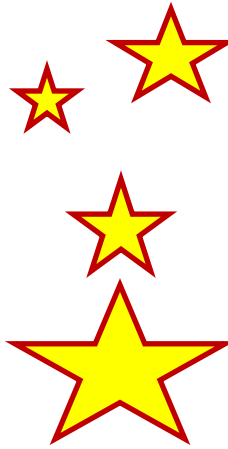


Stars of the week.... Making the right choice: Collaborate and celebrate our achievements.

- Railway:** Sophia and Rae
- Clipper:** Leo
- Routemaster:** Shanelle
- Thames:** Tate
- Maritime:** Rehmez
- Golden Hinde:** Charlie S
- Cutty Sark:** Star Informed ☺
- Henry VIII:** Star Informed ☺
- Nelson:** Naomi
- Sir Walter Rayleigh:** Arthur
- Francis Drake:** James
- Planetarium:** Star Informed ☺
- Royal Observatory:** Freya
- Royal Greenwich:** Divine
- Greenwich Meridian:** Emmanuel



Friday, 22nd of November The Autumn term is always a busy one but it also brings lots of opportunities to learn together; this week, we have had visiting teachers from the University of Gothenburg in Sweden. The children in KS2 learnt more about Swedish culture and our visitors were very complimentary about children's work and their friendly attitudes. It was also great to see lots of parents, grandparents and carers in school on Tuesday to support our 'Apprentices' in their challenge. We look forward to seeing you next Friday (29th Nov.) to support the PTA Christmas Fayre. *Elsbeth Geden*

Chicken Pox

It's that time of year and we have seen several cases of Chicken Pox this week. If your child/ren develop Chicken Pox please keep them off school until their spots have dried and scabbed over, for more information see the link below. Thank you

www.nhs.uk/conditions/chickenpox/pages/introduction.aspx

ATTENDANCE FOR THE WEEK

The winners for this week from 15th to 21st November are

**Francis Drake Class with 99.29%
FANTASTIC, WELL DONE!!**

**The overall school total for the term was 94.02%
our target is 97% - we can do better!**

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.

Rainbow Rhythm

We would like to thank Edit, her supporters and all the 'Nutcracker' performers for a wonderful performance on Friday last week. Thank you also to the PTA and supporters for proving refreshments. A total of £584 was raised from this event. Edit's review will be sent by email in due course.

Green Team update

The Green team have been busy this week finishing and displaying our posters about plastic pollution - these are currently on display within school but will soon be displayed outside on the school gates to spread our message wider - keep an eye out for them! We have also been busy preparing for our Christmas fair bottle stall - please look out for us and pop over to buy a re-usable plastic bottle to help our fight against single-use plastic! **The Green Team**

School Dinners:

W/C 25/112019 – week 2 – new menu

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

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

Rainbow Day

Wednesday 27th November 2019

We ask that children **BRING A BOTTLE** of drink (alcoholic or non-alcoholic) to school on this date to support the PTA Christmas Fayre (raising much needed money for the school). In return they can come to school **WEARING THEIR OWN CLOTHES, (no football shirts please)**. The bottles will be collected on the gate.

PTA: Raffle Tickets

Raffle tickets have gone home in bags today. Please look out for them and return them to the school with your money as soon as possible. We have an array of wonderful prizes once again. Please see the attached flyer for some of the local and national businesses who have kindly donated prizes to us to help raise much needed funds for our school. If you would like further raffle tickets, forms can be collected from the school office and tickets will still be available to buy at the fayre itself on **Friday 29th November 3.30-5pm**. Thank you for your continued support.

Eco-Friendly Christmas Crackers

Please send in your re-useable materials for our Eco-Friendly Christmas Crackers, eg wrapping paper, wrapping paper tubes, ribbons, buttons, scraps of materials, inner rolls of kitchen rolls etc. All donations gratefully received by **Thursday 5th December** into the school office. Thank you for your continued support.

Local Area

We have been advised by the MET that there has been a substantial increase of burglaries in the local area. Please be extra vigilant and take extra precautions in keeping your personal belongings safe.

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

Foundation Stage

Nursery This week in Nursery has been careers week and we thought back to all the different careers that you could do. We looked at the book Charlie Firefighter, The Zoo Vet and Amazing Aeroplanes. We looked at a Map of the world and spoke about places we may have visited. We learnt our new Golden Thread word 'Sacrifice' and looked at how people sacrifice themselves to help other people, thinking about how Charlie firefighter and the Zoo Vet help people and animals. We also looked at who helps us when we may go on an aeroplane and how they sacrifice their time as part of their career to make sure everybody is safe and get to or from their destination. We have been drawing about how we help people like our friends or family; we may help them by giving them a hug or helping them to clean and tidy up. Our maths focus this week has been numbers and recognising and representing numbers using our fingers and jumps. We have also looked at Numicon and counting the holes in the Numicon. The children have been very excited about our trip on Monday and we have had lots of discussions about what we will be doing and expectations for the day, we look forward to seeing you on Monday and to all the parents who are helping out, Thank you. Have a lovely weekend.

Reception have had an exciting week and the children enjoyed sharing their learning with you during Tuesday's 'Take Over' afternoon. They have worked hard in Maths doubling numbers to ten and understanding that doubling means we add the same number. Reception have been looking at how we help people. The children discussed different ways they help such as going shopping with their parents, tidying their room and playing with younger brother and sisters. They then drew what they do to help and used their sounds to write key words or simple sentences. The children have enjoyed learning about symmetry through our art activities and have created some amazing symmetrical butterflies.

Key Stage One...

Year 1 We had begun our week this week, thinking about and discussing different careers and jobs people have. We have had many visitors in our classrooms, who have discussed with us their careers and we have had the opportunity to ask our visitors lots of questions. To link to our Careers Week, in English this week, we have been reading 'Think Big' and discussing the different careers which are shown in the book. We have also been thinking about what we would like to be when we grow up and writing about the career and what it may involve. In Maths, we have been counting forwards and backwards in 5s, finding missing numbers on number lines and solving word problems. We have also enjoyed learning about the British Isles in Geography. We have labelled maps with the countries, capital cities and seas of the British Isles. We have further explored materials in science this week, where we have identified the different materials objects are made from and described the properties of those materials. We would like to say thank you to all of our visitors who have discussed their careers with us this week, we have enjoyed learning about all of the different careers they have. Have a lovely weekend!

Year 2 The children have worked so hard this week in Maths, using a number line and partitioning methods to help them subtract from two and three digit numbers. In English we have been thinking about how to use paragraphs to help us organise our ideas. Next week we will be thinking about summarising parts of a story to create a comic book linked to our class text 'The Stone Age Boy'. In topic lessons we have been thinking about the importance of recycling and how to sort materials whilst in Geography we have thought about human and physical features of a landscape and sorted the tools and plants that caveman might have used during the Stone Age. Next week we will be looking at using points of a compass to create a map and give directions for a caveman to find his tools as well as working on our stalls for the Christmas Fair.

Key Stage Two ...

Year 3 This week we have embraced Take Over Day and the children worked collaboratively to create a stall for the Christmas Fair. We saw a good range of activities and it was hard to choose which would be the most successful. They then pitched their ideas to each other, explaining how the profit would be made. In a secret vote, the winners were announced and the children created posters to advertise it. In English, we completed comprehension on Remembrance Day, completed spelling tests and practised using the prefixes un and dis. We have also continued with Anti-Bullying and considered the feelings of someone who observes bullying and thought about how we can make a difference. Next week we shall continue with Charlotte's Web and are looking forward to revisiting our use of inverted commas for speech next week and developing our persuasive techniques as we read more of the story. In Maths, the children have been consolidating their knowledge of written

methods, applying their addition and subtraction skills to word problems and investigations. We will be moving on to tackling reasoning questions as we complete this topic next week. We enjoyed seeing lots of parents and carers on Tuesday as we created Christmas tree crafts to decorate our Christmas Fayre stalls. We hope to see lots of you at our stalls during the Christmas Fayre next Friday!

Year 4 began Careers Week by thinking about jobs of the world and the different categories they fall in to. The children also shared their ideas and dreams of jobs they would like to do in the future. We were blown away with their aspirations which ranged from surgeons, to chefs and authors! This weekend, do speak to your child about their aspirations and it would be great if you could undertake some research together about the skills or training needed for their dream job and record this in homework books. In Maths, we have continued our focus on developing times tables knowledge and speed. The children have also learnt the rules when multiplying by 1 and 0; ask them if they can explain this to you. During R.E lessons we have begun to think about the Hindu religion including Brahman. Thank you to all the adults that came in on our Curriculum Afternoon on Tuesday. The children look forward to completing our products next week for the Christmas Fair.

Year 5 It has been an extremely busy and creative week in Year 5 as we have had Children's Take Over Day, Careers week, a Swedish student visit as well as a visit from our school nurse. During Children's Take Over Day, the children became business entrepreneurs and worked in teams to create a product or game suitable for our upcoming Christmas Fair. The teams presented their ideas to the rest of the class and then undertook an anonymous vote in order to select the idea that the children thought would make the most profit. During Careers week the children had the opportunity to think about the careers they would like to pursue when they are older; this allowed them to reflect on the importance of being dedicated so that their dreams can become a reality. In maths, the children developed their understanding of calculating the perimeter of squares and rectangles by applying their learned strategies to find the perimeter and missing lengths of rectilinear and compound shapes. In writing, the children applied the key features found in news report writing to produce news reports on the events that took place when Beowulf fought Grendel. The children thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to become news readers and their presentations were recorded by their peers using iPads. Have a fantastic weekend!

Year 6 Our Year 6 entrepreneurs have been extremely busy designing and planning their stall for the Christmas Fayre. It has been fantastic to see the children working in collaboration with their peers to bring out the best in each other - well done everyone! In Maths, we have continued to explore our understanding of fractions by finding common denominators and numerators, as well as comparing and ordering them. Next week we will continue to deepen our knowledge and understanding of fractions further. The children have begun to plan, draft and edit their explanation writing in English. We have been impressed with the children's attitudes towards their work and how they are becoming more secure in understanding and applying key features linked to the genre. Next week the children will be looking at who Edward the Confessor was in History and the impact he had. We hope you all have a rest-filled weekend and we look forward to seeing many of you at the Christmas Fayre next Friday.

Class Assemblies – Tuesday's at 10am

26 th November	Sir Francis Drake (4AE)
	<u>Dates for your diary</u>
25 th November	Nursery Trip – school uniform & packed lunch
27 th November	Rainbow Day – wear colourful clothes and bring a bottle please, (<i>No football shirts please</i>)
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 Year 2 School Trip – school uniform
13 th December	Early Years Performance to Parents/Carers 10am and 2pm (<i>pre-school children at AM performance only please</i>)
18 th December	KS1 performance: 10am and 2pm (<i>pre-school children at AM performance only please</i>)
19 th December	KS2 performance 2pm: Chislehurst Methodist Church

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