for learning and children do not need to bring their own pencil cases.

SEEDS Do you have any spare seeds you could donate to the Montbelle Allotment? We are investing in new seed beds and soil and would really like to start growing vegetables: tomatoes/leeks/carrots/ beetroot/onions! If you can help, please leave in the school office.

Friday, 17th March 2017

Thank you to all the parents who came to celebrate their children's achievements during parents evening this week. It was lovely to see you all looking through the books and taking the time to share in all the hard work. I would also like to celebrate the Crown Woods Dance Groups, who were amazing. Here is a message from Mrs Helps: 🎉 A HUGE well done and congratulations to all of the 78 children that took part in the Crown Woods dance production last night! You made Montbelle proud! Thank you to all the parents for their support and a special thank you to Eloise's Mum, Claire, for making such wonderful costumes for the Jai Ho dance! 🎉 Have a great weekend, *Rachel Waite*

DOGS

Please be reminded that dogs are not allowed on the school premises. Any animals must remain outside of the school gates, in a safe and secure place, until you have picked up your child/ren. Thank you.

NEW BOLLARDS

You will see that the Council have installed new bollards outside of school to prevent cars from driving on the pavement or stopping in areas that are forbidden. This is just a small step to reinforce the importance of abiding to the laws of the highway and more importantly **FOR KEEPING OUR CHILDREN SAFE**

THE PLAYGROUND

Please be reminded that before and after school, parents and carers are responsible for their own children. For health and safety reasons children MUST not play on the school equipment. Also, IF you feel an issue has arisen between children in the school, please DO NOT approach the child/ren. School have an open door policy and we will ensure we take the time to help you to sort out any problems. Thank you.

Headlice

There have been a few cases of headlice reported this week. Please take the time to check your child/ren hair this weekend and treat them if necessary.
<http://www.nhs.uk/Conditions/Headlice/Pages/Treatment.aspx>

Comic Relief

On Friday 24th March, all children can come to school wearing red (no football kits please) to show your support for Comic Relief, a bucket will be at the gates for any donations.

Year 4 – Swimming

Year 4 have the opportunity to swim next week, make a note in your diary.
Francis Drake Class (4EC) – Thursday 23rd March
Sir Walter Rayleigh Class (4MC) – Friday 24th March
 Don't forget to pack your swimming trunks/costumes, towel and a swim hat. We do have swim hats available at the school office to purchase at £2.00 each.

ETAM EGM on Friday the 28th April at 2.30pm.

The purpose of this meeting is to dissolve the PTA as a committee was not elected at the recent AGM. If you are interested in saving the PTA and would like to be nominated for a committee position at this meeting please email etamontbelle@gmail.com for further information. Please see the letter attached to this newsletter for more information about the PTA at Montbelle.

Second Hand Uniform

ETAM will be returning after the Easter Holidays with the sale of good quality second hand items. We will keep you updated.





School News.....Read about the exciting activities each phase group has been up to over the past week...

Foundation

Nursery We have been doing science experiments in Nursery. We have been very busy, *predicting, testing, recording, observing, evaluating, analysing, discovering* and many more skills including.....**patience!**

The experiments included exploring with magnets, making slime, experimenting with skittles and water and waterproof and non-waterproof materials. The children were full of smiles, laughter, ideas and conversation as we carried out the experiments. The experiments allowed for lots of conversation and allowed the children to develop their questioning skills when looking at how and why things happen.

In maths we learned about heavy and light objects. We then used those objects to learn about floating and sinking.

Reception This week, the children had a visit from Freshwater Theatre Company. They went on a Story Hunt, collecting clues to tell a space story. The children really enjoyed the session. There have been many strange encounters going on this week, we seem to have been invaded by aliens! The children read the text 'Aliens Love Underpants' and role played the story in Forest school. We are so impressed with the children's knowledge of space and have loved hearing them share their Working Together ideas. The children used fruit to learn about the planets in our solar system and their distance from the sun, we also compared their size and used ordinal numbers to discuss how far away from the sun they were. We have used these facts to produce a planet fact sheet. Next week, we will continue to learn about space and will have the opportunity to visit the space domes.

Key Stage One...

Year 1 This week Year 1 have watched an animation of the story "The Way Back Home" to support our Space theme. We explored the two characters in the book and the children worked hard to develop their skills when using inverted commas to write a conversation between the alien and the boy. In Maths, we have begun to think about symmetry. The children have identified symmetrical and non-symmetrical objects and have started to explain their reasons.

Next week we shall look at poetry and fractions of shapes. Please note that your children have brought a school trip letter home this week, your reply slips would be greatly received!

Year 2 We've completed our Space topic and the children now have better understanding of the moon. We hope they have enjoyed using their telescopes to look at the phases of the moon, which we have reinforced in class. In Literacy we have gone suffix mad, identifying them in reading and using them in writing. See if your child can spot them and use them in speech. We have moved on to our new story The Velveteen Rabbit and we had a very successful Circle Time where we focused on the beginning of the story and the emotions of the characters. In maths we have learnt about time (quarter to and quarter past) and used estimation and scales to check weight. Next week we will be preparing for the Tower of London trip (topic work), learning about fractions of shape and number and continuing with character profiles linked to our core book.

Key Stage Two

Year 3 Wow, where has the week gone? Year 3 have not only managed to learn about 'time' in maths and finish their prequel stories in Literacy but they have also started rehearsing for our Easter production too! We are really looking forward to further rehearsals next week; witnessing each child having a moment to shine on stage. We will be learning about co-ordinates in maths next week and helping children to learn through a lot of practical activities whilst focusing on 'writing for a purpose' in literacy. Have a great weekend!

Year 4 This week, Year 4 had a fantastic day out in the beautiful sunshine visiting the Royal Observatory in Greenwich. The children watched a fascinating 'Final Frontier' show all about our Solar System and what lies further afield. We even had time to take in the beautiful view and recreate this using our sketching skills. Year 4 were also complimented on their exemplary behaviour by various member of the public on their trip so very well done! Linking to our trip, Year 4 have also started their time learning in Maths. They have been looking at analogue and digital clocks, revising how to read them and convert between the two. In Literacy, we have finally published our prequels to the Iron Man! The children worked extremely hard to publish their writing and they also used their art and ICT skills to create a front cover and a blurb for their books.

Next week, the children will be continuing their time learning in Maths and in English, we will be exploring the idea of aliens invading Earth and how it would feel to be an outsider.

Year 5 After weeks of anticipation and practise a number of Year 5 children took part in an amazing dance show at Crown Woods School. Their performance did us proud and the children had an incredible experience. Well done!

Back in the classroom we analysed the features of a newspaper report and got to interview an incredible astronaut who has actually been to Mars (or was it really Mr Hook?) In Maths, the children showed great resilience as they handled complex division using the long division method. The children also found themselves participating in astronaut training devised by NASA! The 'Train like an Astronaut' activities were modelled after the real-life physical requirements of humans travelling in space and the children worked in teams to face challenges based on physical fitness and spatial awareness.

Next week in Literacy we will be learning how voice and tense are used to write newspaper articles and in Maths we will be learning the order of operations using BIDMAS. Have a wonderful weekend!

Year 6 In Year 6 the children have continued to work extremely hard, using their Mindfulness skills to approach their SATs revision maturely and effectively. In Maths we have been revising units of measure and knowing how to convert between them. Literacy has seen us developing our use of PEE (Point, Evidence, Explain) when answering questions that contain several marks. We were so thrilled to see more sunshine this week and so took the opportunity to have a game of football rounders - practising the skills that are needed in all invasion games! A big well done to all of our Year 6 children who took part in the Crown Woods Dance Production yesterday, and a big thank you to all for coming to Parents' Evening; we really value your continued support and partnership! Have a wonderful weekend.

Chislehurst War Memorial granted listed status

Thanks to the pupils in Year 6, we are proud to announce that the war memorial on Chislehurst Common has been awarded Grade II listed status. Well done to you all.



School Dinners W/C 20th March 2017 will be week 1 of the menu. **Dinner money is £1.60 per day, £8 per week, and MUST be paid in advance at the office. We STILL have a number of parents/carers not paying on time. Please ensure money is paid into the school office by the start of each week. NO debts should be incurred.**

Class Assemblies

2nd May Golden Hinde (Yr 2 JW)
More dates to follow after the holidays

Dates for Diary

20th March Whole School, Science Domes
21st March Whole School, Science Domes
Yr 4+5 The Rig, Music Workshop
23rd March Yr 4 Francis Drake Class (4EC) - Swimming
KS2: Let's Learn Together
Yr 2 Tower of London
24th March Yr 4 Sir Walter Rayleigh (4MC) - Swimming
Maths Curriculum Afternoon, 2pm
28th March Yr 1+2 Unicorn Theatre
Rec Royal Observatory
30th March LKS2 Performance, 10am and 2pm
Yr 6 School Journey meeting (straight after school - Mrs Robertson's classroom).
31st March End of Term 4, 2.20pm/2.30pm (early finish)