

Stars of the week.... Making the right choice: Respect our environment and everybody in it.

Railway: Eliza and Zuhair

Clipper: Bella

Routemaster: Kiaesacee

Thames: Armir

Maritime: Alma

Golden Hinde: Arthur

Cutty Sark: Star Informed ☺

Henry VIII: Star Informed ☺

Nelson: Collin

Sir Walter Rayleigh: James

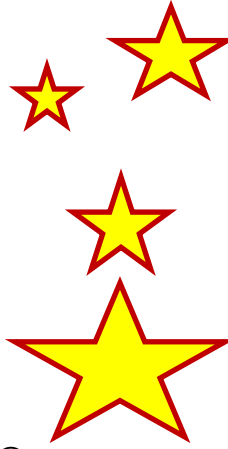
Francis Drake: Leon

Planetarium: Star Informed ☺

Royal Observatory: Manuel

Royal Greenwich: Star Informed ☺

Greenwich Meridian: Star Informed ☺



Friday, 29th of November

It has been a very wet week and the children have coped well – we're hoping for some dry weather next week so we can get out of the building to learn and play outside!

We are looking forward to the Christmas Fayre this evening. The money the PTA raise, with your support, is so important in providing lots of additional learning opportunities for our children.

Lastly, a big thank you to Mrs. Massey- Moy, who is our new Parent Governor. We look forward to working with you to further improve our school. *Elspeth 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

From the Library

If you are having a Pre-Christmas clear out of books, please can you think of the school library, we love receiving books.

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.

Last session for the term is Tuesday 17th December.

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>

Green Team update

This week the Green team have been busy preparing for our bottle stall at the Christmas Fayre and look forward to selling as many eco-friendly re-usable bottles as we can. We are also turning our attention to our next project that will run after Christmas and have begun brain storming our ideas. If you have any ideas that you would like to share then please let us know! **The Green Team**

Maintenant Donation

MAINTENANT is a local business who have donated £70 of educational card games to Montbelle that we will use across Years 1-6. If you are looking for an educational gift this Christmas, use the exclusive discount code made available to Montbelle Friends and Families with 20% OFF: **MPS20**. The code must be inserted when viewing your shopping cart at shop <https://maintenant.org.uk/games>

Eco-Friendly Christmas Crackers

Please send in your re-useable materials for our Eco-Friendly Christmas Crackers, e.g. 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.

ATTENDANCE FOR THE WEEK

The winners for this week from 22nd to 28th November are

**Royal Greenwich with 99.31%
FANTASTIC, WELL DONE!!**

**The overall school total for the term was 92.55%
our target is 97% - we can do better!**

After School Clubs – Autumn Term

All clubs finish next week, w/e 06/12/2019, except Alpha Club, where you will be charged.

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

Christmas Jumper Day Friday 6th December

We will be holding our Christmas Jumper day on **Friday 6th December**, suggested donation of £1 per child will go to **Save the Children** and will be collected on the gate.

Thank you for your continued support.

School Dinners: W/C 02/12/2019 – week 3

Monday and Tuesday as stated, Wednesday will be Chicken with Rice, Thursday will be Fish and Chips and Friday is our traditional Christmas Lunch, vegetarian options are also available.

After School Clubs – Spring Term

New enrolment forms are now available to collect from the school office for the spring term. The clubs will run from w/c 13/01/2020 until w/e 03/04/2020 (11 weeks). Last day for registration is **Thursday 19th December 2019, NO late registrations will be considered.**



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 in Nursery this week, it started off with our amazing trip to Godstone Farm, the weather didn't stop us from having a great day, the children seemed to really enjoy themselves as well as the adults! Thank you to all the parents that volunteered to help on our trip you helped the day run so smoothly and made it so enjoyable! The children had to draw a recount in their books talking about what they enjoyed and what they could remember from the day, Santa and soft play being the biggest highlights. We have also been using our imagination to make masks and think about if we could be anything that would we like to be. We have looked at shapes and numbers continuing with our keep fit counting to 100 song. We then ended the week with a nice golden time cooking treat of making pizzas, the children really enjoyed making them, thank you for the donations to help us buy the ingredients for our cooking. Enjoy the Christmas Fair and have a lovely weekend.

Reception This week the children all got to make their own pizza and then used time connectives to write their own instructions. They all enjoyed learning how to make their pizza and eating what they had made. In Maths the children have moved on to halving linked to their doubling from last week. We explained how halving is sharing between two and we used practical ways to halve numbers to 10. We have begun preparing for our Christmas production and all children have now been given their lines to practise. Please support your child in learning their lines.

Key Stage One...

Year 1 In English we have been focusing on instruction writing thinking about the order that things need to happen in and using the words first, next, then, after and finally. We have then used our instructions to make sandwiches, jelly, popcorn and practised how to wash our hands thoroughly. In Maths we have been counting forwards and backwards in tens and solving word problems involving counting in tens. We have continued investigating everyday materials in Science and deciding whether they were transparent or opaque. We are looking forward to our visit to the church next week and as part of our learning about Christianity we have looked at the features of a church and researched what we may see in the church. If you have offered to accompany us to the church next Wednesday afternoon, thank you, all are welcome and we will let you know the timings next week. Please look out for the letter regarding costumes for our Nativity performance. Thank you for your support with this. Have a lovely weekend!

Year 2 This week the children have been working very hard on money in Maths. They have been recognising value of money and then making totals using money. Next week we will be carrying on with money and using a variety of strategies to find the totals. Within English they have been looking at the features of a comic strip and have produced their own using speech bubbles alongside our text of 'The Stone Age Boy'. Next week they will be looking at using direct speech in their writing. In their Topic lessons they have looked at using points of a compass to create a map for a caveman to find his tools. In Science they have looked at the inventor John MacAdam who created smooth hard roads. The children are really looking forward to the Christmas Fayre and we hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Key Stage Two ...

Year 3 This week we have started to implement timed times tables tests with an aim to answer 40 questions relating to multiplication and division facts in 5 minutes. For those, not quite ready, further activities are helping them for test situations. We have also used the iPads to log on to Maths Rock Stars to beat the clock and show accuracy. Additionally, reasoning skills were needed when solving a variety of number problems and estimation has helped the children as a strategy to assist with problem solving. Next week, we shall be continuing to reinforce our column addition and subtraction as starters but develop our multiplication skills further. In Literacy, we have focused on homophones and as always, the children will be tested on their spellings on Monday. Charlotte's Web has influenced our Literacy and in Reading, we have explored the emotions linked to actions taken, along with many discussions about the story, including a Conscience Alley, where the children used persuasion in a For and Against debate. In Writing, we have seen progression with the use of punctuated speech as the children used characters from the book to create the types of conversations they might have had. We intend to continue speech next week. In PSHE, we have explored the emotions linked to feeling lonely at playtimes and found a solution – posters! We are creating an area, where others might spot us if we need a friend. In Science, we've begun a new topic – Forces and started with identifying the forces we use to move objects.

Year 4 We've had another busy week in Year 4 - and a successful one at that! On Monday the children represented the school beautifully on the trip to Chislehurst War Memorial and St Nicholas Church. Many thanks once again to our parent volunteers - school trips are always richer for the help and the children all love it when their adults join us. On Tuesday, Sir Francis Drake class did a first-rate job on their class assembly where their hard work really came off. The children loved sharing what their work and really did themselves proud. Throughout the week, preparations have been in full swing for this evening's Christmas stalls and the classes are both eager to take down the prize for most profitable stall! Somehow in the midst of all this we also managed to squeeze in some lessons too and the children have deepened their understanding of multiplication and division further, developed their knowledge of Hinduism and started to learn about parenthesis... Have a wonderful weekend!

Year 5 This week in Maths, we have been continuing to develop our understanding of perimeter, including the identification of unknown lengths and the mathematical skills involved. The children have had the opportunity to apply these skills to questions involving perimeter in the real world. In Literacy, we have been exploring the history of Lego, it's founder, creation and the resilience to overcome many obstacles in order to achieve success. We have looked at the key features of non-chronological reports; have been exposed to examples of non-chronological reports; and have used the Internet to research key facts and events in of the infamous Lego brand. In History, the children have continued studying the Anglo-Saxons and enjoyed discussing the impact of their culture. We hope to see many of you at this evening's Christmas Fayre; the children have worked incredibly hard on their apprentice stalls. Have a wonderful weekend.

Year 6 This week Year 6 visited the memorial at Heroes Corner in Greenwich Cemetery. The children's understanding of the tragedy of the First World War was compounded by the memorial's two curved screen walls which bear the names of those who fought for their country and are now at rest in the war graves plot. The children showed great sensitivity and maturity when discussing the legacy of the war. Back at school, the children learnt to reflect on their writing by exploring the writing criteria that they will be assessed on by the end of Year 6. They were incredibly reflective and proud of their progress in writing so far and resolute in their determination to keep on improving! In Maths, the children were adding and subtracting fractions with a variety of tasks that challenged their thinking; the opportunity to talk and the chance to use mathematical models meant the children were soon resiliently demonstrating their problem-solving skills alongside the conceptual understanding. Have a lovely weekend and hope to see you at the school fayre!

Class Assemblies – Tuesday's at 10am

14 th January	Royal Greenwich Class (6VB)
28 th January	Nelson Class (3EG)
11 th February	Golden Hinde (2SB)
	<u>Dates for your diary</u>
3 rd December	Nasal Flu Vaccination, Reception to Yr6
4 th December	Reception – Local Trip
6 th December	PTA Coffee Morning 8.45-10am Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch Parent Forum at 2.15pm
10 th December	Year 6 School Trip – school uniform and healthy packed lunch required.
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
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

attenters



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