

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

Railway: Luca and Ailish

Clipper: Star Informed ☺

Routemaster: Amelia H

Thames: Jumah

Maritime: Kamran

Golden Hinde: Kara

Cutty Sark: Star Informed ☺

Henry VIII: Star Informed ☺

Nelson: Eliza

Sir Walter Rayleigh: Akira

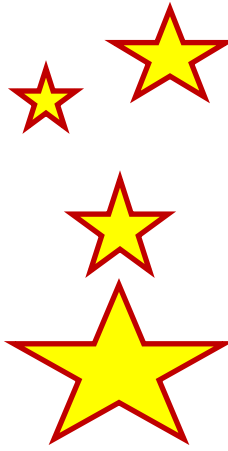
Francis Drake: Star Informed ☺

Planetarium: Star Informed ☺

Royal Observatory: Preslava

Royal Greenwich: Eva

Greenwich Meridian: Alina



Friday, 6th of December 2019 It's beginning to feel a lot like Christmas. We enjoyed a lovely meal today thanks to the hard work of the kitchen staff and it was great to see all the children with either crackers or hats made from recycled material. Following our meal, we had our annual panto courtesy of the PTA. It was VERY noisy, with a lot of audience participation, but many of the children I spoke with during the interval had enjoyed the performance. Next week sees the first of our Christmas Performances, with Foundation Stage performing on Friday (13th). Please remember that we are **OPEN** as usual on Thursday (12th), when only the hall is being used as a polling station. Have a good weekend! Elspeth Geden

Year 6 Booster Lessons

Literacy Booster Lesson: Tuesday 10th December is the last session for 2019

Stay & Play at Montbelle Primary School

Please be aware that our school Stay and Play sessions will be changing time in the new year. From **14th January 2020** they will run between **2.15-3.15pm** in the lower hall. All families with children under 5yrs old are welcome to attend. More information will be shared in the new year. Many thanks, Sarah Stewart

Last session for this term is Tuesday 17th December.

Tyres in KS1 playground

Following a concern raised recently about the trip potential of the tyres in the KS1 playground, we would ask that parents are mindful of these resources to avoid such potential accidents. These tyres are actively used by the children, both during learning time and play times, and they support the development of the children's motor skills.

Harry Harding – Sportacus

As you may be aware, Harry Harding who runs Sportacus, our after school and lunch time clubs provider, is getting married over the Christmas Holidays. As a school we will be doing a collection for Harry and, as he has been with us for many years and is extremely popular with our children and parents, we thought we would extend to parents/carers. Please do not feel under any obligation to contribute, however, if you would like to contribute to a voucher please come and see us in the school office. The collection will close on Friday 13th December.

International day of people with disabilities - a special thank you

The above day was celebrated on 3rd December, to mark the occasion, some of our pupils came up with the idea of leading a special disability awareness assembly, which took place in school on Monday. They planned and delivered the assembly entirely on their own and used the opportunity to share their own personal experiences of living with a disability, how it impacts their life and the things that other people can do to help - from being aware, to showing kindness and respect, to remembering that their disability does not define them. It was a moving and powerful assembly and we would like to thank the students for the amazing job that they did. Sarah Stewart

Beaver Scouts

There are places available for Beaver Scouts at the 3rd Royal Eltham group. They meet at Sparrows Lane on a Thursday evening (term time), on Thursdays from 5.30pm - 6.45pm. Girls and Boys must be age 5 and three-quarters to eight years old to attend. Please contact Lorraine on 07890 583319 to secure a place or request further information. It's a friendly group that many Montbelle children have attended, with lots of additional opportunities for sleep-overs or overnight camps.

ATTENDANCE FOR THE WEEK

The winners for this week from 29th November to 5th December are **Golden Hinde Class with 98.97%** FANTASTIC, WELL DONE!!

The overall school total for the term was **96.44%** our target is 97% - we can do better!

Reminders

Thursday 12th December:

General Election: SCHOOL OPEN FOR ALL CHILDREN AS USUAL

Friday 13th December:

The PTA will be selling tea and coffee from **8.45 – 9.45am** to allow parents of Nursery and Reception to stay for a cuppa then they can make their way to the performance at **10am through the entrance of the school office – Thank you** Early Years Christmas Performance at **10am** (Reception and Nursery), parents/carers and pre-school children welcome. We have a repeat performance again at **2pm**. Entrance through the school office.

Wednesday 18th December

Key Stage One (Year 1 and Year 2) Christmas Production at **10am**, parents/carers and pre-school children welcome. Please enter through the school office. We have a repeat performance again at **2pm** (no pre-school children please).

Key Stage Two (Year 3 to Year 6) will be having their class parties in the afternoon session. Each child to bring an individual snack and a drink (NO sweets or fizzy drinks), party clothes in a clearly named bag please.

Thursday 19th December

Key Stage 2 (Year 3 to Year 6) performance at the Chislehurst Methodist Church, Chislehurst, BR7 5LX. The performance begins at **2pm**, however, there is **NO** available parking, so please leave in plenty of time.

Key Stage 1 (Year 1 and Year 2) will be having their class parties in the afternoon session. Each child to bring an individual snack and a drink (NO sweets or fizzy drinks), party clothes in a clearly named bag please.

End of term, school finishes at 3.20/3.30pm

Monday 6th January 2020

ALL children to return to school – there is **NO INSET Day**.

Womble Ensemble is a group of children and parents who enjoy **playing instruments together**.

Your child will need an instrument, such as a recorder, flute, clarinet, violin, saxophone and they will need to practise at home the given notes and songs. **Please note** this is not an individual, instrument tuition, but a group session, when we play all together. New members-children or parents- are warmly welcome! Enquiries to Edit at johnandedit@ntlworld.com



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

Foundation Stage

Nursery This week we have been busy rehearsing for our Christmas Nativity; the children have been to practise in the hall and have loved learning our songs and actions in class. Our main focus this week was using our imagination and understanding when were are at different areas, how we can pretend to be different things or use objects and pretend they are something else. Some children were really good at pretending to be doctors and nurses in the Hospital and some children were using their imagination in the sand, making ice creams and cakes. We have also looked at number, counting, counting out objects and number recognition. The children have also been helping to change our Hospital into a new role play area linked to Winter, they enjoyed helping decorate and make things for the 'Winter Wonderland'. We hope to see lots of you at our performance on Friday, have a lovely weekend.

Reception As we approach the end of term, we have been reviewing the sounds that we have learnt so far. In your child's phonic books this week it will show you any sounds that they may need a little support with. We have also had a wonderful first trip to the church. The children were extremely well behaved and represented our school very well. We spent time looking around the church, discussing key features that were on our worksheet to find. We have also spent time this week practicing our stage directions, lines and songs for our Nativity (Friday 13th December). Please make sure you bring you child's costume in Monday so they can complete a dress rehearsal to the school. If you need another slip regarding clothing, then please ask your child's teacher.

Key Stage One...

Year 1 This week we have been thinking about what we have achieved whilst we have been in Year One. We then wrote a letter to Father Christmas, or a family member, to tell them about our achievements and how we are going to celebrate this. We are feeling very proud of ourselves! In Maths we have been thinking about 'more than >', 'less than <' and equal to'. We have had lots of fun with Connie the Crocodile who always eats the bigger number. Our trip to the church was a lovely way of bringing to life our RE learning. We listened to the Christmas story and explored the church to find the features and objects that we had learnt about in class. Thank you for your support with our trip. We have been busy learning the songs for our Christmas performance. Could we ask that all costumes be in school, in a named bag, by **Thursday 12th December** for our dress rehearsal to the school. Have a lovely weekend!

Year 2 What another fantastic (and busy) week in year two. The children have been looking at speech marks and synonyms for said in Literacy and continued their work on money by adding amounts and working out the change. We have been doing our rehearsals for the Christmas Nativity and can see how hard the children have worked learning their lines. Thank you to all of you who brought resources in for us to make our crackers, the children had great fun designing, making them and enjoying them with their Christmas dinner. We certainly enjoyed hearing the jokes the children created. Next week we will be busy with singing and rehearsals as well as writing letters to Father Christmas and making some festive cards. Don't forget our Christmas performance is on the 18th December, we look forward to seeing you then.

Key Stage Two ...

Year 3 This week we have begun to develop our multiplication skills focusing on 3s and 5s. The children have created equal groups, practiced multiplication through repeated addition and considered division in the form of arrays. We look forward to putting these skills to use in some reasoning and problem-solving challenges next week. In English the children have been introduced to the character of 'Charlotte' in Charlotte's Web and had a go at writing from her perspective. They have also had the opportunity to write predictions about what they think might happen next in the story based on what they already know. We are excited to be looking at persuasive writing techniques linked to the story

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.**

After School Clubs

All clubs have now finished for the term.
(Except Alpha Club for which there is a charge)

next week. In History, the children have learnt all about The National Maritime Museum, plotting important dates in its history onto a timeline and adding extra information. Can your child remember which historical figure's outfit is kept there? The children have loved designing and producing their own Christmas crackers in DT this week and had a lot of fun pulling them during our fantastic Christmas dinner!

Year 4 have had a busy week designing and creating their Christmas crackers for our Christmas dinner today. The D.T project promoted lots of creativity, resilience and opportunities for collaborative working. In Maths, the children are continuing to develop their knowledge and skills of times tables; with a particular focus on the 6s, 7s and 9s. The children have learnt how to apply their knowledge of these times tables to quickly calculate the answers to a 1-digit number multiplied by 2- and 3-digit numbers. Within Literacy, the children have learnt the Roman story 'Romulus and Remus'. They have explored the characters, the moral of the story and have re-enacted their own versions through role play. We shall continue this story into next week. Have a lovely weekend!

Year 5 This week in maths we have continued to work out the perimeter and area of rectilinear and compound shapes in unusual and real-life contexts. Towards the end of this week, we have been recapping all we have learned this term in preparation for a maths assessment next week. In English, we have been drafting and editing to improve our non-chronological reports on Lego. We have also been busy creating recyclable Christmas crackers in our DT lessons which included creating festive jokes and origami toys which were placed inside. In Geography, we have been looking in greater depth at the human impact on our oceans and seas; and discussing ways in which we can help our environment. Have a wonderful weekend!

Year 6 have continued to develop their understanding of adding and subtracting mixed number and improper fractions in a variety of different contexts. We have been very impressed with the children's attitudes and focus towards their learning. Next week we will revise our knowledge of multiplying and dividing fractions. Our English lessons have focused on the theme of winter and how we use precise language for effect to create a vivid image in the reader's mind. Our winter writing will also continue next week. We have started to learn our Christmas songs in earnest for our forthcoming performance at the Methodist Church in Chislehurst, the children are really excited to perform this for you. Have a lovely weekend.

Year 6 Crown Woods Dance Rehearsals

There will be no further rehearsals this term, they will resume **Wednesday 8th January 2020.**

Green Team update

Please see attached update from the team.

Scooters and Bicycles

Can we please remind parents/carers due to safety concerns, once at the school gates, children are **NOT** permitted to ride their bicycles/scooters on school grounds. Thank you for your co-operation.

School Dinners: W/C 09/12/2019 – week 1

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

10th December Year 6 School Trip – school uniform and healthy packed lunch required.
12th December Parliamentary Election – **SCHOOL OPEN AS NORMAL**
Year 2 School Trip – school uniform
13th December Early Years Performance to Parents/Carers 10am and 2pm
18th December KS1 performance: 10am and 2pm (*pre-school children at AM performance only please*)
19th December KS2 performance 2pm: Chislehurst Methodist Church

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