

**Stars of the week: Learning Behaviours: I have been making links with my learning.**

**Railway:** Vicky and Star Informed 😊

**Clipper:** Stanley

**Routemaster:** The Whole Class 😊

**Thames:** Poppy

**Maritime:** Sezer

**Golden Hinde:** Rosanna

**Cutty Sark:** Star Informed 😊

**Henry VIII:** Star Informed 😊

**Nelson:** Star Informed 😊

**Sir Walter Rayleigh:** Sarah

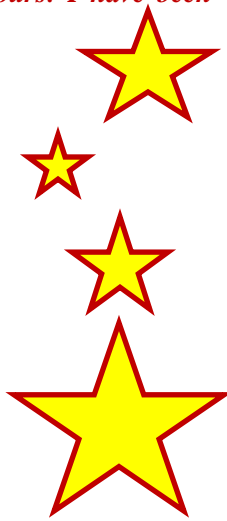
**Francis Drake:** Niamh

**Planetarium:** Star Informed 😊

**Royal Observatory:** Manuel

**Royal Greenwich:** Rem

**Greenwich Meridian:** Elisa



**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2020** I would like to use this opportunity to share my own personal appreciation to each and everyone of you this week. The children in school have been absolutely amazing - they have kept us all going through periods of great uncertainty, with their pure propensity for joy, their kindness and their remarkable resilience - it has been an absolute pleasure to be in their company. Our school staff have rallied as a team, and put their own health and family needs to one side in ways that they have never had to do before, we are so very grateful for all they have done. Likewise the messages of kindness, selflessness and support from you as parents/carers, and our wider school community, has been phenomenal and heart-warming - thank you. As we move forward through uncharted territory, I hope we can continue to celebrate the positives with gratitude, and look forward with hope to being part of a healthier, kinder society when we come out the other side. Take care, **Sarah Stewart**

## ATTENDANCE FOR THE WEEK

The winners for this week from 13<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> March 2020 are

**Nelson Class with 95.31%**

**FANTASTIC, WELL DONE!!**

**The overall school total for the week was 89.55%**

**our target is 97%**



Parents/Carers, please ensure that, if you have not already done so, to download the Parent Mail app as this will be our main communication platform in the coming weeks. Should you require the link to register, please let the school office know as soon as possible, via [admin@montbelle.org.uk](mailto:admin@montbelle.org.uk). If you are experiencing problems with your account, please see: <https://help.parentmail.co.uk/home>

## Patrol Cross Officer

Parents/Carers, please note that Phil, our Patrol Cross Officer, will not be on patrol until further notice, at the pedestrian crossing on Green Lane at the beginning and at the end of the school day. Please be extra vigilant when crossing.

**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 continued our learning on the Great Barrier Reef. We have learnt about a different sea creature each day, we looked at facts and videos about whales, dolphins, octopuses, starfish and sea turtles. Can they remember any facts they have learnt? We have been drawing and making the different sea life, talking about them and recalling facts and making adventures with them. We have continued practising writing our name and counting to 20 and recognising numbers. We hope you have a lovely weekend.

**Reception** This week the children have learnt about ducks in preparation for the arrival of the ducklings which will take place when we are back to school. The children have all been amazing duckling experts and we look forward to them having the opportunity to help with the ducklings at the earliest opportunity. We appreciate that this week has had some changes and the children have all been amazing at continuing their learning and working together. We hope to see you all back as soon as we reopen and will be sending home learning out to all parents to support your children in the coming weeks. Thanks you for your ongoing support, EYFS Team.

### Key Stage One

**Year 1** This week in Maths we have been continuing to look at equal groups and repeated addition. We have been making groups practically with cubes, as well as drawing and describing them. In English we read the book 'Katie's Picture Show', where we have been imagining what it would be like to step into one of the paintings. We have completed descriptive writing tasks, using a wide range of adjectives and our five senses to describe the paintings. Science continues to look at the different groups of animals and this week we have focused on birds, finding out facts about them and labelling their features. We have enjoyed Art and completed a second piece of artwork inspired by the artist Wassily Kandinsky, looking at landscapes and water colour. We have enjoyed reading a range of books in Guided Reading and whole class and discussing these texts together.

**Year 2** Thank you to you all for all your support and baring with us this week, we have been really proud of the children for keeping going in these rather unsettled times. In Maths we have been looking at measure and how to compare weights and capacities. In Literacy, the children wrote their own instructions of how to make a volcano based on the ones they made during Science week previously. We continued to look at Antarctica and make comparisons to the Arctic, thinking about the similarities and differences in climate, population and wildlife. In History we started to look at historical sources and think about primary and secondary sources of information. We will be sending home-work via the website, hope you all keep well.

### Key Stage Two ...

**Year 3** Our learning has continued this week despite missing some of class friends who are in isolation. In maths we have continued working with

measure, comparing and converting units. We now know how many centimetres are in a metre, millimetres in a centimetre and have used this knowledge in problem solving. In English, we have focused on underlying themes in stories, continued with spelling and written some amazing instructions based on our key characters in The Tempest. In History, coded messages written in hieroglyphics, have been compared to our own form of communication. We're very impressed with the perseverance and determination shown in weaving skills, which have been put to very good use. We hope you enjoy your Mother's Day surprise! As today is our last day together for a few weeks, we'd like to take this opportunity of thanking you once again for your support and hope that home learning, which you will receive by email, will provide some good opportunities to work together.

**Year 4** An atypical week this week and no mistake... The children (and staff) in Year 4 have done a simply amazing job of getting on with things as usual in a week full of uncertainty. With the changing advice from the government, we saw numbers depleting as the week went on but nobody panicked and everyone gave their maximum effort in class, diligently washed their hands and kept good humour - chapeau! We will see some of you next week and will provide home-learning activities for those of you we won't. Take care, follow the advised protocols, stay safe and stay happy - we'll see you on the other side of this.

**Year 5** The children in Year 5 have been amazing and have continued to work hard; showing great maturity and resilience with their learning during these unprecedented times - they should feel so proud about themselves. In English and ICT, the children have been researching the Amazon rainforest to plan and write a persuasive argument on why and how we should save the Amazon rainforest from deforestation.

In maths, the children have continued with our fractions topic and have learnt how to simplify fractions before multiplying them as well as multiplying mixed number fractions with whole numbers. During your time away from Montbelle, we will create homework tasks for you each week which will be emailed out and placed on our school website - try to complete as many of the tasks as you can. Finally the Year 5 team would just like to say that we have really enjoyed being your teachers; we are all going to miss you and we can't wait for your return to school.

**Year 6** Well done Year 6 for showing your fantastic learning behaviours of resilience and determination in what has been quiet an unusual week. For those of you in school, we undertook our mock SATs assessments to see how you were getting on; the Year 6 Team were really pleased with your positive attitudes and to see how you took everything in your stride. You produced some super art work based upon our new topic: the Asian rainforests and then made some brilliant notes explain what a rainforest is and where in the world we can locate them. We are starting to think about the impact that humans are having on these tropical landscapes, but also what these amazing biomes have to offer us. We would like to wish you all a safe, healthy and happy weekend.