College Road Chronicle

Value of the month: Appreciation

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Message from Mrs Francis

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are already in October! Our Value of the Month is Appreciation so that means that we must be getting ready for Harvest Time. The children are busy preparing songs, art and other information for the Harvest Assemblies on 13th October. The singing sounds sensational, so I know it will be an enjoyable time for everyone.

The last fortnight has been busy with lots of learning, as you would expect, as well as some special events and clubs starting.

Our Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 Cross Country teams took part in the inter-school races at Central Park. Although we had no winners amongst our children, they clearly won the prize for kindness and team spirit. One of our parents, who was spectating, very kindly sent me this message afterwards: *'After the cross country, I wanted to highlight what incredible young people the College Road lot were. Absolute head and shoulders above everyone else for sportsmanship. They cheered EVERY child regardless of which school they were with, and actively sought to encourage those who were struggling, even running the last stretch with them in many cases- it made me well-up several times!*

Wow! This really shows our values approach shining through. What a proud headteacher moment! 😊





Next week, we will be engaging with PANTS week when all the children will learn how to Speak Out and Stay Safe as part of the NSPCC's drive to educate children about how to reach out for help. This is a very important week in our calendar of events that we hope you will engage with at home too, using the information I shared in my email about it. Have a fantastic weekend, everyone.

Best wishes, Mrs Francis 😊

National Poetry Day

We had so much fun yesterday celebrating everything that is wonderful about poetry. Normally, the teachers cover the playground in chalk-written poems for families to enjoy in the morning, but as rain was forecast the night before, we decided to do things a bit differently. Instead, we put up lots of enlarged poems around the school hall, and each class had the time to come and read and enjoy the poems. The children seemed to experience so much joy doing this simple activity that it reminded me what a lovely medium poetry is to get everyone engaged. Of course, their favourites were the funny poems we selected.





We also had a special assembly thinking about poetry and how it links to this year's theme of Wonder. Again, the children were enthralled by some of the poems I shared and I explained that many of the poems that were around the hall were favourites of mine from a poetry book I was given by my parents as a 7-year-old. Poems are great because there are no rules and they can be short, and often much more accessible for children, who don't have the stamina to read long books.

We love poetry!

Reminder – Curriculum Evening

Don't forget that next Wednesday 7th October are our curriculum information evenings with presentations in each class at 3:45-4:00pm and 4:15-4:30pm. See you there! 😊

Important Dates for your Diary

7th October – Curriculum Information Evenings
13th October – Harvest Assemblies (AM)
22nd October – PTA Halloween Discos
23rd October – Year 5 visit to Buckland Abbey
23rd October – Last day of Term 1
2nd November – First day of Term 2
4th November – Y6 to Soapbox Theatre for WW2 experience
9th November – Anti-bullying Week
11th November – Remembrance at Alexandra Park
12th November – Jelly Images – individual & sibling photos
25th November – PTA Christmas Fair
8th December – Puffins and Key Stage 1 Nativities
14th December – Key Stage 2 Christmas Concerts

Class Attendance Week Ending 25.09.26

Kittiwakes – 97.44 %
Guillemots – 97.52 %
Shearwaters – 95.95%
Little Egrets – 98.11%
Oystercatchers- 97.53%
Sandpipers – 97.38%

Week Ending 02.10.26
Kittiwakes – 97.08%
Guillemots – 96.67%
Shearwaters – 95.54%
Little Egrets – 98.42%
Oystercatchers- 96.56%
Sandpipers –94.2%

Star Books



W/C 21.09.26
Puffins –
1 – Lily
2 – William
3 – Phoebe S
4 – Dexter
5 – Harvey
6 – Maddison

w/c 28.09.26
Puffins-
1 - Ruby
2- Rishi
3- Jaiden
4- Taran
5- Bonnie H
6- Finley

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 25.09.26
Puffins – Eira & Olivia
Kittiwakes – Mabel & Tommy
Guillemots – Penny & Isolde
Shearwaters – Medlyn & Lexi
Little Egrets – Taran & Billie
Oystercatchers – Eli & Mimi
Sandpipers – Finley & Iris

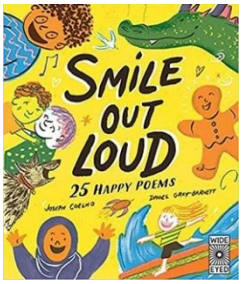
Week Ending 02.10.26
Puffins – Primrose & Jacob C
Kittiwakes – Lily & Elodie
Guillemots – Billy & Florence
Shearwaters – Wynter & Tsega
Little Egrets – Leo S & Wyatt
Oystercatchers – Emilia & Tanav
Sandpipers – Elizabeth & Ala

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

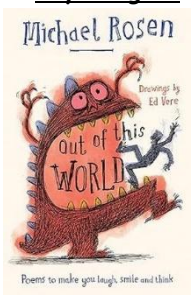
As it was National Poetry Day this week, it seems fitting to select poetry books for Book Club this week.
'Smile Out Loud' is a great selection of poems that you can read aloud to your child. It's aimed at 6-8-year-olds, but would be enjoyed by younger and older, alike. Joseph Coelho has written the brilliant poems in this book to help children spread happiness. Excellent! Smile Out Loud isn't just a collection of lovely poems, though – it's a very helpful guide to understanding a variety of poetic forms and methods such as the rondel, villanelle, spoonerism and zeugma, which may be less familiar to children at primary school. However, in true Joseph Coelho style, each example is explained clearly and without fuss, with a brilliantly funny or fun poem to demonstrate.



Buy it on Amazon here: https://amzn.eu/d/0aakaJqy

Book Club Key Stage 2

This imaginative collection comprises a selection of funny, energetic, and thought-provoking poems from former Children's Laureate Michael Rosen, many of which draw on events from his own life. Offerings include 'A Day in the Life of a Cat', an amusingly perceptive poem with a sing-song rhythm, which is sure to appeal to readers with feline friends; 'Letters', an account of unexpected consequences when eight-year-old Rosen challenges his brother to a competition to see who can receive the most mail; and 'The Alphabet Eater', a lively rhyme which invites readers to consider what would happen to words if a ravenous beast ate all the letters from A to Z.



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Learner of the Week Certificate Winners

Week Ending 25.09.26

Puffins – Ariya
Kittiwakes – Nora
Guillemots – Cobie
Shearwaters – Mabel
Little Egrets – Lily
Oystercatchers – Rory
Sandpipers – Sienna

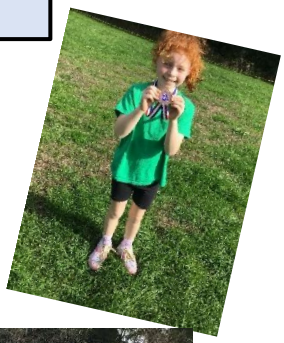
Week Ending 02.10.26

Puffins – Polly
Kittiwakes – David
Guillemots – Poppy
Shearwaters – Isabella C
Little Egrets – Sofia
Oystercatchers – Bonnie H
Sandpipers – Reef

Recently at College Road

A group of children from KS1 and kS2 took part in a cross-country event at central park.











Year 2 have been practising football skills in PE







Year 3 Art lesson





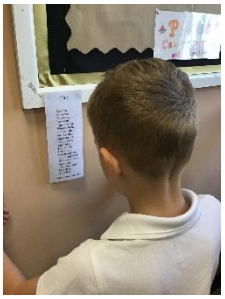




National Poetry Day









Year 1 have been working in pairs, using their joining skills in DT to make either a space rocket, space ship or space station.





