College Road Chronicle

Value of the month: Friendship

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Message from Mrs Francis

Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, I want to start by saying a big well done to all the children for the way they have started the new school year. Everyone is working very hard with their learning and trying their best to use their values.

A very warm welcome to all the Puffins children and their parents and carers. It is great to have you aboard the 'good ship College Road', and we hope that you and your child enjoy your journey with us for the next 7 years!

As our Value of the Month is Friendship, we have been talking in assembly about how to be a good friend and what this looks like in real-life situations. My book recommendations later in the newsletter are both linked to Friendship. Winnie the Pooh is very wise and gave the children some words of advice. My favourite, which made us all chuckle was: "*If the person you are talking to doesn't appear to be listening, be patient. It may simply be that he has a small piece of fluff in his ear.*" Connecting the values of Friendship and Patience is an important lesson for us all. 😊

Over the last two weeks in school, the children in Years 1 to 6 have been voting for their new School Council representatives. This is always a good opportunity to practise the British Value of democracy and learn about government on a school level. Our new School Council were presented with their badges in assembly this week and had their first meeting with Miss Northcott on Wednesday.



Have a fantastic weekend, everyone! Best wishes, Mrs Francis 😊

Football Festival

Well done to the boys who represented the school in a football festival on Wednesday. Mr King was incredibly impressed with all the children who took part; they were great team-players who were considerate yet with a super competitive spirit.

See photos below

Making us Proud

Earlier this week, Ula and Jacob from Year 6 joined two children from Lipson Vale Primary to represent all the children in Plymouth when interviewing for the new PCC Service Director for Education Participation and Skills. Ahead of the interviews, they worked with PCC to write the questions they wanted to ask the candidates; they had some terrific questions! On the day, I took Ula and Jacob to Ballard House to carry out the interviews and they were brilliant!



CLUBS

Thank you to all the staff who have volunteered to run clubs for the children for the Autumn Term. If your child has been allocated a space in a club, please make sure that you return their permission slips ready for clubs beginning on Monday.

Help!

We need to move some rather heavy pieces of timber out of the Puffins' garden and around next to the KEEP and really need some help to do this – probably 3 people plus Mr MacLeod should do it. If you are feeling strong and wouldn't mind lending a hand, please could you let Mrs Francis or Mr MacLeod know and we will try to arrange a mutually convenient time to do the move.

We would like to use the timber to make some furniture and stepping stones etc for the outdoor learning area, so if there is anyone out there with some good carpentry skills who would be able to assist, we would also love to hear from you.

Medical Appointments

Where possible, please could you book medical appointments outside of school hours. We know that this isn't always possible, so if you have to take your child out of school, we need to see evidence of the appointment such as a letter or text reminder, otherwise the absence will be unauthorised. Thank you for your support with this.

Important Dates for your Diary

24th September – Y4 geography/art trip to The Hoe
2nd October – National Poetry Day
2nd October – Puffins Parents in for lunch
6th-10th October – NSPCC Plymouth Pants Week
7th October – Individual and sibling photos by Jelly Images
8th October - Meet the Teacher evening
10th October – Y6 trip to TR2
21st October – Harvest Assemblies – all welcome! 😊
22nd October – Y5 trip to Buckland Abbey
24th October – Last day of Term 1
3rd November – First Day of Term 2 and Flu Vaccinations
4th November – Y6 to Soapbox Theatre
19th December – Last day of Term 2
6th January – First day of Term 3

Class Attendance

Week Ending 12.09.25

Puffins – %
Kittiwakes – 93.67 %
Guillemots – 97.59%
Shearwaters – 98.67%
Little Egrets – 96.79 %
Oystercatchers – 99.66 %
Sandpipers – 94.83 %

Week Ending 19.09.25

Puffins – %
Kittiwakes – 92.67 %
Guillemots – 97.93 %
Shearwaters – 97 %
Little Egrets – 96.79 %
Oystercatchers – 99.31 %
Sandpipers – 93.45 %

Star Books



W/C 15.09.25

Puffins – Itsoghena
Y1 – Alicia
Y2 – Phoebe L
Y3 – Leo.s
Y4 – Norah
Y5 – Anita
Y6 - Mia

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 12.09.25

Kittiwakes – Isa & Reggie
Guillemots – Reggie & Lily
Shearwaters – Dottie & Loki
Little Egrets – Mia & Olivia
Oystercatchers – Niamh & Reef
Sandpipers – Logan & Aoife

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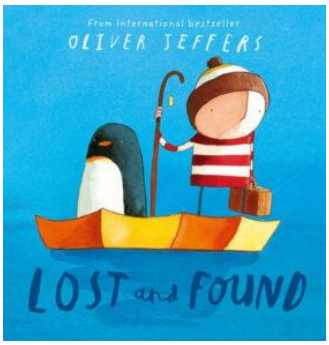
Puffins – Jaxon & Amelie
Kittiwakes – Sidiki & Audrey
Guillemots – Kass & Ralph
Shearwaters – Sofia & Arabella
Little Egrets – Bowen & Harvey
Oystercatchers - Amelia & Wren
Sandpipers – Kabiri & Evelyn T

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

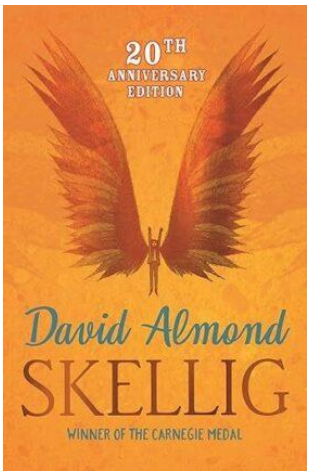
We shared this ever-popular story in assembly on Wednesday. Once there was a sad, lonely penguin who appeared at the door of a young boy. The boy decided he must be lost, so he set off to find his home. The boy asked the Lost and Found Office, some birds, and even his rubber duck, but no one knew where he belonged. Then he read that penguins were from the South Pole, and decided to help him get back there. Together they set out across the sea, rowing through bad weather and good, but when they reached the South Pole, the boy discovered that sometimes what you're looking for is right in front of you all along...



Here is a link to buy the book on Amazon: https://amzn.eu/d/bB6pbhw

Book Club Key Stage 2

I actually shared this in Book Club 2 years ago, but as it is aimed at upper Key Stage 2, it is worth sharing it again for our current Years 5 & 6 pupils.
When a move to a new house coincides with his baby sister's illness, Michael's world seems suddenly lonely and uncertain. Then, exploring a ramshackle garage with new-found friend Mina, he finds something magical. A strange creature - part owl, part angel, a being who needs Michael's help if he is to survive. With Mina's help, Michael nourishes Skellig back to health. The creature is ill-mannered, with questionable personal hygiene, but persevering in their kindness towards him, Michael and Mina find a bond forms between them that will change their lives forever.



You can buy it from Amazon here: https://amzn.eu/d/4j6zdGs or we have a copy in the school library.

Learner of the Week Certificate Winners

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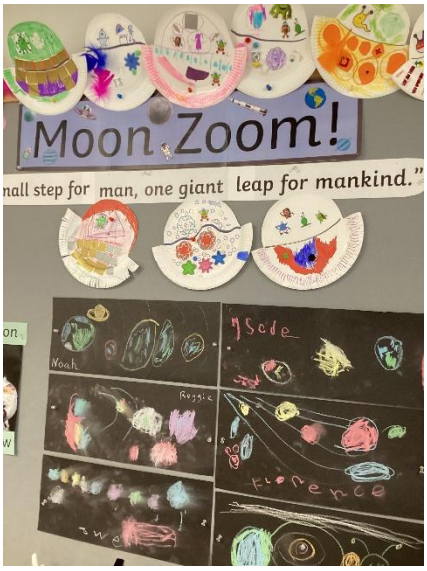
Puffins – Ewan
Kittiwakes – Addison
Guillemots – Freddie
Shearwaters – Ezra
Little Egrets – Ryan
Oystercatchers - Wren
Sandpipers – Pippa

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Puffins – Tommy
Kittiwakes – Maisie
Guillemots – Violet
Shearwaters – Ivy-Leigh
Little Egrets – Emilia
Oystercatchers – Reef
Sandpipers – Mannox

Year 1 have been exploring the Solar System in art and having fun with playdough!













Some children took part in a fun football event at Harpers







In History, Year 3 went on an Archaeological Dig to learn about The Stone Age.








Puffins have been having fun exploring different areas of the classroom.












Year 2 were practising their ball control skills in PE as part of our Football Unit, and enjoyed finishing the session with a Penalty Shootout.







