College Road Chronicle

Value of the month: Equality

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Message from Mrs Francis



Dear Parents and Carers,

There's lots to tell you about in this week's newsletter! Last week we celebrated Plymouth PANTS week in association with the NSPCC. All the children took part in an assembly that gave the PANTS message with the help of Buddy to 'speak out, stay safe'. This week three classes received additional workshops from the NSPCC with specific age-appropriate learning. Thank you to the NSPCC for supporting the important work we do in school and at home to keep children safe.

Year 6 had a great trip last week to TR2 to take part in a fitness/dance session with Dame Darcey Bussell and had an interactive tour of the theatre facility. It was really interesting and the children enjoyed meeting a famous dancer.



Last week was also a super sporting week! Our girls' football team took part in a competition at Harpers against 8 other schools and came first place! Congratulations to all the girls who took part; they made us proud, not only of their sporting achievement, but also of the way they were respectful of other teams, especially the team from one of the city's special needs schools.

A team of children also got to take part in a hockey festival at Marjons which was more about improving skills rather than being competitive. Mr King reported back that they were all had excellent attitudes and did a great job representing College Road. Well done!

Thank you for a great couple of weeks. I look forward to sharing our Harvest Festival with lots of you next Tuesday. Have a great weekend!

Best wishes, Mrs Francis 😊

Harvest Celebrations

Full details are available in the email we sent out earlier this week but here is a quick reminder.

Assemblies:

Key Stage 2 @ 9:30 and Key Stage 1 & Puffins @ 10:15am

We look forward to you joining us!

Harvest Collection

This year we are once again supporting the local food bank at Keyham Green Places. If you are able, please send your child in on Tuesday with any storable food such as long-life milk, boxes of cereal, dried pasta, rice or noodles, tins of sweet or savoury food, jars of pasta sauce, packets of biscuits.

We really appreciate your kind support. 😊

Remembrance Service

Thinking ahead to after the Half Term break, we will be attending the local community Remembrance Service in Alexandra Park on 11th November. For our new parents, this is a chance for our whole school community to attend this important annual event. We always invite families to join us walking the children to and from the park.

More details nearer the time.

Maternity Leave

As you know, Miss Weber is expecting a baby and she will soon be beginning her maternity leave. Next week will be her last week in school for about a year, so we would all like to wish her and her husband a very happy time when their new baby arrives and we look forward to seeing pictures very soon!

World Values Day

This week was World Values Day so in assembly on Wednesday, we learnt about some other values that aren't in our chosen 22 such as simplicity, generosity and compassion. The theme this year for World Values Day is *Values for the Future* and challenges us to think about which value in particular we will personally focus on to improve the future for ourselves, our communities or the wider world. Find out more about how to get involved here Values For The Future (2025 Animation)

Here are some of the values our pupils chose during assembly:







Important Dates for your Diary

21st October – Harvest Assemblies – all welcome! 😊
22nd October – Y5 trip to Buckland Abbey
23rd October – PTA Halloween Disco
24th October – Last day of Term 1
3rd November – First Day of Term 2 and Flu Vaccinations
4th November – Y6 trip to Soapbox Theatre
10th November – Anti-bullying Week
11th November – Remembrance Service at Alexandra Park
11th December – Key Stage 1 & Puffins Nativity Performances
15th December – Key Stage 2 Christmas Concerts
16th December – Y2 trip to immersive dome
18th December – School Christmas Dinner
26th November – PTA Christmas Fair
19th December – Last day of Term 2
6th January – First day of Term 3

Class Attendance

Week Ending 10.10.25

Puffins – %
Kittiwakes – 95.67 %
Guillemots – 97.24 %
Shearwaters – 98 %
Little Egrets – 97.86 %
Oystercatchers – 95.52 %
Sandpipers – 92.67 %

Week Ending 17.10.25

Puffins – %
Kittiwakes – 93 %
Guillemots – 98.62 %
Shearwaters – 95 %
Little Egrets – 93.93 %
Oystercatchers – 91.03 %
Sandpipers – 90 %

Star Books



W/C 06.10.25

Puffins – Lennon
Y1 – Emilia
Y2 – Reggie
Y3 – Violet
Y4 – Paulos
Y5 –
Y6 –Amna

W/C 13.10.25

Puffins – Maisie
Y1- Cobie
Y2 – Lexi
Y3 - Aubrey
Y4 – Bonnie H
Y5- Sebastian
Y6 - Jacob

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 10.10.25

Puffins - River & Ruby
Kittiwakes – Isolde & Poppy
Guillemots – Tommy N & Indi
Shearwaters – Ezra & Billie
Little Egrets – Ruis & Evia
Oystercatchers – Finley & Imogen
Sandpipers – &

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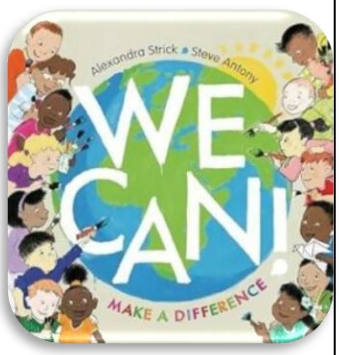
Puffins – Lennon & Lily
Kittiwakes – Alicia & Aspen
Guillemots – Isabella & Wynter
Shearwaters – Sami & Ivy
Little Egrets – Bonnie & Olivia
Oystercatchers - Henry & Thea
Sandpipers – Leia & Yohannes

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

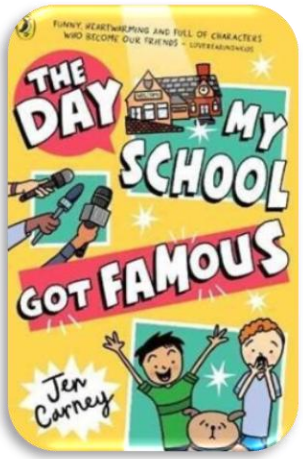
I love the idea of this book. It's a story of 15 children planning an amazing 'we can' festival and it's just full of brilliant suggestions for how to make the world better. Details in Steve Antony's illustrations are wonderfully inclusive and include a wheelchair-user's idea for a swing.
This is a great book to spark discussion between you and your child about what can be done to make things better and, as such, links well to the theme of World Values Day above.



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

Book Club Key Stage

This is a great book for easily-daunted readers as it is full of comic strips and a clear font.
Ferris's new foster brother, Nile, creates mess and chaos wherever he goes. Ferris feels bad for him that he's not with his mum and brother, but he's driving him mad!
When an unexploded Second World War bomb is discovered under their school, they're forced to spend more time together at home, and Ferris can't sit and draw peacefully.
Also, Ferris is worried that his beloved younger foster sister will be adopted by another family, while all Nile wants to talk about is the bomb. Can the foster brothers find a way to exist in peace?
Funny and moving, with characters underrepresented in children's fiction – children whose family fosters, and those who go into kinship care. (Nile and his brother end up living with his uncle – kinship care – which is the best long-term outcome for them.)



You can buy it from Amazon here:
https://amzn.eu/d/cagQ8aO

Learner of the Week Certificate Winners

Week Ending 10.10.25

Puffins – Elodie
Kittiwakes – Hugo
Guillemots – Isabella
Shearwaters – Khaleesi
Little Egrets – Oliver M
Oystercatchers - Thea
Sandpipers – Layla

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Puffins – Amelie
Kittiwakes – Rishi
Guillemots – Reggie
Shearwaters – Loki
Little Egrets – Oliver M
Oystercatchers – Oscar
Sandpipers – Tiaya

Year 1 used plasticine to make a model of the character 'Beegu' from the book they have been reading.










Year 6 went on a trip to TR2 and enjoyed a dance fitness workshop led by Dame Darcey Bussell.









Some of our Key Stage 2 girls took part in a Football Festival at Harpers



A group of children from year 5 took part in a Hockey festival at Marjons









Year 3 have made Harvest Moon paintings using colour mixing skills.





















Years 2, 5 & 6 took part in the NSPCC Pants workshop









Year 2 have been working on skills such as mixing colours, adding texture, tinting and noticing the tide and horizon lines. They are now beginning to use these to create their final piece, a seascape of St Lucia!



