College Road Chronicle

Value of the month: Equality

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Message from Mrs Francis

Dear Parents and Carers,

Over the last fortnight, there has been lots going on in school.

Year 4 had a great trip to the Hoe and Barbican when they added to their learning about our local coastline in geography and made sketches ready for their own pointillism-style paintings.

Our cross-country running teams did a great job up at Central Park last week. Both the Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 teams competed with courage and great team-spirit. Well done to all the children who took part. 😊

Earlier this term we invited children from Years 4 and 5 to apply to be librarians and reading champions. We asked them to complete an official application form as these are very important jobs in school. Mrs Rolfe and I were really impressed by the children's applications and the thought they had put into each answer. In the end, we couldn't choose just one or two, and so we will have a team of children running the library and being reading champions. Reading Champions will have a wagon of books and a blanket and will be roaming around the playground encouraging children to come and read with them. We can't wait for them to get started on Monday following their training this week.



Here they all are this morning after being presented with their librarian's badges. They were very proud! 😊

I have added more dates to the diary on page 2, so do have a look at what is coming up over the rest of this term and Term 2. Have a fantastic weekend, everyone! Best wishes, Mrs Francis 😊

National Poetry Day

On Thursday, we celebrated National Poetry Day with poems on the playground and all the children reading, writing or learning poems. Learning and then reciting or performing a poem is a bit of a lost art and we are looking to revive it at College Road. As children practise and refine their whole class poetry performances, we will be sharing them in assembly over the coming weeks, either 'live' or watching a recording on the big screen.

We look forward to seeing what they come up with. 😊



Class Dojo

Teachers are unable to read messages from parents on Class Dojo during the school day (8:45am -3:15pm), due to the nature of the job, so if you have a message that you need your child's teacher to receive during the day, please ring the school office and they will pass it on.

Also, please be respectful of teacher's weekends and only message them if it an absolute emergency. They need time to switch off too. Thank you for your support with this. 😊

Harvest Festival Assemblies

This year, Harvest assemblies are on Tuesday 21st October.

Key Stage 2 – 9:30am Key Stage 1 – 10:15am

We will be collecting donations for a local charity as usual.

Don't Forget it's Meet the Teacher!

Next Wednesday 8th October, we will be welcoming you into school to touch base with your child's new teacher to find our how they are settling in and what they will be learning this year. This is a great opportunity for you to be able to support your child's learning at home or know what to ask them about each week. As explained in the email we sent last week, Puffins and Year 1 and 2 teachers are operating a drop in system and will have information on display for you. Years 3-6 are running short presentations for you to listen to at different time slots:

3:30-3:45pm - Year 3
3:55-4:10pm - Year 4
4:20-4:35pm - Year 6
4:45-5:00pm - Year 5

Important Dates for your Diary

6th-10th October – NSPCC Plymouth Pants Week
7th October – Individual and sibling photos by Jelly Images
8th October - Meet the Teacher evening
9th October – Puffins parents in for lunch (new date)
10th October – Y6 trip to TR2
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
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 26.09.25

Puffins – %
Kittiwakes – 95.33 %
Guillemots – 98.97%
Shearwaters – 97.67 %
Little Egrets – 95 %
Oystercatchers – 95.52 %
Sandpipers – 96.55 %

Week Ending 03.09.25

Puffins – %
Kittiwakes – 95.93 %
Guillemots – 98.85 %
Shearwaters – 97.78 %
Little Egrets – 96.03 %
Oystercatchers – 93.49 %
Sandpipers – 94.64 %

Star Books



W/C 22.09.25

Puffins –
Y1 – River
Y2 – Mabel
Y3 – Dexter
Y4 – Eli
Y5 – Sarina
Y6 –Yohannes

W/C 29.09.25

Puffins – Elijah
Y1- Addison
Y2 – Tsega
Y3 – Leo A
Y4 – Mia
Y5- Imogen
Y6 - Ula

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 26.09.25

Puffins - Maisie & Tommy
Kittiwakes – Owen & Emilia
Guillemots – Iris & Rigby
Shearwaters – Darcie & Billie
Little Egrets – Bonnie H & Cohen
Oystercatchers – Florence & Anita
Sandpipers – Violet & Jessica

Week Ending 03.10.25

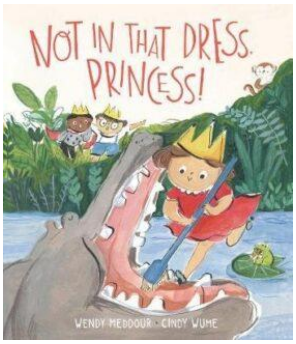
Puffins – Amelie & Ewan
Kittiwakes – Maisie & Lyla-Rose
Guillemots – Reggie & Medlyn
Shearwaters – Leo s & Olive
Little Egrets – Mia & Theo
Oystercatchers - Sarina & Imogen
Sandpipers – Jacob & Mannox

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

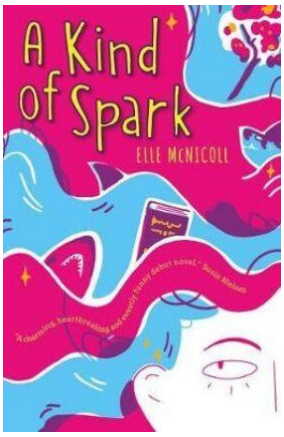
Princess Bess is infuriated that she is treated differently from her two brothers, Prince More and Prince Less, who are free to do whatever they choose. When Bess wants to play football, climb trees or feed the pigs, she is repeatedly told 'Not in that dress!' Frustrated at this inequality, she is determined to prove that being a girl is not a hindrance to having fun and trying new things. She proceeds to launch a rocket, ski through a blizzard and brush a lion's mane, all while wearing a dress.



Here is a link to buy the book on Amazon:
https://amzn.eu/d/7Ea81YN

Book Club Key Stage

Addie's class are told they have a 'fun' new project to study in the run-up to Halloween. As the teacher recounts how 16th century women were accused of witchcraft for reasons as innocuous as being left-handed, 11 year old Addie is left stunned. She's horrified that innocent people, including women from her own area, were persecuted, executed, then forgotten by society. The revelation leaves her determined to lobby for a local memorial in her small Scottish village.
Oppression of those with perceived 'differences' is of course not confined to the history books. And Addie, who is autistic, experiences this at first hand and in various forms, both at school and in the local community. But we soon see that she is not one to sit back and accept injustice – and with support from a new girl at school - she fights valiantly for what she knows is right.



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

Learner of the Week Certificate Winners

Week Ending 26.09.25

Puffins – Marnie
Kittiwakes – Jacoby
Guillemots – Ralph
Shearwaters – Olive
Little Egrets – Paulos
Oystercatchers - Travis
Sandpipers – Amna

Week Ending 03.10.25

Puffins – Margot
Kittiwakes – Charlotte
Guillemots – Kass
Shearwaters – Taran
Little Egrets – Norah
Oystercatchers – Sarina
Sandpipers – Yohannes

A group of children took part in a Cross – Country event at Central Park





Year 4 Trip to The Hoe and Barbican









Year 6 have been learning to play The Glockenspiel in music







Year 4 collaborated using Roman Numerals to match numbers in Maths








Puffins have been enjoying exploring their outside play area







