

Stars of the term.... Making the right choice: Always try our best and have good attendance.

Railway: Kayla and Freya

Clipper: Joshua

Routemaster: Lilly

Thames: Armir

Maritime: Star Informed ☺

Golden Hinde: Lexi

Cutty Sark: Star Informed ☺

Henry VIII: Star Informed ☺

Nelson: Fergus

Sir Walter Rayleigh: Star Informed ☺

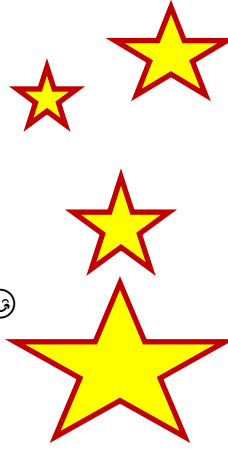
Francis Drake: Star Informed ☺

Planetarium: Star Informed ☺

Royal Observatory: Emmie

Royal Greenwich: Nikas

Greenwich Meridian: Justin



Thursday, 19th Dec. 2019 Well, we've reached the end of term and what a term it has been! There have been so many special moments that it would take a long letter to just begin to describe what an amazing time we have had. Learning has taken place in classrooms, our school environment and during educational visits and I have been delighted by frequent visits to my office from children sharing their very best work. We have more great opportunities for learning in the Spring term, with a school focus on the Shakespeare play 'The Tempest'. Thank you to all of you that have supported us as a school to make Montbelle the amazing community it is. I wish each and every family a lovely Christmas break and a happy, healthy 2020. Elspeth Geden

Nursery Parents

A reminder that you have until **15th January 2020** to submit your child's application for Primary Schools at www.eadmissions.org.uk. It may be helpful to know that Families Information Sessions are being held at Eltham Library or The Woolwich Centre Library, for parents that need support in making their application from Thursday 8th January to Wednesday 15th January from 10am – 12noon (excluding Sunday) **If you are unable to attend the sessions, please contact the Families Information Service on 020 8921 6921 or via: fis@rovalgreenwich.gov.uk**

If you are not a Greenwich resident you should apply through your own borough: application must still be made by Wednesday 15th January 2020.

Stay & Play at Montbelle Primary School

Please join us **every Tuesday, from 14th January 2020 at 2.15-3.15pm** (Term-Time only) for our stay and play for children up to 5 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.

Learning Support Assistant (LSA)

We are looking for an LSA to work as part of our whole school team to support children in school. The application details will be available on the Royal Borough of Greenwich website and the closing date for the application is **noon on Monday 13th January 2020.**

**Merry Christmas and a
Happy New Year
Love from Montbelle.**



Christmas Fayre

We raised a fantastic £3,189.37 nett profit from the Christmas Fayre. Thank you to the PTA and all our supporters for their hard work.

ATTENDANCE FOR THE TERM

The winners for this term from 4th September to 18th December are

**Francis Drake Class with 98.29%
FANTASTIC, WELL DONE!!**

**The overall school total for the term was 96%
our target is 97% - we can do better!**

Healthy Packed Lunches

Monitoring of packed lunches will be taking place on our return to school in January. Can we please ensure that your child/ren have **NO** crisps, chocolate, sweets and 'squash' type drinks in school. Children are allowed **one** treat on a Friday, (e.g.; crisps **or** biscuit) however, **NO** Sweets are allowed at any time. Thank you for your continued support.

Year 6 Boosters

From **Tuesday 7th January**, Literacy Boosters resume, and from **Thursday 9th January**, Maths Booster lessons begin promptly at **8am**. If your child wishes, they can bring a drink or healthy snack with them to have after the booster classes at 8.45am. This will continue until the last booster session held on Tuesday 7th May 2020.

Midday Meals Supervisor Vacancy

We have a vacancy for an MMS. You would be required to cover the Reception playground (this role is subject to change and may involve supporting with other classes in school) for 1 hours and 20 minutes per day (12.00-1.20pm). If you are interested please enquire at the school office for an application pack. The closing date for applications is **Tuesday 7th January 2020**. Interviews will possibly take place later in the week, thank you.

Year 6 SAT's

There will be an opportunity for Parents and Carers to attend a repeated workshop of the Year 6 SAT's preparation, on **Friday 10th January** in the lower hall at **9am**.



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 we have been learning all about Christmas and why we celebrate it. We have done lots of fun Christmas activities, making cards and practising writing our name for the cards. Some children got to go a see the KS1 performance which they enjoyed. The children also had lots of fun at their class party! We hope you have a lovely Christmas break and we look forward to seeing you in the New Year!

Reception In our final week of term, we have been busy creating our Christmas cards for our families. We have used our phonics to write our messages independently. We hope you like them! We have also had some very strange visitors in class this week- Gingerbread men! We used our creative skills to design and make traps for them. We also made signs to let others know what they looked like. We did an amazing job. We loved seeing how busy and engrossed all children were in writing and we loved sharing our ideas with others. Have a lovely break and we look forward to welcoming you back in January. Please keep updating Evidence Me, we are enjoying seeing your entries from home!

Key Stage One...

Year 1 Wow, what a week. In amongst rehearsing, performing and partying the children have still been busy learning. We have made reindeer food that we have labelled and are going to put out to help Santa and his reindeer find their way. We created wanted posters and traps to capture our gingerbread visitors who appeared to have had fun in our classrooms over the weekend. We have played practical games to practise our number bonds to ten and twenty and we even created stained glass windows to display in our classrooms. We are so proud of the children who were amazing in our Christmas nativity, singing and dancing beautifully. Thank you so much for your support with costumes, they all looked fantastic. We would like to wish you all a safe and happy break and look forward to seeing you in the new year. Year One team.

Year 2 Wow! What a wonderful way to end the term. We are so proud of all the children and the hard work they have done this year. The children did a fantastic job in their Christmas Nativity and certainly brought the festive cheer. Thank you to all of you with your support in learning lines, getting costumes ready and coming to watch the children. Thank you to all of you for all your hard work this term and well done to all the children. We hope you all have a lovely Christmas and a well-deserved break. We look forward to welcoming the children back in the new year.

Key Stage Two ...

Year 3 We have had a fantastic time this week wrapping up our learning in time for the Christmas break. The children showed focus in completing their last spellings test and times table test of the term. We will not be sending out new spellings until January but keep practicing previous spellings for a combination test on the first Monday of Spring term. Additionally, keep up with those times tables using our Rockstar app! The children enjoyed using quilling in Art to create detailed Christmas cards and loved constructing roof-top Christmas tree decorations in DT. In RE, the children learnt about the Jewish celebration of Hanukkah, which commences this Sunday, and the importance of the Menorah and its 8 additional candles. Rehearsals have been ongoing this week and the children have been dedicated in learning their words and perfecting their timing. We hope you enjoyed the carol service at the church this afternoon. We would like to thank you for your generosity as we have received some very thoughtful gifts and we hope you all have a wonderful break!

Year 4 Wow what a busy week to end the term! The children have been rehearsing very hard for their carol performance, they have learnt many songs and lyrics; we hope you enjoyed the magical afternoon! In between our own rehearsals this week we were treated to a wonderful performance of the Nativity by KS1, had lots of fun at our class party on Wednesday afternoon and have even had time to solve Maths problems! We wish you all a very merry Christmas, filled with lots of love and happiness with family and friends! A personal message from Mrs Woodland; it's been a pleasure to teach the children this term and I will miss them very much! A huge thank you for all the kind words and gifts; I am truly touched and very grateful! Merry Christmas and a happy new year - I'll be back to visit soon!

Year 5 This week the children have been rehearsing brilliantly for their Christmas Carol Concert performance and their commitment to learning the words off by heart has been superb. They have also been reflecting on what peace means; and its importance at this time of the year. Our Christmas parties were very energetic - with the children eager to showcase their dance moves during numerous dance related games. The Year 5 team would like to express warm wishes to you all over this festive period and look forward to seeing you in 2020. Have a magical Christmas and a wonderful New Year!

Year 6 As the end of this term comes to a close, the Year 6 Team have been reflecting on the many achievements of our wonderful Year 6 children. Their work ethic and steadfast positivity for all their learning has continually blown us away. The children have worked hard to edit, improve and publish their Coming Home writing in English - with some amazing results. In Science, Year 6 have been observing the growth of microorganisms through growing mould on slices of bread. Our Geography learning has seen us explore and understand how different mountains are formed and what we call them - from fold to dome to fault block mountains, our knowledge is endless. We would like to take the opportunity to wish you all a very happy and relaxing holiday, enjoying precious time with friends and family. Merry Christmas and we look forward to seeing you in 2020!

School Dinners: W/C 06/01/2020 – week 3

06/01/20 - 14/02/20 £58.00

24/02/20 - 03/04/20 £60.00

Total £118.00

Class Assemblies – Tuesday's at 10am

14th January Royal Greenwich Class (6VB)

28th January Nelson Class (3EG)

11th February Golden Hinde (2SB)

Dates for your diary

6th January All children to return to school (no INSET)

8th January Year 5 – local trip PM

10th January Year 6 SAT's Preparation meeting for parents/carers in Lower Hall at 9am

13th January All after school clubs begin this week

14th January Year 2 Golden Hinde Class trip AM only

15th January Year 2 SAT's preparation meeting for parents/carers in the Lower Hall at 9am

**Enjoy the holidays and see you all
on Monday 6th January 2020
(no INSET Day)**

