

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

Railway: Phoebe and Jensen

Clipper: Star Informed ☺

Routemaster: Star Informed ☺

Thames: Tate

Maritime: Star Informed ☺

Golden Hinde: Ivy-Rae

Cutty Sark: Star Informed ☺

Henry VIII: Star Informed ☺

Nelson: Kayden

Sir Walter Rayleigh: Star Informed ☺

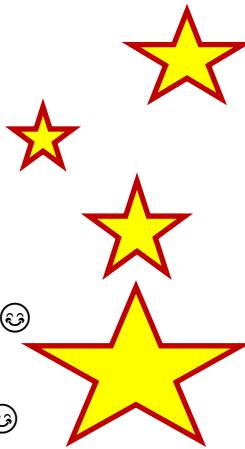
Francis Drake: Bella

Planetarium: Star Informed ☺

Royal Observatory: Star Informed ☺

Royal Greenwich: Oliver

Greenwich Meridian: Scarlett



Friday, 15th of November We had a visit from our Improvement Partner this week: it is her job to challenge the school to continue to improve (just as our Governors do too). Our Improvement Partner was extremely complimentary about the school and the further improvements that we had made to the environment and our curriculum. Unsurprisingly, the biggest compliments were reserved for the children that she spoke to. We know our children are amazing and it is always great when we can share just how awesome they are with visitors – well done everybody!

Have a great weekend and we'll see you next week: don't forget we have our Children's Takeover Day and Curriculum afternoon next Tuesday. See you there! Mrs. Geden

Christmas Lunch – Friday 6th December 2019

For children who are currently packed lunch and would like to have a Christmas Lunch, please pay via the parent mail app by the end of the school day on **Wednesday 27th November 2019**. A copy of the letter is available from the school office.

Stay & Play at Montbelle Primary School

Please join us every **Tuesday, from 1.30-3.00pm** (Term-Time only) for our stay and play for children up to 5years old with their parents/carers. The sessions are facilitated by qualified, welcoming and friendly staff. A contribution of £1 is requested per family. Childminders £1 per child.

School Dinners: W/C 18/11/2019 – week 1 – new menu

School Dinner Money due from 28/10/19 to 19/12/19 is £78.00

Interim Reports

Thank you to all parents who have attended their child's Parents Evening meeting; if you are yet to meet, please arrange to do so through admin@montbelle.org.uk. Please note, to allow for the later Parents Evenings this year (November instead of October), Interim Reports will now be sent home on the **13th of December**, and will include your child's **SPRING** term targets.

Playground update

Thank you to all who have made suggestions about possible grant and fundraising ideas for our playground equipment. We have been able to secure repairs to the KS1 playground equipment, which are costing the school around £1800.00, but the KS2 large piece of equipment is, sadly, beyond reasonable repair. This will be removed and the safety surface 'made good' for the time being. We are now looking at additional fundraising ideas for new equipment for this area but please do support the PTA events over this academic year as, without this support, there will be little we can do to replace this equipment. Thank you for your understanding.

PTA Adults Comedy Night

Due to popular demand, the PTA is once again hosting a night of stand-up comedy with a disco. The event will take place at 71 Southwood Club, Southwood Road, New Eltham on **Friday 22 November** starting at 8pm (Doors open @7pm)

Tickets for this event are £10 each and are available now via Parent Mail app or email ptamontbelle@gmail.com. Please keep the purchase confirmation email as this will serve as your ticket. Any queries please do email.

Please note, this event is for over 18s only!

Looking forward to seeing you all there for a fantastic evening of professional stand-up comedy, dancing and a cheeky raffle.

ATTENDANCE FOR THE WEEK

The winners for this week from 8th to 14th November are

**Greenwich Meridian Class and
Royal Greenwich Class with 98.97%
FANTASTIC, WELL DONE!!**

The overall school total for the term was **94.96%**
our target is 97% - we can do better

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. Thank you.

<http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/headlice/pages/treatment.aspx>

Nursery Parents – Children's Take Over Day (19th Nov)

Parents/Carers for **morning** Nursery are invited between 10-11 am, **afternoon** Nursery are invited between 2-3pm on **Tuesday 19th November** to support Apprentice activities.

Parent Forum

Thank you to all the parents and carers who attended our first parent forum meeting last week. The session was very well attended and the discussions that took place were helpful and productive to school improvement. In particular, we discussed the role of class rep (more information will be sent out about this after half term); school trips; toilets and the school entrance gates. Meeting notes are available on the school website. The next meeting will be held in school on **Friday 6th December at 2.15pm** - all parents and carers are welcome to attend. Sarah Stewart

Would you like to be a class rep for your child's class?

We still have vacancies for the role of class rep in the following classes: **AM Nursery; Reception - Routemaster class; Year 3 - Nelson Class; both Year 5 classes.**

If you are interested in taking on this role in one of the above classes then please let me know and I will be happy to arrange a time to meet with you to discuss. Many thanks and with kind regards, Sarah Stewart

Christmas Jumpers

The PTA are accepting donations of your good quality Christmas Jumper for children or adults for our first second-hand Christmas Jumper sale, please drop-in your donations to the school office on **Monday 18th November**. Thank you.





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

Foundation Stage

Nursery We have had a great week this week, we have been busy learning about 2d shapes! We have looked at lots of different shapes and looked at their properties to see what makes them different e.g. 3 sides or 4 sides. We loved listening to the shape song and looking at all the different shapes from a circle, square triangle and star! We then used different 2d shapes to make a picture in our books e.g. a house, a car or a robot. We have also been using our listening ears to listen to the different sounds we can hear and played a game of animal bingo matching the animals to the different animals sounds. The children have continued to practise mark making patterns and practising writing their name. We have learnt about Remembrance Day and made poppies using different materials e.g. tissue paper or pom poms. We got to wear odd socks on Tuesday to support anti-bullying week and learnt about kindness and what it means to be kind. We made a kind hands wreath which inside our hand we had what we think it means to be kind and what we might do to be kind to our friends. Next week is careers week and we are looking forward to looking back at our aspirations and learning more about other careers. We hope you have a lovely weekend and look forward to seeing you on Monday and some parents on Tuesday for our apprentice day.

Reception This week we have been reading the book 'Think Big'. The children have enjoyed hearing about Humpty Dumpty and all the jobs he could do when he grows up. Each child looked at the book individually with their class teacher and discussed what the book was about. The children answered questions about the book and used the pictures to support them. They predicted what Humpty Dumpty would become and they all had some amazing ideas. In Maths, we looked at prepositions by hiding Humpty Dumpty around the classroom and outside area and the children then went on a Humpty Dumpty hunt. The children used prepositions such as in, next to, behind and under to describe where Humpty Dumpty was. Reception held a two minute silence on Monday and learnt about Remembrance Day. The children then had opportunities to make poppies and understood how we use them to help us remember.

Key Stage One...

Year 1 We began our week this week thinking about Remembrance Day and why we make poppies. We then used our collage skills to create beautiful collage poppies. In English we have been enjoying reading lots of different poems and discovering how they are different to stories. We have written poems on our own and with our friends. In Maths we have been counting forwards and backwards in 2s and using this skill to solve word problems. We have also enjoyed being scientists by further exploring our everyday materials to find out which were waterproof. First, we made our predictions and then we tested which were waterproof by pouring water on them, this was fun. We then looked at our findings and wrote about what we discovered. In Geography we learnt about the United Kingdom and used a map to find out about our capital cities and label them. We have spent a lot of time celebrating our uniqueness and reflecting on what makes us a good friend. We know we are all special and we love spending our days together. Have a lovely weekend!

Year 2 We've had another busy week this week. In Literacy we have been remembering the soldiers who fought for us during the wars and have been using pictures as a stimulus to write with emotion. We have been focusing on adjectives and similes to extend our writing and make them more exciting. Within Maths we have been working on subtraction. We have looked at vocabulary linked with subtraction and have used jottings to help us take away numbers. We have then read and solved word problems involving take away. We have also discussed Anti-bullying and looked at how we can help someone being bullied and what makes a good friend. Within History, we have had a lovely workshop morning looking at Remembrance Day and completed lots of activities linked with this. Hope you have a lovely weekend.

Key Stage Two ...

Year 3 This week we have started Charlotte's Web by E B White. We have asked the children not to rush out and get a copy as it will support our English this term, which will include predictions. So far, it has generated some good discussions and the children have focused on new vocabulary, sequencing story order and to support paragraph writing, we have linked the story to our own experiences. In Maths, subtraction has continued. They have successfully focused on inverses, as a way of checking calculations, when adding and subtracting 3-digit numbers, which for some, have included carrying 10 and 100s. It's good to see written responses explaining the methods. To support reasoning, the children have had to spot deliberate mistakes and explain them.

Anti-Bully Week has been fun and we linked our Year 3 focus 'the observer' to art. They have found out about Picasso and looked at some of his work, including 'Split Personality'. They related this painting to their own understanding of how it feels when observing bullying; exploring the emotions linked to choices that they face. We hope they have understood how important it is to be in support of a victim.

Year 4 Another splendid week for Year 4! The children have embraced anti-bullying week and have explored how we can all help prevent an environment in which bullies might feel empowered to be mean. We looked at how bystanders can tacitly encourage bullying (even if they take no part in it themselves) and how by taking positive steps to challenge bullying - such as by telling responsible adults and showing kindness to victims - we can all change our communities for the better. In Mathematics we started our unit of work on multiplication and division and the children have made real progress - even performing calculations involving decimals for the first time! In English we have considered in detail the poetry of the Great War. Congratulations too to those Year 4 children who have worked so hard to put together today's performance of The Nutcracker. Have a great weekend everyone!

Year 5 In Year 5 this week the children have been developing their multiplication and division skills using their knowledge of place value to answer word problems and reasoning questions in unusual contexts. In Literacy, we have been continuing to learn more about non-fiction writing, focusing on news reports. We took inspiration from Beowulf to story board and plan autocue scripts including the features of news reports. The children are excited to write and perform their scripts next week. In History we have researched weapons used during Anglo-Saxon times, looked carefully at the materials used to make these weapons and explained why particular materials were used. As part of Anti-Bullying Week, we looked at this year's theme: Change Starts with Us and created pledges on how everyone should conduct themselves in the school environment and in everyday life; the children showed incredible maturity when discussing these important and sensitive issues. Next week, we will be completing our news reports in Literacy and in Maths we will be investigating area and perimeter. Have a lovely and restful weekend.

Year 6 Greenwich Meridian class concluded their work on Remembrance with a poignant assembly dedicated to anyone, anywhere who has been affected by war. The children showed incredible maturity as they explored the context of the Great War and the contrast between the image of a 'war hero' and life in the trenches. Year 6 then began to develop their knowledge of explanation texts with a focus on factorial and consequential explanations. Next week the children will begin to apply this to their own explanation text on the water cycle. In maths, the children consolidated their understanding of using common multiples to express fractions in the same denomination and they were at their resilient best when challenged to position fractions on number lines. Royal Greenwich class completed their cycle training and it was lovely to hear the instructors commending the behaviour and effort of both year 6 classes over the past two weeks. We hope the children enjoy their well-deserved weekend!

Class Assemblies – Tuesday's at 10am

26 th November	Sir Francis Drake (4AE) <u>Dates for your diary</u>
19 th November	Parents/Carers invited between 2-3pm to support Apprentice activities.
25 th November	Nursery School Trip – school uniform & packed lunch
27 th November	Rainbow Day – wear colourful clothes and bring a bottle, (No football shirts please)
29 th November	Christmas Fair – 3.30-5pm
3 rd December	Nasal Flu Vaccination – Reception to Yr6
6 th December	PTA Coffee Morning 8.45-10am Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch Parent Forum at 2.15pm
12 th December	Parliamentary Election – SCHOOL OPEN AS NORMAL
13 th December	Year 2 School Trip – school uniform Early Years Performance to Parents/Carers 10 and 2pm (pre-school children at AM performance please)
18 th December	KS1 performance
19 th December	KS2 performance