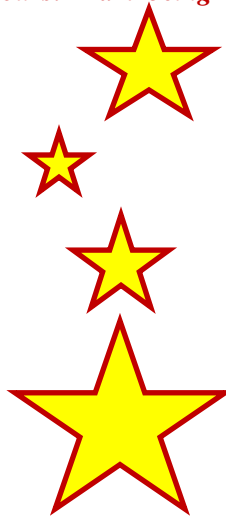


Stars of the week: Learning Behaviours: I am being curious

- Railway:** Ivan and Bekim
- Clipper:** Dolly and Arthur
- Routemaster:** Seren
- Thames:** Rehmez
- Maritime:** Ami
- Golden Hinde:** Star Informed 😊
- Cutty Sark:** Star Informed 😊
- Henry VIII:** Star Informed 😊
- Nelson:** Star Informed 😊
- Sir Walter Rayleigh:** Adam
- Francis Drake:** Niamh
- Planetarium:** Phoebe W
- Royal Observatory:** Indie-anna
- Royal Greenwich:** Mya and Ryan
- Greenwich Meridian:** Jocelyn



Friday, 24th January 2020 It seems unbelievable to think that we will reach the end of January next week and the half-term holiday will be fast approaching. The children are engrossed in their Take One Shakespeare focus and we have also been exploring our termly 'golden thread' of 'Responsibility': children have been keen to share their ideas and great work. Attendance has dropped this week because of some winter bugs and viruses: thank you for working with us to ensure that your children are in school when they are well enough to do so. We know that children do best academically when they attend school regularly so please do not take your children out of school for any other reason. Hopefully, the winter bugs will disappear soon! Have a great weekend. Elspeth Geden

Big Half – Sunday 1st March 2020

"We're doing it again! A group of staff including Mrs Stewart, Mrs Aylmer, Mrs Jerrett, Miss Sarton, Miss Myers, Mr Hoyte and Miss Burne, supported by some of the guys from Sportacus and our parents and friends, will be putting on our running shoes to complete the Vitality London 'Big Half' marathon on the 1st March. As part of our quest to complete the distance, we will be raising money for the school. We want to upgrade our playground equipment to keep our children active at playtimes and also purchase some new atlases and maps to support our learning - we'll be able to use them to show the children just how far we could travel if we amalgamated our step count from training and participation in the event. Please support us if you can. You can change the 'donate' value to any amount - every little helps. Thank you for your support!"

https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/montbelleprimaryschool?utm_term=jZreRNqd

ATTENDANCE FOR THE WEEK

The winners for this week from 17th to 23rd January 2020 are

Greenwich Meridian Class with 98.97% FANTASTIC, WELL DONE!!

The overall school total for the term was 95.79% our target is 97% - we can do better!



Be safe online – Be your own protector!

This week in our KS2 assembly we explored safety online with Kim, Lee and Superhero Sid. Playing on the computer is fun when you are safe.

- ❖ People you do not know online are strangers- they are not a trusted friend or adult.
- ❖ People can be unkind just because they are online and hiding – that is not ok!
- ❖ Never share your personal information online, nobody needs to know this.
- ❖ If you ever get the 'butterfly feeling' or 'uh oh' feeling tell a trusted adult straight away!

Be your own protector online



Stay & Play at Montbelle Primary School

Come and join us every Tuesday (Term-Time only) at the new time of **2.15-3.15pm**, 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.

Children's Mental Health Week

Next week the whole school will be celebrating Children's Mental Health Week. Each day we will be introducing the children to a new 'Mindful Monster' and teaching children different techniques that can help them with concentration, creativity, relaxation and positivity. We will start with 'Thinky' the concentration monster on Monday, then 'Sparky' the creative monster, 'Snug' the relaxation monster and finally 'Giggles' the positivity monster. On Friday we will be celebrating our work throughout the week with a Monster Party where the children will be decorating biscuits and celebrating all their hard work. On your way into school on Friday staff on the gates will have donation buckets which we will be collecting on behalf of Scope the Mental Health charity.

PTA : AGM : Tuesday 25th February 2020

The PTA are holding an AGM on **Tuesday 25th February @ 2:30pm in the Lower School Hall**. Please make every effort to attend.

Spring/Summer Dates

Please note that the date for the KS1 Let's Learn Together event should read **Tuesday 9th June 2020**.

Headteachers Coffee Morning

Friday 31st January 2020 – 8.45-10am

Parents/Carers are welcome to join Elspeth Geden for coffee and biscuits on **Friday 31st January 2020** in the dining hall from 8.45 till 10am. All donations welcome for the school fund.



We are looking for children or parents, who enjoy playing instruments together (every Wednesday at 1pm). We have flute, violin, recorder and saxophone players. Minimum knowledge of 3 notes on any instrument would be required. Cost is £5/term towards material. **Everyone is warmly welcome! Enquiries to Edit: johnandedit@ntlworld.com**
"Playing in an ensemble allows students to develop team skills, sacrificing one's ego to benefit the team. Skills learnt include learning balance, intonation, rhythm and performance etiquette in a group setting."

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 looking at *The Tempest* by William Shakespeare. We look at the main characters in the story, Ariel, Prospero and Antonio. We looked at how magical Ariel was and how we could be magical, we thought of our very own magical potion using rhyming words. We thought about how Prospero and Antonio could be nice to each other and be good brothers. We have made our own fairies, telescopes and boats. We thought about where the boat would take us and what magical adventure we would go on and drew this on a big piece of paper. We used our boats to test them in water to see if they would float or sink. We have also been on a listening walk to see what sounds we could hear around the school and outside, we heard lots of different sounds like birds and building work or children walking around and talking. See what you can hear at home or when you are out and about. We hope you have a lovely weekend!

Reception The children have been looking at the book, *'The Tempest'* this week and thinking about the different characters within the story and the importance of forgiveness. The children have drawn the characters, made boats and discussed making their own magic spells. In Literacy, we have looked at completing a rhyming string and the children learnt how most words that rhyme have the same ending. The children matched words together that rhyme and thought of some of their own. In math, we have been learning about capacity. The children have enjoyed working in the water area and understanding the vocabulary full, half full and empty. Next week we will be continuing our work on responsibility by thinking about animals who live in the forest and in Math we will be practicing finding one more and one less of a given number.

Key Stage One...

Year 1 In Year One we have continued to read the story *The Tempest* and thought about the different things the characters might say. We have then put that into speech bubbles and speech marks. We have continued with our RE learning about Islam by looking around a mosque and discovering lots of interesting features. In Maths we have been learning about capacity and thinking about whether the containers were full, empty, half full or nearly full and nearly empty. We then used jugs to measure how much each container held, measuring in millilitres. Our Science learning saw us exploring our five senses. For smell we had to close our eyes and smell different items and say what we thought it was. There were some interesting reactions when we smelt the garlic! Have a lovely weekend.

Year 2 This week, the children have continued to work very hard. In English we have continued exploring *'The Tempest'* and have looked further into description of characters enhancing our writing with adjectives and conjunctions. Within Maths, we have furthered our understanding of division and have been solving sums using a variety of division vocabulary and using multiplication to find the inverse sums. Next week, we will be looking at shapes and their properties. In Science, we have been discussing the differences between renewable and non-renewable sources and have been thinking about which sources are more beneficial to use. Next week, we will be looking at solar and wind energy. Hope you have a lovely weekend!

Key Stage Two ...

Year 3 This week we have invested time in our wonderful paintings that were created to support the opening scene for *The Tempest*. These are currently being made into a moving magnetic picture, although some children are yet to add their magnet. Our writing has equally been inspirational and results show lots of thoughtful, creative children, who have used similes and adjectives to create an exciting response. Next week our focus will be on the problem in the story and we shall be

Polite Notice

End of School Day: Please be reminded that all parents/carers need to be at school on time to collect their child/ren at **3.20pm for Reception to Year 2** and at **3.30pm for Year 3 to Year 6**.

After School Clubs: Please be reminded that all parent/carers need to be at school on time to collect children when their club finishes. **The school office closes promptly at 4.30pm.**

From Monday 27th January, we will be monitoring late pickups and any children who are collected late will be directed to Alpha Club where you will be charged. This applies to the usual end of school day and after school clubs. Thank you

reinforcing direct speech and punctuation involved. In maths, we have looked at various methods when solving multiplication. See whether your child prefers to use column addition or short multiplication. In PSHE, this term's Golden Thread is Responsibility. We used Circle Time to explore what responsibility means and how it affects our learning. In geography, we focused on skills, using drama to explore the human issue of Poverty. We shall be building upon this by looking at different causes.

Year 4 Things are going from strength to strength in Year 4 – we've finished publishing some excellent newspaper reports in English and have spent the week learning the next part of the story of *The Tempest* and have been deepening our understanding of multiplication and division, even getting to grips with 3 step worded problems! In English next week we will be developing our narrative writing skills in preparation of writing our own next parts of *The Tempest* and in Mathematics we will be moving on to look at area. In Geography we learned about the causes and effects of earthquakes during which time the children showed brilliantly inquisitive attitudes and asked some pertinent and fascinating questions. Next week we are going to look at tsunamis... Finally, well done to all those children in Year 4 who represented the school so beautifully at a multi-sports event at Nightingale Primary School today. Have a great weekend everyone!

Year 5 The children have continued to develop their understanding of *'The Tempest'* particularly the character of Caliban and his vital role in the story. They looked at the key features found in a soliloquy in order to write their own through Caliban's perspective, voicing his feelings and thoughts regarding Prospero and his plans to get his revenge. It was great to see the children experimenting with using Shakespearean language. In maths, the children have shown a great deal of resilience in learning short division and long division this week and now have a better understanding of these two methods. Next week the Year 5 topic on Fractions begins. We began our first Viking lesson in History - with the children using an historical timeline to gauge whether a given statement was true or false. This activity certainly improved the children's understanding of the different eras and how many overlapped as well as enabling them to produce their own questions which they then answered.

Year 6 2020 is shaping up to be a busy year but one the children surely achieve so much in! With SATs and secondary school on the horizon, we sought to answer many of the children's questions about the assessments with a look at past papers. Year 6 had all of the determination, resilience and inquisitiveness we have come to expect and the assessments helped them to realise that they have come so far in their learning journey. In English, the children studied famous persuasive speeches that gave hope, inspired action and changed hearts and minds. Next week they will apply the features of persuasion to their own opinion on the role of Caliban in *The Tempest*. We also began to extend the children's knowledge of Buddhism and how the Four Noble Truths might help someone to recognise that a problem exists; it has a cause; it has an end; and it has a cause to bring about its end. Have a lovely weekend!

School Dinners: w/c 27/01/2020 week 3

Class Assemblies – Tuesday's at 10am

28th January Nelson Class (3EG)
11th February Golden Hinde Class (2SB)
3rd March Planetarium Class (5SR)

Dates for your diary

30th January Yr5 and Yr6 Reading and Maths workshop
31st January Headteacher coffee morning 8.45-10am
3rd February Yr4 School Trip- **arrive into school at 8.15**
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
14th February **INSET Day** – No children in school
24th February All children return to school

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