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Value of the month: Consideration

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College Road Primary School

Message from Mrs Francis

Dear Parents and Carers,

As ever, the last two weeks have flown by with lots to enjoy here in school.

Last week, Year 6 had a fantastic trip to the Soapbox Theatre for an inspirational World War 2 workshop and experience which has given them some great insights into life in our local area during the war. Having these opportunities gives so much depth to the children's learning and gives them the chance to learn about our local community's history.





In addition to history, the Year 6s were treated to a science-based PE lesson with Argyle Community Trust who visited school to teach the children about nutrition and exercise and what they should eat to give them the right sort of energy before taking part in sport. Thank you so much to the team who delivered the session; the children had a great time and learnt lots.

Just before the Half Term holiday, Year 5 also went on an exciting visit to Buckland Abbey to find out about life in Tudor times ahead of their history learning this term. Again, this was a great opportunity to get some hand-on experience by trying on Tudor costumes, exploring the home of Sir Francis Drake and finding out about life in Tudor times. Beginning the topic with a trip is really helpful; it provides a super grounding for the learning to follow and makes it more relevant and real.





Thank you for all your support over the last 2 weeks!

Best wishes for a lovely weekend, Mrs Francis 😊

Remembrance

It was a really moving Remembrance Service at Alexandra Park on Tuesday morning. We are so proud of how respectful the whole school was and how well they behaved throughout. It was great to see the Chaplain from HMS Drake leading the service and to have a piper playing the lament was really special. Well done to Vinnie, Violet, Peleki and Kabiri for doing all the readings during the service – you were excellent! Many thanks to all the parents who helped to walk the children up to the park. Without your help every year, it wouldn't be possible.

Children in Need

Thank you so much for your amazing support of today's School Council fundraising events. The teddy dressing up competition was really popular this time with some very carefully considered outfits, making it very difficult to decide on a winner. The cake competition was similarly a very tough choice because of the high standard of entries. Well done to all the children who took part. The bake sale was popular as ever and the whole day raised an absolutely stunning £413.96! That has to be one of our highest ever! THANK YOU! 😊

Plea for Wellies!

If you have any old children's wellies 'kicking about' at home that you no longer need, please consider donating them to our outdoor learning area. Over time, the wellies we gathered a few years ago have become very tired and many have developed holes and can no longer be used. Thank you 😊

PTA Events

A huge thank you to the PTA and everyone who supported the Halloween Discos just before the holidays. The children seemed to have loads of fun and their costumes were excellent. The PTA raised over £370 so well done to everyone!

Christmas is on the way, which means that the PTA Christmas Fair is nearly here. It takes place in the school hall and surrounding classrooms on Wednesday 26th November from 4:30-6:00pm. There is always lots to see and do with games to play and a range of stall holders to enjoy. Refreshments will be available to buy and the evening will conclude with a raffle.

Competition Winners

Last summer, our Year 5 class (now Year 6) took part in 'Misson Mammoth', a great project which saw them learning about the construction industry. As part of the project, the children were asked to design a place for young people in the city centre. All their designs were entered into a city-wide competition and a good number of our pupils won prizes, including two children winning golden 'Mildred Mammoths'. They were presented with their awards at The Box at the end of last term. Congratulations to them all!

Important Dates for your Diary

26th November – PTA Christmas Fair
4th December – Choir Singing at the Christmas Market 5-5:30pm
5th December – extra-curricular clubs finish for the term
10th December – Dress Rehearsal for Nativity
11th December – Key Stage 1 & Puffins Nativity Performances
15th December – Key Stage 2 Christmas Concerts
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 24.10.25
Puffins – %
Kittiwakes – 95.33 %
Guillemots – 98.62 %
Shearwaters – 94.33 %
Little Egrets – 95 %
Oystercatchers – 93.45 %
Sandpipers – 92 %

Week Ending 07.11.25
Puffins – %
Kittiwakes – 94.14 %
Guillemots – 97.59 %
Shearwaters – 96.21 %
Little Egrets – 94.29 %
Oystercatchers – 89.31 %
Sandpipers – 92.67 %

Week Ending 14.11.25
Puffins –
Kittiwakes – 89.66
Guillemots – 98.97
Shearwaters – 95.17
Little Egrets – 90.17
Oystercatchers – 93.10
Sandpipers – 90.67

Star Books

W/C 20.10.25
Puffins – Jagger
Y1 – Anaiya
Y2 – Rosalie
Y3 – Idris
Y4 – Harvey
Y5 – Wren
Y6 – Selin

W/C 03.11.25
Puffins – Azeil
Y1- Rishi
Y2 – Morgan
Y3 - Raffy
Y4 – Evia
Y5- Jackson
Y6 - Ula

W/C 10.11.25
Puffins - Lily
Y1 – Sidiki
Y2 – Isabella W
Y3- Arabella
Y4- Madina
Y5 – Archer
Y6- Violet

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 24.10.25

Puffins -Margot & David
Kittiwakes – Billy & Cobi
Guillemots – Phoebe S & Joshua
Shearwaters – Evan & Darcie
Little Egrets – Oliver M & Mia D
Oystercatchers – Ruben & Florence
Sandpipers –Amna & Ula

Week Ending 07.11.25

Puffins -Novella & Elijah
Kittiwakes - Addison & Rishi
Guillemots - Jaiden & Lexi
Shearwaters - Wyatt & Karem
Little Egrets - Paulos & Evia
Oystercatchers - Iris & Jasper
Sandpipers - Mia & Evie

Week Ending 14.11.25

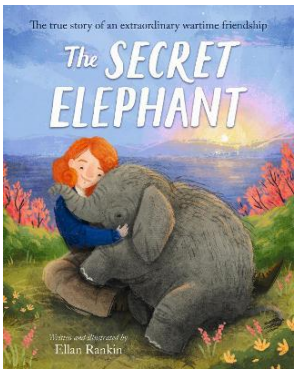
Puffins – Luna & Violet
Kittiwakes – Hugo & Bella
Guillemots – Theo & Kobi
Shearwaters – Dexter & Junior
Little Egrets – Ruis & Olivia
Oystercatchers - Ala & Travis
Sandpipers – Peleki & Layla

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

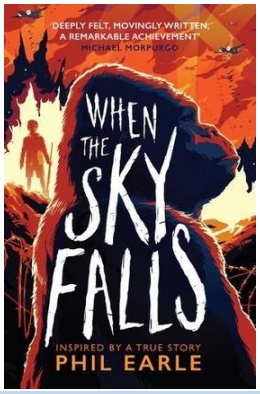
The true story of an extraordinary wartime friendship. As war looms on the horizon, things are changing at the zoo. Before, screeching monkeys dangled in trees, roaring lions sunbathed on the dusty ground and sniffling meerkats patrolled. But now, people have stopped visiting and there is talk of a great war. As bombs begin to fall and huge blasts echo around the zoo, a baby elephant and her keeper sneak to the safety and comfort of the keeper's home. Here, they weather out the worst of the war together in secret. But what will happen when their secret is found out?



Here is a link to buy the book on Amazon: https://amzn.eu/d/jh4RRC1

Book Club Key Stage 2

It's 1941 during the Second World War. While everyone else seems to be evacuated to the countryside, 12-year-old Joseph is sent from rural Yorkshire to stay with his gran's friend, Mrs F, in the city. She's a gruff, unfriendly woman and he's an angry boy who kicks out at everything and feels totally abandoned. Now Joseph also finds himself in the centre of the Blitz, where bombs rain down every night. The only thing Mrs F cares about is the rundown zoo that she owns, and particularly a huge silverback gorilla called Adonis. Adonis and Joseph at first seem to take an immediate dislike to each other but over the course of the story, their bonds deepen to a remarkable relationship.



You can buy it from Amazon here: https://amzn.eu/d/5KdQdDw

Learner of the Week Certificate Winners

Week Ending 24.10.25

Puffins – Lennon
Kittiwakes – Georgia
Guillemots – Lexi
Shearwaters – Idris
Little Egrets – Rosie
Oystercatchers - Sebastian
Sandpipers – Violet

Week Ending 07.11.25

Puffins – Jaxon
Kittiwakes – Johan
Guillemots – Tilly
Shearwaters – Darcie
Little Egrets – Theo
Oystercatchers – Imogen
Sandpipers – Ava

Week Ending 14.11.25

Puffins – Novella
Kittiwakes – Sidiki
Guillemots - Kass
Shearwaters – Leo S
Little Egrets – Evia
Oystercatchers – Iris
Sandpipers - Ula

Year 5 enjoyed a trip to Buckland Abbey to enhance their knowledge about Sir Francis Drake.

















Year 6 took part in a workshop with Argyle Community trust learning about the best foods to eat before certain exercise.





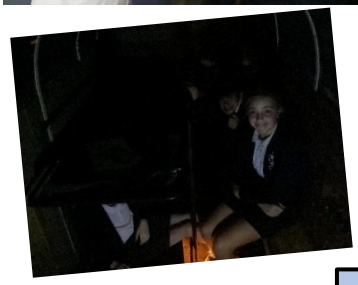


Year 6 took part in a WW2 experience at The Soapbox Theatre.








Whole school remembrance service at Alexandra Park









Some children from Year 4 and 5 took part in a Football event at Harpers.





Children In Need fundraising









