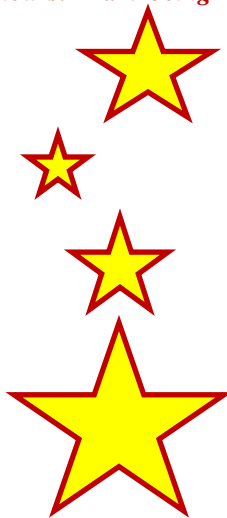




Stars of the week: Learning Behaviours: I am being curious

- Railway:** Leah and Ronnie
- Clipper:** Star Informed 😊
- Routemaster:** Thomas
- Thames:** The Whole Class 😊
- Maritime:** Maximillian
- Golden Hinde:** Star Informed 😊
- Cutty Sark:** Star Informed 😊
- Henry VIII:** Star Informed 😊
- Nelson:** Lilly
- Sir Walter Rayleigh:** Roxie
- Francis Drake:** Noah
- Planetarium:** Star Informed 😊
- Royal Observatory:** Armaan
- Royal Greenwich:** William
- Greenwich Meridian:** George



Friday, 10th January 2020

Welcome back! I wish each and every one of you a happy, healthy 2020. We have started the new year with our whole school 'Take One Shakespeare' project, with a focus on The Tempest. It has been great to see how quickly the children have settled back in, particularly Year 1 who came back to their 'grown up' classroom and have been busy completing some amazing independent work this week. Thank you for all your continued support - do carry on letting us know your ideas for school improvement and raising any issues through class teachers, the Senior Leadership Team or by emailing admin@montbelle.org.uk - working together we can continue improve Montbelle for the whole community. *Elsbeth 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.

ATTENDANCE FOR THE WEEK

The winners for this week from 6th to 9th January 2020 are

Francis Drake Class with 100%

FANTASTIC, WELL DONE!!

**The overall school total for the term was 96.08%
our target is 97% - we can do better!**

After School Clubs

All clubs begin next week, if you enrolled your child with a club, their place is confirmed.

Please be reminded that all parents/carers need to be at school on time to collect their child/ren when their club finishes. **The school office closes promptly at 4.30pm; therefore, any child/ren not collected will be sent directly to Alpha Club where you will be charged.**

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.

www.nhs.uk/conditions/headlice/pages/treatment.asp

Chicken Pox

We have had a few 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

Parking

Please can we remind parents/carers to respect our local resident's homes by not parking over drives when dropping off and collecting children. Thank you.

Stay & Play at Montbelle Primary School

Come and join us every Tuesday (Term-Time only) at the new time of **2.15-3.15pm** from **Tuesday 14th January 2020**, for our stay and play for children up to 5 with their parents/carers. A contribution of £1 is requested per family. Childminders £1 per child.

**Year 2 SAT's Preparation Meeting
Wednesday 22nd January 2020**

Parents and Carers are invited to a parent workshop with Mrs Roberts at 9am on **Wednesday 22nd January 2020** (previously advertised as 15th January on newsletter) regarding year 2 SAT's.

**Year 1 Phonics Information Session
Friday 24th January 2020**

Parents and Carers are invited to a taught session and find out more information regarding Phonic Screening Test with Mrs Aylmer at 9am on **Friday 24th January 2020**.

**Vitality Big Half
Sunday 1st March 2020**

We have one space available to join our Community Team, if you would like to join us, please come and see a member of the school office or email admin@montbelle.org.uk

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 hour 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 **Friday 17th January 2020**. Interviews will take place during w/c 20th January, thank you.

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 good first week back, the children all returned very settled and was like they hadn't been away! They have all been very excited exploring their nursery and getting back into routine. This week we have learnt our new Golden Thread word for this term - 'Responsibility'. We looked at what it meant and how we can take responsibility. We then read the book 10 Things I can do to help my world and looked at the ways we can be responsible for caring for our world e.g. turning lights and taps off. The children all became responsible for a different area in the classroom and thought of how we can look after our area and created rules for them. Have a think about how you can take responsibility at home, what could you do? We hope you have a lovely weekend!

Reception have had a great week back and have enjoyed exploring the new topic areas in their classrooms. Our key word this term is responsibility and the children have been thinking about ways that they can be responsible. In Literacy the children have worked in small groups to write rules for the areas in our classrooms. Next week in Literacy the children will be learning about 'Under the Sea' and we will think about ways we can help the fish such as using less plastic. In Math the children have been learning about 3D shapes and this will continue next week when the children will be making their own 3D shapes. In Art we will be making our own fish to go on display. Please can the children bring in a kitchen roll tube for their art work.

Key Stage One...

Year 1 Happy New Year! It has been lovely seeing the children back this week, keen and ready to learn. We have had an exciting week thinking about our golden thread responsibility and have used the text 'There's an orangutan in my bedroom' to support us with this. We have been writing about how we can be responsible in school to look after our learning environments and we have thought about our responsibility in caring for our world. Our RE learning has introduced us to Islam and we have been exploring the Qur'an and mosques. In Maths we have been learning about time and chronological order and using a clock to make O'clock and half past times. Our History was exciting as we were exploring what it means to be extinct. We were sorting animals from the United Kingdom and working out whether they were extinct or not. We would love to have as many of you in as possible to be our 'reader of the week' on a Monday at 2.50pm, please let us know. We love reading stories to the children and would love to enable you to experience this too. Have a great weekend!

Year 2 Happy New Year to you all and welcome back to an exciting week in school. This week the children have settled in very well and are showing a great interest into our new text this term; The Tempest by William Shakespeare. The children have carefully examined various front covers of the book and made predictions about what will happen. This has then led them to write wonderful descriptive sentences about story settings. Within Maths, the children have been looking at multiplication and division. They have looked at how to solve multiplication using arrays and how to share a number and objects out equally. Next week, they will continue to look at division and use jottings to find the answers. The children are also showing excitement within our other topics, Ancient Mesopotamia and Buddhism. They are really looking forward to enhance their learning. Have a lovely weekend!

Key Stage Two ...

Year 3 We've had a brilliant first week back in Year 3. In Literacy the children wrote some lovely recounts of their Christmas holidays using paragraphs to separate the different activities. They also had a go at dictation; writing a spoken passage into their books and using the correct punctuation. We have begun to look at a new poem, 'Sacrifice', in Reading and the children have been unpicking its message and what sacrifice means to them. Next week the children will further develop their ideas on this, preparing and producing their own 'sacrifice' poetry. In Maths we have continued our work on multiplication and division with a new focus on the 8 times tables. Next week the children will apply their reasoning skills to these problems before looking at multiplying 2-digit and 1-digit numbers. To support 'Charlotte's Web', the children have carefully designed and created a salt-dough fridge magnet of their favourite character from the story in DT. This linked to our Science work on magnets as the children were able to explore and sort magnetic and non-magnetic objects.

Year 4 Welcome back everyone, welcome to Montbelle Miss Russell and welcome to the world baby Woodland! The children have hit the ground running this week and all seem energised from the break. Already in such a short space of time we have: dived headfirst into the action-packed first scene of The Tempest; learned about factor pairs and how to use them to solve problems; considered the reasons why the Roman's wanted to conquer Britain 2,000 years ago; and looked into the sources of electricity! Next week we will be writing newspaper articles reporting on the events of the opening scene of The Tempest, delving even deeper into multiplication and starting our study of the structure of the Earth, plate tectonics and volcanoes... Have a wonderful weekend!

Year 5 What an amazing start to 2020! The children have been learning how to translate old English to current English this week as we have been reading the Tempest by William Shakespeare. They have had the opportunity to identify which characters they feel will have a key role in the play/story through reading the text and using role play; and have begun to write excellent character descriptions based on the text that we have read thus far. In Maths, the children are gaining a better understanding on how to use the column method of multiplication to multiply 3 digits numbers with 1- and 2-digit numbers involving reasoning and problem-solving questions. Our walking trip around our local area this week linked to our Geography curriculum, enabled our children to identify areas that they would like to see improved. This resulted in the children constructing their own annotated maps including their own keys to show areas of interest and areas that they would like to be developed.

Year 6 have had a jam-packed start to 2020! The children began to learn about who the ancient Maya people were and where and when they lived. They used timelines to record milestones in the Maya civilisation and contrasted this with developments in Britain at the same time. We also used maps and atlases to locate Maya cities and identify countries in Mesoamerica. Year 6 were then introduced to William Shakespeare and his lasting legacy on the English language. The children were curious about his life, his plays and the history of his time and next week we look forward to exploring the themes of forgiveness and freedom in The Tempest. In Maths, we were dividing fractions by integers including mixed numbers, improper fractions, pictorial representations and using the inverse to find the starting number in a problem. We hope the children enjoy their well-deserved weekend!

School Dinners: w/c 13/01/2020 week 1

06/01/20 – 13/02/20 - £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 Class (2SB)

3rd March Planetarium Class (5SR)

Dates for your diary

13th January All after school clubs begin

14th January Yr2 – Golden Hinde Class trip AM only

20th January PTA Meeting – all welcome at 9am-10am in the POD

22nd January Yr2 SAT's preparation meeting

24th January Yr1 Phonics Information session

30th January Yr5 and Yr6 Reading and Maths workshop

3rd February Yr4 School Trip

4th February Individual/Group Photographs

5th February Yr2 Cutty Sark Class trip AM only

7th February Curriculum Afternoon at 2pm

12th February Yr2 School Trip – uniform and healthy packed lunch required.

13th February End of Term 3.20/3.30pm finish

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