



Stars of the week: Learning Behaviours: I am making links to my learning.

Railway: Star informed ☺ and Angel

Clipper: Freddy

Routemaster: Harrison

Thames: Freddie

Maritime: Lottie

Golden Hinde: Star informed ☺

Cutty Sark: Joseph De SC

Henry VIII: Dylan

Nelson: Star informed ☺

Sir Walter Raleigh: Akira

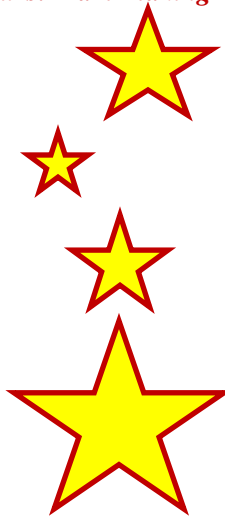
Francis Drake: Joshua

Planetarium: Star informed ☺

Royal Observatory: Sydney-Louise

Royal Greenwich: Sonny

Greenwich Meridian: Jomiloju



Friday, 31st January 2020 As the first month of 2020 draws to a close, it has been wonderful to look back and think about all the children's achievements: our displays are beginning to show the amazing work that has come out of our 'Take One Shakespeare' focus and the children have talked excitedly about their focus on good mental health including how we help ourselves and our friends, and using our trusted adults to keep ourselves safe. February looks to be just as exciting and we are looking forward to celebrating our learning with you next week. Have a great weekend! *Elspeth Geden*

Midday Meals Supervisor Vacancy

We have a vacancy for a MMS. You would be required to cover the KS1 playground 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 **Wednesday 12th February 2020**. Interviews will take place w/c 24th February 2020, thank you.

Green Team update

Many of the children within our Green Team have been moved by footage on the news of the Australian bush fires, which have devastated huge areas within Australia and are linked, in part to climate change. As a result, they would like to do something to help, so we have decided to try and raise £25 so that we can become a WWF 'Koala Protector'. The team are now working hard to create craft merchandise that they plan sell in school to raise money for this worthy cause, along with advertising materials to promote the sale. Please keep a look out for more information from the team next week, which will detail what you can buy and when. Many thanks, The Green Team

ATTENDANCE FOR THE WEEK

The winners for this week from 24th to 30th January 2020 are

Henry VIII Class with 99.31%

FANTASTIC, WELL DONE!!

The overall school total for the term was 96.27%

our target is 97% - we can do better!

Individual/Family Photographs

Individual/Family photographs will take place on **Tuesday 4th February 2020**. The photographer recommends that children wear their school jumper/cardigan, ideally with the school logo on these photographs. Photographs will be taken individually; for those with siblings, a group photograph will be taken. However, if you do not wish for your children to have a group photograph taken, please ensure that you notify the school office on admin@montbelle.org.uk no later than 3.30pm Monday 3rd February 2020.

Curriculum Afternoon

Friday 7th February 2020

School will open at 2pm for all parents and carers to join children in their classrooms for an afternoon of maths activities. *Children may leave at 3pm with their own parent/carers.* Pre-school children are welcome to attend.

Half Term Activity Camp - Sportacus

Sportacus will be running a half term camp from **Monday 17th – Friday 21st February** at Darrick Wood Junior School, see flyer attached for more details.

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.

Globe Event

We would like to thank Debbie Sankey who drew our attention to an inclusive and theatrical workshop at the Globe Theatre, please see link for more details:

<https://www.shakespeareglobe.com/whats-on/a-tempest-of-poems-2020/>

Heartstart

Next week, we will be recognising HeartStart in school, when our children develop their life skills through taking part in their first aid training and, in Year 6, their CPR training. We will be marking the end of our Heartstart week by inviting children to wear something **red** to school as **part of their school uniform on Friday 7th February**. For example, children may choose to wear a red pair of socks instead of their normal grey/white socks, or a red t-shirt in place of their usual school polo shirt. **Please note that football tops cannot be worn.** We will not be taking a collection for Heartstart on this occasion so no money is needed!

Big Half – Sunday 1st March 2020

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=jjZreRNqd

Calling young football players - Professional Talent ID Event

Sunday 15th March 2020 at Harris Academy Greenwich

Talent ID will be hosting a talent ID event for children 5 to 12 year old, they have invited pro clubs such as Arsenal and Chelsea to come and see the players, this is a great opportunity for talented players within the community. Here are the full details: **Sunday 15th of March 2020 at Harris Academy Greenwich, Middle Avenue, SE9 5EQ between 2pm to 4pm.**

Clubs in attendance: Arsenal, Chelsea, Tottenham, Crystal Palace, Millwall, Wimbledon and Fulham.

The link for this event is: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/we-make-footballers-greenwich-talent-id-event-tickets-88104521997?aff=ebdssbdestsearch> for more information. They also have weekly training sessions for children of all abilities please see website: <https://www.wemakefootballers.com/greenwich/> for more details.

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 gone back to our Golden thread 'Responsibility'. We recapped on how we could take responsibility at home, Nursery and for the wider world. This time we looked at the woods and read the book Tidy by Emily Gravett. It's about a badger who tidy's up too much, so we thought about how we could help him get it back to how it was. We have drawn the main characters from the story, gone on a hunt for the characters and helped by finger painting the leaves back on the trees. We have also been using our listening ears in Phonics, listening to sounds and recognising what they are e.g. keys, a wrapper. We also listened to some musical instruments and matched them when we heard the sound. We have also been looking at all the different monsters for Mental Health week and playing some circle time games. Have a lovely weekend!

Reception This week we have been reading the story 'Tidy' and we have been remembering key parts from the story to support us with our writing. We have identified the rhyming words throughout the story and have linked this back to our prior learning from last week. We have also been discussing the different mindful monsters throughout the week and have taken part in group tasks relating to the monster each day. In maths this week we have been finding 'more' and 'less' than a given number. We have used a range of strategies such as counting aloud, using a number line and using our fingers to support us in finding our answers. We have also been working hard to answer the question "how do you know?" to explain how we have reached our answer.

Key Stage One...

Year 1 We have had a lovely week in Year One finishing our story The Tempest with some wonderful creative writing. We have continued with measuring in Maths and have been thinking about how we can accurately measure the height and length of an object using a ruler. We looked at where France was located on a map and talked about all the possible ways we could travel there and learnt the vocabulary for an aeroplane, ferry, car, bike and train. In Science we learnt about our five senses and tasted a variety of food without looking. Some of them were very interesting, especially the lemons. Have a lovely weekend.

Year 2 We have been having so much fun exploring The Tempest in year 2 and the children have amazed us with their engagement and fantastic writing. The children wrote some beautiful diary entries from the perspective of Miranda explaining how she is deeply in love with Ferdinand. We cannot wait for you all to read their amazing work soon. In Maths we have begun to explore 2d shapes and describe their properties and sorted them into Venn and Carroll diagrams. The children worked well in groups to use pictures and maps to explore the physical features of rivers and used key vocabulary to make comparisons between them. Next week we will continue with our work around Ancient Mesopotamia and our amazing work on The Tempest as well as starting to look at 3d shapes in Maths.

Key Stage Two ...

Year 3 The children have enjoyed getting stuck into 'The Tempest' this week using their knowledge of inverted commas to punctuate a conversation between Prospero and Caliban. They applied this later in the week through dictation and ended the week with a wonderful persuasive letter from Caliban to Prospero, asking him to be set free. In Maths the children have completed their work on multiplication, learning the short method and how to lay this out correctly. Next week we look forward to finishing our division and multiplication focus with lessons on scaling. In History the children have begun a new focus on Ancient Egypt, studying different artefacts, asking questions about what they want to find out and making predictions about how the items were important to the Egyptians. We look forward to continuing this next

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.**

We are now monitoring late pick-ups 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

week when the children will be encouraged to compare aspects of Ancient Egyptian life to their own. In Geography we have continued our work on poverty, considering the effects of war on our basic needs and thinking about how is poverty is prevalent in countries affected by war, like Syria. The children have enjoyed exploring mindfulness activities this week in support of Mental Health Week and we will continue this focus next week. We have begun to send out new homework grids for our new topic so please ensure your child's homework book and spelling book and kept in bookbags for easy access during the week.

Year 4 have been very busy this week, we have been celebrating mental health awareness with our mindful monsters, we especially loved the personal facial as a relaxing technique and the colourful breathing for concentration. In Literacy we have been putting together a toolkit for writing their own chapter of the Tempest, writing similes and using the 'show not tell' technique. In art we have taken inspiration from both the Tempest and Hokusai to create our own pieces of art successfully. The children have enjoyed drawing their own shapes using a given area and will be moving onto fraction next week in Maths. Year 4 will be taking part in Heart Start week next week alongside planning and carrying out an experiment in Science. Wishing you all a restful weekend.

Year 5 This week in Maths, the children have shown great perseverance to gain a good understanding of how to identify equivalent fractions. They have also learned how to simplify fractions to their lowest form by dividing both the numerator and the denominator with their highest common factor. In Literacy, we have been continuing to explore Shakespearean language and dived into another character, Miranda. The children focused on the princess and her love of Ferdinand and her father, to write wonderful soliloquies using ambitious vocabulary. In R.E. we have been learning about Hajj - the Muslim Pilgrimage to Mecca. They explored the first stages of Hajj and discussed the importance that it holds for Muslims. Next week will be the final swimming lesson for Year 5. Have a lovely and restful weekend.

Year 6 What a busy week Year 6 has had, but we met the mental health monsters and practised some brilliant mindfulness strategies. An air of calm descended upon us during the sessions, with positivity reigning. The children can practise these at home, especially in the run up to SATs. Our maths has been focused on plotting shapes, translating and reflecting them across the four quadrants. Next week, we are going to be extending the children's understanding of decimals. In English, the children have been continuing to practise their persuasive writing techniques by writing a persuasive speech about Caliban. We hope you have a lovely weekend.

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>

School Dinners: w/c 03/02/2020 week 1

Class Assemblies – Tuesday's at 10am

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

Dates for your diary

3rd February **Yr4 School Trip- rescheduled to 24/2/20**
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 Year 6 Cake Sale AM
End of Term 3.20/3.30pm finish
14th February **INSET Day** – No children in school
24th February All children return to school
Yr4 School Trip- packed lunch and school uniform required.
25th February PTA:AGM at 2.30pm in the Lower Hall

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