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Value of the month: Humility

Message from Mrs Francis

Dear Parents and Carers,

I always love this time of year in school with lots of preparations for Christmas going on in every corner of the school. The sound of children singing during rehearsals for the Nativity and concerts would cheer even the most 'bah-humbug' of spirits, and you can't help but smile when you see a class full of innkeepers or stars appear around a corner!

This week, we were all lucky enough to enjoy the delightful performances of 'The Twinkly Nativity' by Puffins, Kittiwakes and Guillemots Classes. It was honestly the most uplifting, joyous show and I was blown away by the children's confidence with singing and dancing and LOADS of Makaton! So impressive. Thank you to the staff team, who produced such excellent shows and a big well done to all the children – you are superstars!





Despite all the Christmas festivities, there has still been time to get children out and about to sporting events. Last week our Y6 sports leaders attended a leadership training event where they learnt more about the sorts of activities they could run at lunchtimes to get other children being active and competing in sports-based games. They represented the school beautifully and learnt lots. This week, our dodgeball team were up at the Life Centre taking part in a dodgeball festival in which they showed exemplary behaviour and also represented the school brilliantly. Thank you to Mr King for leading these events.

Thank you for all your support over this festive period; we really appreciate it!

Best wishes for a lovely weekend, Mrs Francis 😊

Christmas Choir



Last week, our Christmas Choir shone like stars when they sang on the stage at Plymouth's Christmas Market. It was a freezing, damp evening, but it didn't deter our singers from giving their all for the large audience of family, friends and Christmas shoppers! They were brilliant!

The children have worked so hard to learn more than 10 songs, which they will perform again next week when they visit Torr Home to sing for the residents. A huge well done to choir! 😊

Christmas Jumper Day and School Christmas Dinner

Next Thursday (18th) is Christmas Jumper Day when your child may wear a Christmas jumper over their normal school uniform for a donation of £1 or £2. This year, all the money we raise will be split between our two School Council charities: Plymouth Hospitals Charity and Annjanel, the little girl we are sponsoring in Kenya. Thank you so much for your support with this much-needed fundraising.

It is also our annual School Christmas Dinner on Thursday, which is always a lovely festive event. The children can choose from roast turkey, vegetarian roast or a jacket potato. There is no need to pre-order your child's lunch; they should just order on the day like normal.

Important Dates for your Diary

15th December – Key Stage 2 Christmas Concerts 10am/2pm
16th December – Y2 trip to immersive dome
16th December – Choir singing at Torr Care Home
17th December – Choir singing at the Lord Mayor's Carol Service
18th December – School Christmas Dinner
19th December – Last day of Term 2
6th January – First day of Term 3
27th January – Y1 to the Aquarium
13th February – Last day of Term 3

Class Attendance

Week Ending 05.12.25

Puffins – %
Kittiwakes – 93.76%
Guillemots – 97.51 %
Shearwaters – 96.81 %
Little Egrets – 95.52%
Oystercatchers – 94.13%
Sandpipers – 92.87%

Week Ending 12.12.25

Puffins – %
Kittiwakes –84.14%
Guillemots –96.21%
Shearwaters –95.17%
Little Egrets –94.81%
Oystercatchers –93%
Sandpipers –88.33%

Star Books

W/C 01.12.25

Puffins – Jaxon
Y1 – Bella
Y2 - Ralph
Y3 – Violet
Y4 – Norah
Y5 – Kaleb
Y6 – Annabelle



W/C 08.12.25

Puffins – Mabel
Y1- Florence
Y2 – Joshua
Y3 - Luis
Y4 – Rory
Y5- Finley
Y6 - Jessica

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 05.12.25

Puffins - Mabel & Elodie
Kittiwakes – Florence & Cobie
Guillemots – Mabel & Tsega
Shearwaters – Aubrey & Hunter
Little Egrets – Reggie & Madina
Oystercatchers – Kian & Florence
Sandpipers – Adam & Pippa

Week Ending 12.12.25

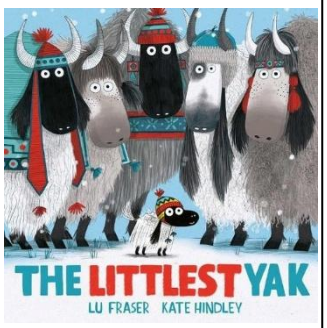
Puffins – Marnie & Darcie
Kittiwakes – Ezra & River
Guillemots – Elliot & Tommy M
Shearwaters – Lily & Violet
Little Egrets – Oliver B & Oliver M
Oystercatchers - Jackson & Iris
Sandpipers – Selin & Lexi

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.

Book Club Key Stage 1

Gertie is the littlest yak in her whole herd, and she's feeling stuck in her smallness - she wants to grow UP and have bigness and tallness! But when it turns out that there are some things that *only* Gertie can do, might she come to see that she's perfect, just the way she is?
This is the perfect book to snuggle up with this Christmas. 😊

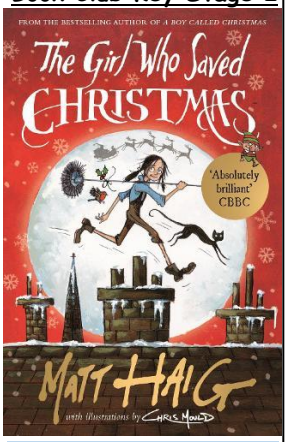


Here is a link to buy the book on Amazon:
https://amzn.eu/d/0FVfwGW

Book Club Key Stage 2

WHAT DOES IT TAKE TO BELIEVE IN MAGIC?

It is Christmas Eve and all is not well. Amelia Wishart is trapped in Mr Creeper's workhouse and Christmas is in jeopardy. Magic is fading. If Christmas is to happen, Father Christmas knows he must find her.
With the help of some elves, eight reindeer, the Queen and a man called Charles Dickens, the search for Amelia - and the secret of Christmas - begins . . .



You can buy it from Amazon here:
https://amzn.eu/d/ftZ5Y9X

Learner of the Week Certificate Winners

Week Ending 05.12.25

Puffins – Mabel
Kittiwakes – Chloe
Guillemots – Tommy N
Shearwaters – Kerem
Little Egrets – Olivia
Oystercatchers - Niamh
Sandpipers – Selin

Week Ending 12.12.25

Puffins – Maisie
Kittiwakes – Alicia
Guillemots – Jaiden
Shearwaters – Dexter
Little Egrets – Emilia
Oystercatchers – Kaleb
Sandpipers – Logan

Recently at College Road

In PE Year 3 have been taking part in team building games with Mr Hawkins from SDCC









Year 4 have been making Moving Toys in DT










Some of our year 6 children went to The Life Centre and took part in a Primary Leadership Conference.






A group of year 6 children enjoyed a Dodgeball competition at The Life Centre






Puffins and KS1 were absolutely fantastic performing 'The Twinkly Nativity' to two audiences this week!







