

Stars of the week.... Making the right choice: Keeping ourselves safe and healthy.

Railway: George and Albie

Clipper: Joseph

Routemaster: Goda

Thames: Rehmez

Maritime: Melina

Golden Hinde: Tilly

Cutty Sark: Star Informed ☺

Henry VIII: Star Informed ☺

Nelson: Josh

Sir Walter Rayleigh: Abdulai

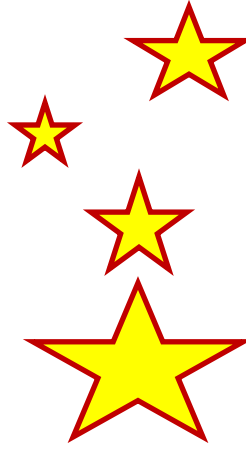
Francis Drake: Annabelle

Planetarium: Star Informed ☺

Royal Observatory: Shone

Royal Greenwich: Ruby

Greenwich Meridian: Rhys



Friday, 8th of November

This week's newsletter includes information about a vacancy that we have on our Governing Body for a Parent Governor. Please do take a look and, if you are interested in the role, put forward your nomination. Our Governors are an extremely important part of our Montbelle Community and ensure that we are continuously challenged to make Montbelle even better. Do come and talk to me if you would like to know more about the role. Thank you for sending your children in something blue today – we will be marking Anti-bullying week from Monday as part of our work in ensuring that Montbelle remains a safe and happy school. Best wishes, Elspeth Geden

Rainbow Rhythm - presents "Nutcracker"

Friday 15th November 2019 at 6pm

ALL TICKETS ARE SOLD!

MUSICIANS NEED TO ARRIVE AT 5:30PM.



ATTENDANCE FOR THE WEEK

The winners for this week from 1st to 7th November are

Royal Observatory Class with 100% FANTASTIC, WELL DONE!!

The overall school total for the term was 96.82% our target is 97% - Almost there!

Parent Governor Election

There is currently a vacancy for a Parent Governor on our school Governing Body, please see attached letters for more information. Thank you

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

School Dinners: W/C 11/11/2019 – week 3 – new menu

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

PTA: Second Hand Christmas Jumper Sale

The PTA will be holding their first Christmas Jumper Sale during w/c 18th November (date to be confirmed) outside the School Office after school. If you would like to donate your good quality Christmas Jumpers, please drop them into the school office. Thank you for your continued support.

Careers Week

Calling all parents/carers who would be willing to come in and talk with children about their profession during w/c 18th November. Please could you email admin@montbelle.org.uk or speak with Mrs Eardley directly as soon as possible so that we can arrange date and time. Please also state if you have an age group preference. Thank you for your continued support.

TIMES TABLE ROCK STAR COMPETITION

Next week Times Table Rock Stars are holding a week-long national times table competition for primary schools with each school trying to correctly answer the highest number of times table questions. Your child will access Time Table Rock Stars at school but as the competition is open 24/7 it would be great to have your children playing at home too. This competition is open to all children from Year 1 to Year 6 so please encourage your child to play as we are now celebrating pupil achievements during our weekly celebration assembly.

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.

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 busy week this week! We have been learning about aspirations and what different careers people do. We have been looking at people who help us and what their job involves e.g. Firefighters and Police officers. We have been busy changing our role play area into a hospital and thinking about who works there and what they do and thinking about pretending to be doctors, nurses or the patients. The children have then been thinking about what they would like to do when they are older and drawing themselves. We have also been learning about Guy Fawkes and what happens on Bonfire Night. We made different firework pictures and we spoke about the fireworks we might have seen at the weekend. It was lovely to see most of you at parents evening thank you for coming. We hope you have a lovely weekend!

Reception This week Reception have been thinking about what they want to be when they grow up. We have had visits from paramedics and the police and all the children got to sit inside a riot van. The children then drew what they would like to be and used their phonics to write initial sounds, words or a simple sentence. In maths, we have continued to focus on recognising and ordering numbers and the children used number cards to create a number line. The children have learnt about Bonfire night this week and have been very creative making firework paintings and building their own rockets. Please do not forget that careers week will be starting on the 18th November if you would like to take part in careers week by sharing about your job with the children please let your class teacher know.

Key Stage One...

Year 1 It has been a busy week in Year One this week. We began the week reading the story Lost and Found and talked about what the boy sacrificed to help the penguin to get back home. We then wrote our ideas on posters to encourage others to help the penguin. Our maths learning saw us subtracting numbers using a range of strategies to help us. We loved being Scientists and were investigating items in our classroom to discover what materials they were made from and what their properties were. We continued to learn about Guy Fawkes and the Gunpowder Plot. We enjoyed retelling the story to each other, then writing it all on our own. Today we learnt about an artist called David Hockney and created collage self-portraits of our faces. It was funny to see our faces made from different size shapes and colours. Thank you for coming to see us at parents evening, it was lovely to share the children's achievements with you. Have a lovely weekend!

Year 2 The children have worked very hard this week and been busy looking at past tense linked to diary entries in English. We have enjoyed reading more of our class text 'The Stone Age Boy' and writing a diary entry based on the boy's perspective from the story. In Numeracy we have been using the number line method to help us add and subtract numbers. We tried partitioning two-digit numbers into tens and ones and then added them separately when using the number line to count on. In Science we have begun our new topic of materials and started to think about what different materials are used for and how their properties make it suitable for its purpose. We enjoyed looking at the history of Bonfire night and learning about Guy Fawkes night in history and in Geography we looked at settlements from the Stone Age. Next week we will continue looking at methods for addition and subtraction in Numeracy and in Literacy we will be using descriptive writing to help us understand more about Remembrance Day and the history behind it.

Key Stage Two ...

Year 3 This week we have had great fun consolidating our 'Metamorphosis' topic. The children have enjoyed developing their own butterfly poetry using sentences they crafted last week. They have structured their own verses accurately and explored how repetition can be used in poetry for impact. Next week we will begin our 'Sacrifice' topic and we will introduce our new class story 'Charlotte's Web'. In Maths, the children have shown skill in developing their formal written methods, carrying and exchanging in column addition and subtraction. Next week, the children will be applying this knowledge to reasoning problems where they must 'spot the mistake' in a calculation. We have enjoyed wrapping up our focus on rocks in Science this week, testing and grouping rocks based on their properties such as permeability and density. Mrs Geden brought her son's fossils to share with us and spoke about Mary Anning and her discoveries. We have also followed instructions to create our own compost bins using live worms to support work on soil formation. Can your child explain how they made their compost bin? Our trip to Sutcliffe Park was a great success and the children showed great resilience when tackling the climbing walls. Thank you to any parents or carers who came along to help out!

Year 4 have displayed lots of resilience this week; tackling tricky rounding problems in Maths. With lots of practise, discussion and determination the children have succeeded in applying the rounding rules successfully! In Literacy, the children have been revising grammar expectations and have been thinking about the portrayal of character's feelings. The children

continued their learning of The Water Cycle in Geography and our Science lesson provided the opportunity to begin identifying the different teeth that humans have; naming them and discussing their functions. Have a lovely weekend!

Year 5 In maths this week, we have worked incredibly hard to gain a better understanding of the different types of number found in our Year 5 curriculum. The children have used their multiplication and division knowledge to identify highest common factors, prime numbers, square numbers and cube numbers. We have continued our learning journey in writing by drafting, editing and publishing our persuasive letter writing in role. The children successfully embedded a range of persuasive techniques to encourage the hero, Beowulf, to defend the citadel of Heorot. In History we used primary sources to ascertain how the arrival of Christianity changed the lives of the pagan following Anglo-Saxons. In Geography this week, we have deepened our understanding of the Earth's oceans by researching these important ecosystems even further; this enabled the children to identify and accurately discuss the many benefits that these oceans provide to the human race. Next week, we will be developing our non-fiction writing techniques by exploring news reports in Literacy and in Maths we will be continuing our studies of types of numbers and using the inverse operation to check answers to calculations. We hope you have a lovely weekend!

Year 6 have been in an extremely reflective mood this week as we have immersed ourselves in understanding sacrifice and Remembrance. The children wrote some highly emotive war poems after learning about life in the trenches; their word choices were chosen carefully to reflect the thoughts and feelings of the soldiers going into a battle. The Year 6 Team have been very impressed with how well the children responded and stepped up to the task. They should all feel very proud of their work. In Maths, we have begun to look at fractions and this will continue into next week. Our Geography learning has seen the children embed further their understanding of erosion and deposition by looking at how the UK coastline is ever-changing. Their work will support them next week as we will begin to explore and write a piece of explanation writing based upon erosion. Thursday saw the children carry out outdoor learning by investigating the school grounds for signs of weathering. The children carried out their work fantastically! Next week we look forward to welcoming many of you to Greenwich Meridian's class assembly and the children in Royal Greenwich class will begin their cycle training on Monday. We wish you a lovely, relaxing weekend.

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 5 years 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.

Class Assemblies – Tuesday's at 10am

12 th November	Greenwich Meridian (6AH) KS2 audience only
26 th November	Sir Francis Drake (4AE)
	<u>Dates for your diary</u>
11 th November	Cycle Training all week for year 6VB
13 th November	Parents and Carers meeting for Years 5 and 6 with School Nurse 8.45-9.30 in lower hall
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 (<i>pre-school children at AM Performance please</i>)
18 th December	KS1 performance
19 th December	KS2 performance

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