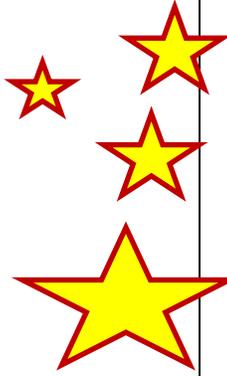


Stars of the week... *Making the right choice: Collaborate in our work and celebrate our achievements.*

- Railway:** AM Lily Boyle PM Sotonye Frank Briggs
- Clipper:** Amelia Cornford
- Routemaster:** Dennis Richardson
- Thames:** Elsie Crush
- Maritime:** Luca Colombi
- Golden Hinde:** Oliver Meyer
- Cutty Sark:** Indie-Anna Miller
- Henry VIII:** Rem Videnin
- Nelson:** Will Drake
- Sir Francis Drake:** Jessica Roberts
- Sir Walter Rayleigh:** Macy Dew
- Planetarium:** Henry White
- Royal Observatory:** Connor Bain
- Royal Greenwich:** Keira Hayward
- Greenwich Meridian:** Emily Roberts



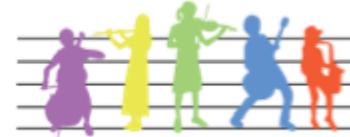
Friday, 24th March 2017

Yesterday saw the LKS2 performance of Alice, the musical, and what a show it was. The costumes looked amazing and the children were fantastic - well done. The Spring term has now come to an end and what a busy and successful time it has been; I think we're all ready for a well deserved break - although we look forward to seeing Year 6 for two days next week! I wish all our children, parents, carers and families a fantastic Easter and look forward to seeing you all when we return.
Rachel Waite

Scooter Park

The scooter park has now arrived for our Reception and Nursery Children. Keep an eye out for the wooden shelter near the forest school and pond area. Please can I remind parents that we do not take responsibility for any scooters left in the scooter park.

Womble Ensemble



This band gives an excellent opportunity for children and adults to play together... Next term we will have violinists, clarinetists, recorder players, a saxophonist, and maybe a cellist. We are still looking for dedicated instrumental players. Do you or does your child plays a musical instrument? Would you be interested in playing with other fellow musicians? We meet Friday mornings at 8:10am... Fee: £3:00/term/family to cover books and photocopy. Performance opportunities: Montbelle Melodies Concerts, outside playing, Christmas Carol Concert (year3+). Next term: Ode to Joy (Beethoven); Mellow Out (Gentle Jazz by Sarah Watts); In The Hall of the Mountain King (Grieg). Songs are simple, but need to be practised at home as we only have time to play together. "Band members have a special bond... A unique combination of elements that becomes stronger together than apart." (Steven Van Zandt) enquiries: johnandedit@ntlworld.com (Edit)

ATTENDANCE OF THE WEEK

The winners this week are
**Francis Drake Class with 98.3%
FANTASTIC, WELL DONE!!**
The overall school total for the week was:
93.9%
Our school target is 97%

Year 5 - Swimming

Year 5 have the opportunity to swim when we come back – make a note in your diary
Royal Observatory Class (5AH) – Thursday 20th April 2017
Planetarium Class (5SR) – Friday 21st April 2017

Medication Policy

Please be aware that we unable to administer any medication that does not require four applications a day. If your child/ren need medicine during the school day you must come to the school office to complete the necessary forms. Please note that all medication **must** be prescribed by the Doctor and is the parents responsibility to measure the required amount out before handed to the Admin Team. **Any un-prescribed medicine will be not given.** Thank you.

New Term Dates

Dates for the Summer Term will sent out after the Easter Holidays - so please keep an eye out and make of note of key events in your diary!

Computer Games

We have had a number of children in school talking about how they play certain computer games at home such as Grand Theft Auto and such like. These games have an age restriction on them and are completely unsuitable for primary aged children. Please keep your children safe by checking if any game you have is age appropriate. It is your responsibility to ensure they are not exposed to these games. Thank you.

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.

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 This week in Nursery, we have been very busy learning all about Spring and we enjoyed our spring walk. We have been fantastic investigators spotting all the different signs of spring - buds, blossom and daffodils growing in our Nursery garden, the field and in forest school. Also we have learnt all about Easter, talked about how we celebrate Easter at home and made Easter cards for our families. We have been really enjoying going on an egg hunt outside and a visit from the Easter bunny!

Wishing you Happy Easter and have a wonderful Easter Holiday!

Reception The children were incredibly excited this week about our school trip to The Royal Observatory. We were so proud of the children, travelling so sensibly on public transport. After a lovely sunny walk through Greenwich park, we attended our Planetarium show. The children were enthusiastic to share their knowledge, it was great to hear them name the planets and tell the facilitator which planet came next in the solar system. Today we have had an Easter egg hunt and have been busy with Easter craft. Have a lovely holiday and we look forward to seeing you in the new term.

Key Stage One...

Year 1 What a fantastic trip we had to The Unicorn Theatre this week! The children were mesmerised by the show and reported how good it was! We are using the show as our 'hook' for our Literacy learning after Easter as we will be reading The Velveteen Rabbit in class. In Math's, the children extended their knowledge of telling the time on an analogue clock and then applied this knowledge to solving time word problems. We hope you all have a lovely and restful holiday and look forward to welcoming you all back in April.

Year 2 We can't believe it is Easter already, where does time go? The children have continued to work hard and now deserve a rest. It's been a productive week, with our trip to the Unicorn Theatre, where the children not only saw the Velveteen Rabbit but got the opportunity to attend a question/answer session with the actors. It culminated with the chance to explore the trap doors on stage, which was very exciting and became the most spoken part of the day.

To support RE, the children have focused on Christianity and the meaning of Easter, exploring feelings of people within the story. We used the opportunity to focus on summarising and through drama and debate, managed to reduce the story into 6 sentences. See if your child can do this with stories that you share together over the holidays.

After Easter our maths focus will be shape and we shall be using comprehension as a focus for literacy.

Key Stage Two

Year 3 Wow, what a week it has been! We are extremely proud of the entire year group for their effort and contributions in our Alice in Wonderland production this week- I'm sure you will all agree that they did an amazing job! The children have not only enjoyed acting, singing and performing but they have also enjoyed writing 'Alice' themed poetry. After the Easter break we will be focusing on the Victorian era with the artist William Morris as a basis for a lot of our cross-curricular work. We hope you enjoy some well learned family

time. 😊

Year 4 This week we are so proud of the children for their amazing performance of 'Alice the Musical'. The children had worked tirelessly to learn the songs and helped to be fantastic role models to the year three children during our rehearsals; they were frequently overheard passing on their positive comments and compliments towards them. In Math's, we have continued our work on time, converting and solving tricky time related problems. Next term we are very excited to launch our art focus and the work that will come with it. The children have thoroughly enjoyed our current topic of 'The Digestive System' and we anticipate they will have the same level of enthusiasm for the lessons we have in store! Have a lovely break.

Year 5 As the spring terms draws to a close, Year 5 have been in a quiet and reflective mood as they explored the life of Buddha-to-be, Prince Siddhartha. The children thought carefully about how the tale of enlightenment and truth could be turned into a play script full of stage direction, setting and dialogue and wrote some wonderful plays.

The reflective mood continued into our look at the life of Wassily Kandinsky. From his birth in Russia, to his escape from Nazi Germany, the children studied the evolution of his paintings and then produced their own versions of abstract art.

Staying with the Kandinsky theme, in Maths we investigated the art of mathematics and used Kandinsky's Composition VIII to explore geometry and ratio.

When we return from the Easter break, in Literacy we will be writing as one of the characters from our new class text and in Math's we will consolidate understanding of fractions, decimals and percentages. We hope the children have a fantastic (and well-earned) break.

Year 6 A huge thank you for all of your help and support last week towards the Year 6 cake sale, we're pleased to report that to date, Year 6 has raised a phenomenal £460 towards our end of year treats! We will continue to endeavor to fund raise to ensure that Year 6 have an incredible send off. At the end of what has been a busy term, we are very proud of all the hard work that the children have been putting into their learning and for their mature mindsets; this will stand them in good stead as we continue to prepare for SATs week in May. Thank you to all who attended the School Journey meeting yesterday - there is certainly a lot to look forward to next term! We wish you a wonderful break and a Happy Easter.



School Dinners W/C 17th April will be week 1 of the new menu which you should have received a copy of this week Dinner money is £1.80 per day, £9 per week, and MUST to 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.

Prices from 19th April – 26th May 2017 - £48.60
 Prices from 5th June – 21st July 2017 - £63.00

Total for the summer term: £111.60

Class Assemblies

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| 2 nd May | Golden Hinde Class (Yr 2 JW) |
| 16 th May | Routemaster Class (Reception ZR) |
| 13 th June | Thames Class (Yr 1 SB) |
| 27 th June | Clipper Class (Reception GT) |
| 4 th July | Music Assembly (Miss Richmond) |

Dates for Diary

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| 18 th April | INSET Day |
| 19 th April | All children return to school |
| 3 rd – 5 th May | Yr 4 Wrotham Trip |
| 8 th May | Yr 3 – Royal Observatory trip |
| 9 th May | Yr2 – Royal Observatory trip |
| 15 th May | Yr 5 – Royal Observatory trip |
| 18 th May | Let's learn together KS2 3.30 pm – 5.00 pm |
| 19 th May | Class Photos |
| 24 th May | Yr 6 – Royal Observatory trip |
| 9 th June | Science Curriculum Afternoon – from 2.00 pm |
| 12 th – 16 th June | Yr 6 Mill Rythe Trip |

Back to School

All children are back to school on Wednesday 19th April 2017