College Road Chronicle

Value of the month: Appreciation

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Message from Mrs Francis

Dear Parents and Carers,

It was wonderful to see so many parents and extended families at the Harvest Festival Assemblies earlier this week. Thank you for supporting your children and their teachers in our celebrations; we were blown away by your generosity for the foodbank collection – THANK YOU! If you were able to attend, I'm sure you will agree that the children were brilliant – we were treated to poetry, beautiful art work, facts about bees and, of course, fantastic singing. The action songs in Key Stage 1's assembly were particularly joyful! Congratulations to all the children for a job well done and especially to our little 'Pufflings' for using their value of courage to participate so bravely in their first assembly performance.



Year 4 had a great trip to The Hoe on Wednesday as part of their geography learning about coasts and how humans impact on them. They also took the opportunity to practise their co-ordinates knowledge and sketch Smeaton's Tower in order to complete their art project about Pointillism. Much of our curriculum is about Plymouth and the local area, and this is a great example of the children getting out and about to enhance their knowledge and understanding of our locality. Next week, Year 5 are off to Buckland Abbey to learn more about the Tudors in our areas.

Thank you so much for your continued support.

Wishing you all a very lovely weekend.

Best wishes, Mrs Francis

World Values Day

As a Values based education school, World Values day plays an important part of our annual calendar and I always like to mark it with a special assembly.

This year, the theme is 'Values and Volunteering', so I talked to the children about what volunteering means and how it doesn't have to be formal like volunteering in a charity shop, but can simply be volunteering to help their parents or grandparents with a task such as washing up, tidying up the autumn leaves in the garden or feeding the family pet.



It was lovely to highlight our value of the month – appreciation – in the Harvest Festival and it has been interesting talking to the children about having a gratitude-attitude. Perhaps you could follow this up at home and use the same phrase to show how important using values is. I like to remind the children in assembly that values are for life, not just for school.

Furthermore, as a values-based school, we expect all members of our school community (children, staff, parents and governors) to use their values in all interactions so that everyone is treated with respect, kindness and consideration, and **everyone** feels **welcome** that they **belong** at College Road.

PTA Halloween Discos

Just a quick reminder that the discos for KS1 and KS2 are next Thursday at 4:15pm and 5:30pm. Payments are available on ParentPay

Important Dates for your Diary

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

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.

Class Attendance Week Ending 09.10.26

Kittiwakes – 99%
Guillemots – 96 %
Shearwaters – 98.57%
Little Egrets – 96.33%
Oystercatchers- 97%
Sandpipers – 69.79%

Week Ending 16.10.26
Kittiwakes – 97.67%
Guillemots – 97%
Shearwaters – 96.43%
Little Egrets – 98.67%
Oystercatchers- 95.67%
Sandpipers –69.07%

Star Books



W/C 05.10.26
Puffins –
1 – Lennon
2 – Lyla
3 – Isabella W
4 – Rory
5 –
6 – Thea

w/c 12.10.26
Puffins-
1 - Elodie
2- Addison
3- Tsega
4- Aubrey
5- Tanav
6- Finley

Values Ambassadors

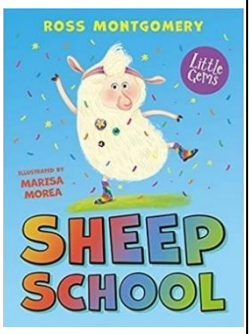
Congratulations to our Values Ambassadors! Each week, 2 children per class are chosen because of the great values they have displayed all week.

Week Ending 09.10.26
Puffins – Kiyah & Gracie-May
Kittiwakes – Nora & Violet
Guillemots – Cobie & Gia
Shearwaters – Phoebe S & Isabella W
Little Egrets – Aubrey & Darcie
Oystercatchers – Harvey & Penelope
Sandpipers – Travis & Sebastian

Week Ending 16.10.26
Puffins – Polly & Arthur
Kittiwakes – Elijah & David
Guillemots – Aspen & Isla
Shearwaters – Ralph & Lilly
Little Egrets – Loki & Leo A
Oystercatchers – Mia & Tanav
Sandpipers – Archer & Maddison

As it was our Harvest Festival this week and we have been thinking about the farmers who grow our food, I have chosen farm-related books for Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2.

Book Club Key Stage 1



William the lamb is the worst pupil in Sheep School. He can't stand still and he can't keep quiet for more than a few minutes at a time. The new head teacher, Mr Howler, has told the sheep the best thing they can learn is to stand still. Especially when the Big Bad Wolf and his crew of hungry wolves might come creeping up. So, the next day, William tries his best to stand still and keep his eyes closed like the rest of the flock in the field. Luckily for all, he can't – and so he witnesses the Big Bad Wolf steal his friends and parents away! Can just one little lamb save all the sheep?

Buy it on Amazon here: https://amzn.eu/d/00l1TqQG

Book Club Key Stage 2



Edie and her little brother Pip are spending half term with their grandmother at Fortune Farm, a remote farmhouse nestled in Silent Valley, at the foot of the wild, Irish mountains. As soon as Edie arrives, she cannot shake the feeling that she's being watched: she hears whispers on the wind, footsteps around the farmhouse and keeps catching glimpses of a mysterious figure in red.
When Edie learns that Viking treasure was found in the region decades earlier, she wants to know more. As she investigates, she's thrust into a menacing world of restless spirits, where she encounters a fearsome Viking warrior who will stop at nothing to find his lost sword. Meanwhile, Edie is struggling to come to terms with her father's death. She tries not to think about him, but Fortune Farm was his childhood home, so there are reminders of him everywhere. She begins to realise that memories can be healing, as well as painful.

Buy it on Amazon here: https://amzn.eu/d/0cyv1mP1

Learner of the Week Certificate Winners

Week Ending 09.10.26

Puffins - Primrose
Kittiwakes – Marnie
Guillemots – Maisie
Shearwaters – Morgan
Little Egrets – Taran
Oystercatchers – Olivia
Sandpipers – Thea

Week Ending 16.10.26

Puffins – Ophelia
Kittiwakes – Margot
Guillemots –Audrey
Shearwaters – Elliot
Little Egrets – Aubrey
Oystercatchers – Penelope
Sandpipers – Florence

Recently at College Road

Year 4 Trip to The Hoe



















Harvest Festival Assemblies











Year 6 PE lesson















Fun and learning in Puffins!

















