College Road Chronicle

Value of the month: Courage

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College Road Primary School

Message from Mrs Francis

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to 2026-27! We have had a super first fortnight of this academic year with the children working so hard across the whole school. It has been lovely this week seeing our new Puffins children enjoying their first school dinners and learning the lunchtime routines. Well done, Puffins! 😊

I have been asking the children who have had school dinners what they think of the new choices and I can honestly say that they are LOVING the new food, which is just what we want to hear! Hooray!



Extra-Curricular Clubs

We have had a record number of applications for children to join extra-curricular clubs this term, which is fantastic! The only problem, obviously, is that we may not be able to give every child a space in their desired club. Mrs Dixon has been working her socks off to try to ensure most children have at least one club, but there may be some disappointed children, who we will prioritise next time. If your child has been allocated a space, you will receive an email with a link to a permission slip. Please complete this over the weekend ready for clubs to start on Monday.

The staff provide these clubs in their own time and are not paid to do so, so we politely request that if your child signs up for a club, they attend every week. Thank you. 😊

Values

It's the start of another year, so this is a great time to get going with sending in Values Wows for your child. I always say to the children in assembly that 'values are for life, not just for school' and that we want to grow into the best person we can be. You can really help back up this message by praising the children for using their values at home and telling us by completing a wow slip and giving it to their teacher, or sending a Class Dojo message to their teacher. We love to hear how amazing your children are at home. 😊

We are already looking forward to next week when we will see our first class trip and sporting competitions of the year taking place. Have a lovely weekend, everyone!

Best wishes, Mrs Francis 😊

School Council

The children in each class have been learning about the British Value of Democracy when they have been voting for their new School Councillors. It was lovely to hear about children using their value of courage to put themselves forward and talk in front of the class about why they would like to represent their peers' views. Well done to all the children who gave it a go, even if they weren't successful. The new council will be meeting very soon to start planning their year of events and discussing how they would like the school to improve.

Children's Voice is really important to us at College Road. Class Council time happens every fortnight giving all children in Years 1-6 an opportunity to talk about aspects of school life and vote on different things that matter to them.

We also have our group of Arts Ambassadors, the Neurodiverse Council, Pupil Librarians, and this year, we are going to resurrect our Eco Warrior group.



PTA (Parent Teacher Association)

Our PTA are amazing and provide the school community with lots of fabulous, fun events including discos and fairs. However, we really need some more members as the bulk of the organising has fallen to a few regular volunteers and it is proving too much to sustain. If you have some free time, normally after school a couple of times a term, please could you let Mrs Blom in the office know. While at any PTA meeting, your child may attend our After School Wrap Around Care free of charge, allowing you to focus on the task in hand.

We look forward to some new members joining us soon. Thank you! 😊

Important Dates for your Diary

23rd September – Year 4 visit to The Hoe
7th October – Curriculum Information Evenings
13th October – Harvest Assemblies (AM)
22nd October – PTA Halloween Discos
23rd October – Year 5 visit to Buckland Abbey
23rd October – Last day of Term 1
2nd November – First day of Term 2
4th November – Y6 to Soapbox Theatre for WW2 experience
9th November – Anti-bullying Week
11th November – Remembrance at Alexandra Park
12th November – Jelly Images - individual & sibling photos
25th November – PTA Christmas Fair
8th December – Puffins and Key Stage 1 Nativities

SEN and Family Matters

The Family Hub at Morice Town is a wonderful source of advice and support for all families. Here are links to their website https://www.larkfamilyhubs.co.uk/ You can self-refer for support or we can help you complete a referral. Also, if you would like advice about anything to do with SEN, there is a new phoneline you can call: 01752 307049, or you can contact PIAS https://www.plymouthias.org.uk/ who can provide advice.

Class Attendance
Week Ending 11.09.26

Kittiwakes – %
Guillemots – 98.57%
Shearwaters – 100 %
Little Egrets – 98.33%
Oystercatchers- 98.97%
Sandpipers – 95.5%

Week Ending 18.09.26

Kittiwakes – 96.5%
Guillemots – 99.63%
Shearwaters – 96.25 %
Little Egrets –97.83 %
Oystercatchers- 97.47%
Sandpipers –97.4 %

Star Books

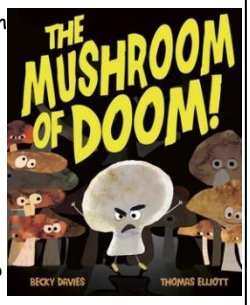


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Puffins –

1 – Ruby
2 – Isla
3 – Joshua
4 – Billie
5 – Bonnie H
6 – Reef

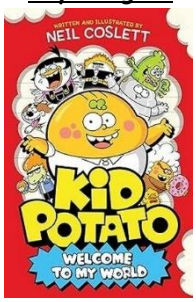
Book Club Key Stage 1



You may think that mushrooms are fun guys to be around. You couldn't be more wrong. Meet the Mushroom of Doom: the fiercest, meanest mushroom of all time; a mushroom who plans to take over the world, one kitchen at a time. But what's the spore-y behind this mouldy villain? Well, it all began on pizza night when somebody picked a pineapple (eugh!) as a topping instead of him. He couldn't believe the audacity of this rejection. Pineapple! On a pizza?! To make matters worse, the poor old mushroom was then cast into the dark depths of the compost bin. His only possible plan of action? To raise a mushroom army and take revenge! This utterly brilliant picture book won't leave mushroom for any doubt in your mind about its quality. Featuring a truckload of mushroom puns, witty twists, and totally hilarious illustrations that will have you porta-bellowing with laughter, this is sure to be an instant hit with young readers.

Buy it on Amazon here: https://amzn.eu/d/041KMXF0

Book Club Key Stage 2



Meet Kid Potato, who lives with his family and Ollie the dog in stinky Chudland, famous for its donut hole factory and clown burial ground. Kid Potato loves nothing more than hanging out with his awesome best friends, Raven and Chomp, ready to embark on their next absurd adventure.
Five wacky stories are crammed into this one hilarious book. In the first tale, Kid Potato tries to dispose of Dudz the troublesome alien, who is wedged in Chomp's head. He then teams up with Kid Evil to work on a cheesy science project. Next, his small-but-mighty Gran battles with an out-of-control robotic toilet when it rampages around her care home, looking for things to flush. He tries his hand at ten-pin bowling, confident that he can become the Croco Bowl champion. And finally it's Pet Day at school, where amidst the carnage, Ollie goes missing.

Buy it on Amazon here: https://amzn.eu/d/0bywsDIs

Values Ambassadors

Congratulations to our Values Ambassadors! Each week, 2 children per class are chosen because of the great values they have displayed all week.

Week Ending 11.09.26

Puffins – &
Kittiwakes – Marnie & Margot
Guillemots – Maisie & Ezra
Shearwaters – Tommy N & Alana
Little Egrets – Idris & Olive
Oystercatchers – Grayson & Brandon
Sandpipers – Florence & Imogen

Week Ending 18.09.26

Puffins – Merryn & Kruz
Kittiwakes – Maisie & Amelie
Guillemots – Audrey & Owen
Shearwaters – Iris & Reggie
Little Egrets – Khaleesi & Lily
Oystercatchers – Olivia & Rory
Sandpipers – Oscar & Anita

Learner of the Week Certificate Winners

Week Ending 11.09.26

Puffins – Jacob C
Kittiwakes – Ewan
Guillemots – Florence
Shearwaters – Ralph
Little Egrets – Wyatt
Oystercatchers – Grayson
Sandpipers – Elizabeth

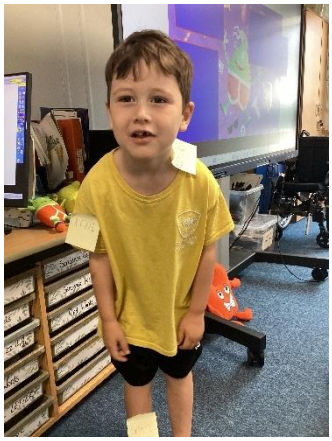
Week Ending 18.09.26

Puffins – Wren
Kittiwakes – Albie
Guillemots – Rishi
Shearwaters - Rosalie
Little Egrets – Loki
Oystercatchers – Madina
Sandpipers – Niamh

Recently at College Road

In Science Year 1 have been labelling different parts of the body.



















The children have been enjoying the new food provided by Educatering!















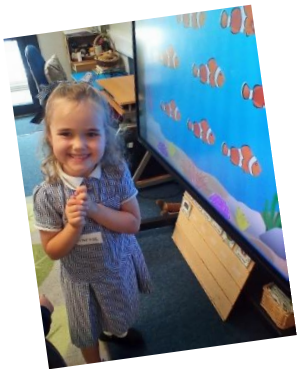




Puffins have been enjoying their first week at College Road!










Year 5 have been learning about The Titanic. Eli has made an impressive model of The Titanic out of Lego from memory!